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## MVF Board election underway

by Mike Conroy

Ballots for the 2021 Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors election are being mailed to homeowners today, Friday, Feb. 5. Six candidates, including two incumbents, are running to fill the three seats on the Board; those seeking election are Pamela Bort (incumbent), Brandon Coffee-Borden, Joseph Hooks, Jerome Leonard (incumbent), Susan Prince and Mary Stiff.

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 positions are also available online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com) or on our YouTube channel; the transcripts from those videos are included in the pull-out section as well.

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Start thinking about summer weather and summer camp! Check out the full line-up of MVF Camps in the Spring Recreation Guide inserted in this issue.

## Changes approved for Activity Card Distribution Policy

by Mike Conroy

On Thursday, Jan. 28, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors met virtually for the first meeting of 2021. The top discussion item on the agenda was changes to the MVF Activity Card Distribution Policy, in preparation for the 2021 pool season.

Director of Recreation and Parks Duncan Mullis reported that the Recreation Committee and staff had discussed the 2020 pool season and noted positive changes resulting from COVID procedures that could potentially be continued for future seasons. Due to the pandemic, MVF had temporarily suspended the Activity Card policy, offering residents an online option to receive Activity Cards and/or update expired photos. This change allowed for instant access to the pool, as well as eliminated the need for residents to report to the MVF Office for the in-person process. Given the success of this new process, the committee proposed making this part of the distribution policy, as well as modifying the number of years before a new card is required.

Changes to the Activity Card Distribution Policy included eliminating the need for the 5-year renewal/updated photo, as well as the preferred option to request Activity Cards online. Adults will no longer need to update their photo every 5 years. Instead, the only time a new card needs to be issued is for: replacement (lost card), new card/new resident, or residents who have turned 10 or 16 years old. Information letters and annual validation stickers will still be issued as in previous years. To view the full updated policy, visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).

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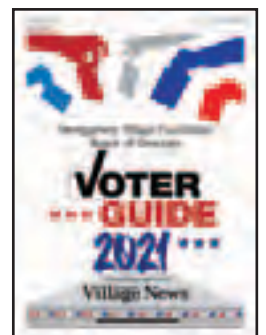
The Board also received the slate of candidates for the 2021 MVF Board of Directors election. Six candidates are vying for the three open seats this year, including two incumbents. For full election details, see the article on page 1 and the pull-out section included with this issue.

Mullis shared some statistics and evaluation of the 2020 Pool Season with the Board. He noted although the season was unique and presented many challenges, the Aquatics

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### MVF Board Voter Guide 2021



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### MVF Spring recreation guide!



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## MVF MEETING AGENDAS

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### MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 25, March 25 and April 22. "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, March 3, April 7 and May 5 to review residents' requests for exterior modifications. The board requests that homeowners contact the Foundation if they plan to attend and if their contractors will accompany them.

### AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2. The committee will review the 2020 audited financials prior to being presented to the MVF Board at the March 25 Board meeting.

### COMMERCIAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Commercial Architectural Review Committee (CARC) meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 5 and April 2.

### COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

The Committee on the Environment meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14.

### ELECTION COMMITTEE

The Election Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, March 19. The committee will verify MVF ballots received and review procedures for ballot counting. Ballot counting will take place virtually on Saturday, March 20.

### INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

The Investment Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, April 12. The agenda includes review of the 2021 First Quarter MVF Investment Portfolio.

### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 10.

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 22 and April 5. The committee will review the Watkins Mill site repurposing plan, programming updates and selection of the Independence Day Parade theme.

*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](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).*

## MVF BOARD MOTIONS

### Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors Motion List January 28, 2021

1. Ms. Ayres to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 10, 2020 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
2. Mr. Anderson moved to accept the Action List as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
3. Mr. Gargan moved to approve the proposed changes to the Activity Card Policy. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
4. Mr. Leonard moved to authorize staff to pursue a health sponsor for the outdoor fitness space planned for Watkins Mill Recreation Area. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
5. Mr. Anderson moved to accept the committee reports. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
6. Mr. Leonard moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

## MVF Annual Meeting

Thursday, March 25

Immediately following the MVF Board Meeting  
(at approximately 7:45 p.m.)

VIRTUAL MEETING

CONNECTION INSTRUCTIONS INCLUDED  
IN THE 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 p.m. The meeting agenda, packet information and connection instructions will be available online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com) the week of the meeting.

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## Up and coming opportunities for all



by Pete Webb  
MVF President

As we turn the calendar to February and take a break from our first snow storm of the season, it's a good time to remember all the opportunities we have. With a vaccine rolling out—albeit slowly—our staff continues to do an incredible job of running programs that give us all chances to interact with our community while remaining safe. The Recreation Department continues to run programs like Yoga via Zoom, Youth Dance classes, indoor T-Ball instruction, indoor Pickleball and Basketball Express. Every single resident in all of our communities has access to these amenities which are offered at a much lower rate than a non-Montgomery Village program.

Also, as we make our way through 2021, we are in the election cycle for both Montgomery Village Foundation and your local association boards of directors. If you have not already, you will receive a ballot in the mail that will list all the candidates and a brief statement from each. Please make sure to complete your ballot, sign the envelope and return it either via mail or dropping off at the MVF Office.

I want to thank everyone

who is volunteering to serve their community. When I first moved to Montgomery Village, I was convinced by a neighbor to join my HOA board in order for the board to have enough members to hold a meeting. I had never thought I would want to serve as a volunteer—especially during a weeknight—but, I quickly realized how important it is for residents to spend some time serving their neighborhoods. If you have ever even considered volunteering, but have questions or reservations, please feel free to reach out to me directly at [webbmof@hotmail.com](mailto:webbmof@hotmail.com) or speak to the MVF office directly to get more information.

Construction progress continues on both the Lidl and Montgomery Village Center projects. Recently, the southwest-style restaurant Moe's agreed to move to the Village Center to add to the list of new offerings we have. Also, Pepco has been working to upgrade the power lines in our area to improve reliability of our power system.

Also in 2021, the MVF Office has pivoted from accepting cash payments for assessments, to using a program called Paysafe:Cash. Details can be found online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com), but you are able to complete the payments at three local locations—both CVS locations (Rothbury Drive and Montgomery Village Avenue) and the 7-11 on Snouffer School Road. This program ensures the safety of our staff, as well as accuracy and accountability for residents' payments.

I wish everyone a happy February, and I look forward to a wonderful spring season in Montgomery Village. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any feedback.

### NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

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#### CENTER COURT CONDOMINIUM

The Center Court Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 23, March 23 and April 27.

#### CHRISTOPHER COURT LAND ASSOCIATION

The Christopher Court Land Association (CCLA) meeting is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28.

#### EASTGATE

The Eastgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

#### EAST VILLAGE

The East Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16 and April 20. 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. 22 and April 26.

#### MARYLAND PLACE

The Maryland Place Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

#### MIDDLE VILLAGE

The Middle Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 23 and April 27.

#### NORMANDIE-ON-THE-LAKE I CONDOMINIUM

The Normandie-on-the-Lake I Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 18 and April 15.

#### NORTHGATE

The Northgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 9, March 9 and April 13.

#### NORTH VILLAGE

The North Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 18 and April 15. 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. 9.

#### PARK PLACE II CONDOMINIUM

The Park Place II Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 10.

#### PATTON RIDGE

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

#### SOUTH VILLAGE

The South Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 24, March 24 and April 28. The February meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

#### STEDWICK

The Stedwick Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 17, March 17 and April 21. The March meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

#### THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 8, March 8 and April 12.

#### THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Gardens Condominium meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 16, March 16 and April 20.

#### WHETSTONE

The Whetstone Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 11 and April 8. The March meeting includes the Annual Meeting.



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## April

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|----|--|----|-----------------------------------|
| 2  | CARC<br>9 am                               | 21 | Stedwick HC<br>7:30 pm            |
| 4  | Easter                                     | 22 | Earth Day                         |
| 5  | Recreation Committee<br>7:30 pm            |    | MVF Board of Directors<br>7:30 pm |
| 7  | ARB<br>7 pm – NCBR                         | 26 | Horizon Run Condo<br>7:30 pm      |
| 8  | Whetstone HC<br>7:30 pm                    | 27 | Center Court Condo<br>7 pm        |
| 12 | Investment Committee<br>7 pm               |    | Middle Village HC<br>7 pm         |
|    | Thomas Choice Condo<br>7 pm                |    | Patton Ridge HC<br>7 pm           |
|    | MV Garden Club<br>7:15 pm                  | 28 | CCLA<br>4:30 pm                   |
| 13 | Northgate HC<br>7 pm                       |    | South Village HC<br>7 pm          |
| 14 | Committee on the<br>Environment<br>7:30 pm |    |                                   |
| 15 | North Village<br>7 pm                      |    |                                   |
|    | NOL I<br>7 pm                              |    |                                   |
| 20 | TC Gardens Condo<br>6:30 pm                |    |                                   |
|    | East Village HC<br>7:30 pm                 |    |                                   |

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## May

- 5** ARB  
7 pm – NCBR
- Communications Committee  
7 pm

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## IN THE NEWS

## Road improvements, legislation and more

by Dave Humpton, EVP

### MONTGOMERY VILLAGE AVENUE ROAD PATCHING

Montgomery County's Department of Highway Services continued to patch and resurface many sections of MVA during December and early January. The roadway will not receive a complete overlay.

### WATKINS MILL ROAD/ MD 355 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

The county completed the striping for lane reconfigurations at the intersection of Watkins Mill road and MD 355 at the beginning of January to provide for two thru lanes for both directions of Watkins Mill Road. This should allow for more even traffic flow through the intersection as well as turning motions.

### 2021 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION

The General Assembly session has begun with committee hearings allowing limited public participation through

virtual testimony on proposed legislation. On January 19, MVF testified before the Environment and Transportation Committee in the House in favor of HB0352, which allows owners in new communities to have more participation in associations during the period when some owners are living in the community but, construction of the community has not been completed. The bill addresses long held concerns that owners have not had input on association matters during that period.

Other bills that MVF is monitoring include HB0367, this year's latest version of Prince George's County Delegate Marvin Holmes' continuing effort to develop a statewide regulatory agency and requirements for licensing of community association managers. MVF community managers would not require the license in the current iteration of the bill. The bill had a hearing in the Environment and Transportation Committee on January 19. In the fall, MVF also followed an effort by the Montgomery County Delegation to extend a requirement

in Prince George's County that mandates reserves studies for co-ops, HOAs, and condominiums to Montgomery County. The Delegation's bill before the General Assembly is HB0567, and no hearing is scheduled. MVF supports reserves requirements and offered input to clarify the Delegation's bill and preserve board budgeting discretion, and will be tracking the bill's progress.

At this time, Delegate Holmes is also offering a statewide reserve bill this Session, HB0313, it is not clear whether both bills will continue to go forward.

Another perennial legislative topic—requiring common ownership communities to permit electric car charging stations—has also re-emerged this year, as HB0110/SB0144 and was heard in the House Committee on January 26. MVF supports this bill in concept but there are a number of issues that need to be worked out. Several other bills that we are tracking, including prohibitions on common ownership community's ability to regulate natural gar-

deners (HB0322) and compost facilities (HB0248). HB0254 would require MVF to follow a new standard for operating and building pools. We will coordinate a position with the Maryland Parks and Recreation Association and Montgomery County.

As the Session continues, MVF will continue to provide information to the MVF communities about bills that could affect them. We are coordinating with Senator Nancy King and the District 39 Delegates.

### CONDOMINIUM LITIGATION UPDATE

The condominiums' appeal in the Court of Special Appeals will be heard in early February. The court's decision will not likely be received for an additional several months; we are hopeful that its decision will conclude this litigation. However, the Court of Special Appeals is Maryland's intermediate appellate court, so either MVF or the condominiums could appeal its decision to the highest court in Maryland, the Court of Appeals. Final briefs

were presented to the court at the end of January.

MVF has secured a bond from Herron's Cove Condominium securing MVF's interests in the large money judgments that were awarded by the Circuit Court. MVF continues to work through our attorney to secure a bond from Normandie-on-the-Lake II. Thomas Choice Gardens Condominium, a litigant in the case, did not have to post a bond because they have continued to pay monthly assessments to MVF.

The Circuit Court ordered that Heron's Cove and Normandie-on-the-Lake II condominiums purchase bonds to secure the past assessments owed to MVF. As of December 31, 2020, MVF has spent approximately \$241,000 to litigate the case and the two condominiums owe MVF \$281,382 (Heron's Cove - \$164,612.70; Normandie II - \$116,769.60) in past 2019/2020 MVF assessments.

## Watkins Mill Recreation Area community meeting

by Amy Roswurm

The Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Department of Recreation and Parks staff have been working to move forward with the reimagining of Watkins Mill Recreation Area. In February 2020, the MVF Board of Directors approved the concept of outdoor fitness equipment on the site. In addition to the fitness equipment, there will be an exercise track installed at

the location and the existing playground will be moved to a location closer to the gym equipment. This reimagining of the recreation area will replace the underutilized pool with a year-round fitness amenity open to all residents.

After the MVF Board of Directors approved moving forward with the project, staff began researching various outdoor fitness options for the site. Currently, staff have three op-

tions of fitness equipment they would like to share with the community and receive feedback on. Staff believes that all three options would provide a full body workout for users, and that whichever option is chosen will be a unique addition to the community. These options will be presented at a virtual meeting, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 11 via Zoom.

In addition, to the three de-

signs staff are presenting, there are two additional options being considered to enhance the site. These include lighting and shade structure for the gym area. By lighting the area, users would be able to use the equipment later into the evening hours. Evening hours provide users the ability to avoid the heat of summer by working out during cooler hours, after traditional work hours and after the sun has gone down. Adding shading over the gym area will be able to increase use by keeping users cooler in the summer months and protecting them from the elements. Both of these were not presented in the original concept plan; however, staff believe both of these options will increase use and user satisfaction with the end product.

Please join us virtually on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m. to learn about the plan for the Watkins Mill Recreation Area, and to share your feedback on the presented designs and options. Feedback collected at this meeting will be shared with the Recreation Committee to help steer the overall design of the project.

For more information or questions about this project, contact Amy Roswurm at [aroswurm@mof.org](mailto:aroswurm@mof.org). To connect to the meeting, use the link and meeting ID below.

### COMMUNITY FORUM ON WATKINS MILL

Thursday, Feb. 11  
7:30 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/95249337846>  
Meeting ID: 952 4933 7846





IN THE NEWS

Activity Card

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Team of Jason Nicklow, Petra Padilla and Brendan Phelan did a fantastic job of making sure pools were safe and open on the first allowed day, even ahead of many other pools in Montgomery County. He said all operations followed established COVID protocols and guidelines, and while attendance was lower than previous years, it was understandable given capacity limits, shifted opening dates and general concerns regarding pool usage during the pandemic.

Mullis also presented an update on the North Creek Pool and Bathhouse renovation project, saying the pool construction is taking shape and ready to be built back up. The grading was complete and gravel was laid, framing for the walls was established and concrete would soon follow; the pump house had also been demolished. He noted that there were some permitting delays for the bathhouse, but the renovation should begin soon. Given the project delays from COVID this past year, the anticipated completion has been extended to August. Mullis said he would provide updates to the Board on a regular basis.

Finally, the Board approved staff to pursue a health spon-

sor for the exercise equipment to be installed at the Watkins Mill Recreation Area. Mullis noted that the concept had been brought up and discussed by the Recreation Committee and sent to the Board for further opinion and direction. He noted the concept was to solicit a sponsor in the health industry to help pay for the cost of the equipment, in exchange for marketing and signage bearing the sponsor's name. Full details on a sponsorship package have yet to be worked out, but the concept was given the go-ahead by the Board.

Details about the reimagining of the Watkins Mill site can be found online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com). To learn more about the current plan and provide feedback, join the virtual meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 11; see article on page 5 for more information and connection instructions.

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

Board President Pete Webb thanked the candidates for the 2021 MVF Board of Directors election for their participation in the earlier Meet and Greet, and wished them all the best for the election. He noted that

with six candidates, it would be good election, and encouraged them all to continue to find ways to serve the community, no matter what the election results returned in March.

**EVP REPORT**

Executive Vice President (EVP) Dave Humpton gave an update on two county roadway projects in the Village. He said Montgomery Village Avenue recently had major sections patched, and the bus stops replaced with concrete, but no complete overlay was planned. Additionally, he said improvement of the intersection of MD Rt. 355 and Watkins Mill Road (addition of a thru-lanes and turning lanes), has greatly increased the effectiveness of the intersection.

Humpton also said that he, General Counsel Christopher Hitchens and Director of Community Management Karen Kodjanian were closely monitoring state legislation that could potentially affect Village residents, HOAs or condominium associations. They work closely with the District 39 team, Senator Nancy King and similar organizations like the Columbia Association and report on important bills. Currently, they are watching

bills regarding community manager licensing; mandatory reserve studies; electric car charging stations; composting; and operating and building new pools.

Humpton gave an update on the condominium litigation, noting the condominium's appeal would be heard in early February. He said the entire process has been costly, and MVF has been transparent about the process. To date, MVF has spent approximately \$241,000 to litigate the case, and is owed over \$280,000 in back assessments from the two condominiums who have not continued to pay.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Board Treasurer Bob Carey presented the Treasurer's Report with preliminary results for the year ended December 31, 2020. He reported the highlights as final numbers cannot be determined until the annual audit is complete. Income was reported at \$9.3 million year-to-date, and Expenses were \$1.3 million below budget mainly due to prudent spending during COVID closures. Carey said Cash and Investments were strong at \$10.9 million, up from \$9.1 million at

the same time last year.

He also noted that Accounts Receivable (AR) were up slightly (approximately \$60,000), which was understandable given the pandemic. As such, the AR Reserve was increased \$38,000 to account for about half of the bad debt (excluding the bad debt from the condominium lawsuit).

Carey reported the Current Ratio (assets over liabilities) at 6.9, which is very good. He concluded by noting the annual audit was beginning, with the auditors currently conducting their field work virtually. The full audit would be done in February (also virtually) and results would be complete in time for the Tuesday, March 2 Audit Committee meeting.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 25, as a conference call. Residents can join the call early, from 7 to 7:30 p.m. to Meet the Candidates for the MVF Board of Directors election. Full meeting details, the meeting packet and/or participation instructions will be posted online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com) the week before the meeting.

MVF Financial Reports - December 2020							MVF BALANCE SHEET		
OPERATING FUND - STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE							For the Period Ended December 31, 2020		
	December 2020			YTD Dec 2020					
	Actual	Budget	Variance (Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Variance (Unfav)	Current	Prior Year	
<b>Revenue:</b>									
Assessments	556,259	556,259	-	6,675,107	6,675,107	-			
Assessment Fees	8,178	13,113	(4,935)	197,435	204,000	(6,565)	3,973,588	2,494,115	
Transfer Fees	3,600	3,385	215	40,560	38,500	2,060	6,964,898	6,571,106	
Disclosure Fees	14,017	10,756	3,261	178,439	142,500	35,939	130,415	285,354	
Advertising revenue	2,072	3,963	(1,891)	33,936	87,500	(53,564)	763,611	570,796	
Pool Memberships/Rental Fees	-	2,639	(2,639)	27,235	121,200	(93,965)	126,050	108,481	
Camps & Classes	(251)	1,759	(2,010)	60,304	262,657	(202,352)	<b>11,958,562</b>	<b>10,029,851</b>	
Management Fees	69,151	67,919	1,232	829,414	815,032	14,382			
Capital Contribution fee	16,618	12,364	4,255	183,570	150,000	33,570	16,765,869	16,097,915	
Other Income	(244,463)	8,901	(253,364)	411,095	176,034	235,061	(7,448,313)	(7,222,038)	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>425,182</b>	<b>681,058</b>	<b>(255,876)</b>	<b>8,637,096</b>	<b>8,672,529</b>	<b>(35,433)</b>	<b>9,317,556</b>	<b>8,875,877</b>	
<b>Personnel Costs:</b>									
Salaries & Wages	278,783	287,905	9,122	3,426,494	4,058,656	632,162			
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	84,293	86,930	2,636	1,015,240	1,178,469	163,229			
<b>Personnel Costs</b>	<b>363,077</b>	<b>374,835</b>	<b>11,758</b>	<b>4,441,734</b>	<b>5,237,125</b>	<b>795,391</b>			
Business Expenses	3,920	16,055	12,135	88,013	202,116	114,102			
Office Supplies	1,268	3,607	2,339	27,317	40,200	12,883			
Program/Maint Supplies	3,283	5,048	1,765	104,459	134,450	29,991			
Occupancy	21,761	28,346	6,586	275,604	346,635	71,031	130,415	285,354	
Office Expenses/Svc Contracts	20,504	36,398	15,894	295,218	330,060	34,842	822,958	657,728	
Equip Maintenance	61	3,622	3,561	4,397	33,950	29,553	101,307	106,503	
Vehicle Expenses	950	2,539	1,589	14,635	29,160	14,525	669,744	626,168	
Financial & Legal	80,530	90,083	9,553	236,566	249,900	13,334	<b>1,724,424</b>	<b>1,675,752</b>	
Insurance	12,865	12,706	(158)	128,417	127,845	(571)			
Printing	15,050	14,350	(700)	36,162	53,450	17,288			
Landscape/Maintenance	74,506	101,938	27,432	606,709	774,094	167,385	3,522,850	2,688,343	
Security	352	2,414	2,062	5,743	7,696	1,953	16,077,421	14,593,467	
Other	(0)	-	0	276	-	(276)	<b>19,600,271</b>	<b>17,281,810</b>	
<b>Operating Costs</b>	<b>235,050</b>	<b>317,107</b>	<b>82,056</b>	<b>1,823,516</b>	<b>2,329,555</b>	<b>506,040</b>	<b>21,324,700</b>	<b>18,957,566</b>	
Contribution to Reserves	108,651	108,651	(0)	1,303,807	1,303,807	(0)			
Contribution to CCF	16,618	12,364	(4,255)	183,570	150,000	(33,570)			
Purchases of Assets	433	10,000	9,567	11,555	10,000	(1,555)			
Restricted Expenses	-	0	-	128	0	(128)			
Other Equity Transfers	-	(357,959)	(357,959)	-	(357,959)	(357,959)			
<b>Reserve/capital</b>	<b>125,702</b>	<b>(226,944)</b>	<b>(352,646)</b>	<b>1,499,060</b>	<b>1,105,849</b>	<b>(393,212)</b>			
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>723,829</b>	<b>464,998</b>	<b>(258,831)</b>	<b>7,764,310</b>	<b>8,672,529</b>	<b>908,219</b>			
<b>Excess/Deficit Revenue</b>	<b>(298,647)</b>	<b>216,060</b>	<b>(514,707)</b>	<b>872,786</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>872,786</b>			
							<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
							<b>Due to Operating</b>		
							<b>Payables</b>		
							<b>Sunstream Cap Lease</b>		
							<b>Deferred Revenue Liab</b>		
							<b>Liabilities</b>		
							<b>Undesignated Reserves</b>		
							<b>Designated Reserves</b>		
							<b>Equity</b>		
							<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>		
							<b>21,324,700</b>		
							<b>18,957,566</b>		

For complete details and explanations, please refer to the Treasurer's Report in the MVF Board meeting packet which can be found online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).

**Operating Fund Net Income**



## IN THE NEWS

## Election

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Additionally, residents can "meet" and talk with the candidates before the Thursday, Feb. 25 MVF Board meeting at 7 p.m. via the conference call platform used for 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 19. 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 20, via a live video conference. New Board members will be installed at the MVF Annual Meeting, scheduled for 7:45 p.m., Thursday, March 25, also via conference call.

For more information or questions, contact Assistant EVP Mike Conroy at 240-243-2331 or e-mail [mconroy@mof.org](mailto:mconroy@mof.org).

## Cash assessment payments no longer accepted at MVF Office

As COVID-19 rapidly started to affect lives and business operations in March, Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) was no different. In fact, when the MVF Office closed before the end of March due to the Governor's Executive Order, it was right at the end of a quarter, which meant communicating to residents how they could pay assessment fees without coming to the office.

While many residents have an automatic withdrawal from their bank account set up, many still come to the office to pay assessments by cash, check or credit card. Given that the office was closed, this posed a problem, especially for cash payments. In addition to not having personnel able to collect cash, there was the uncertainty about how COVID could be spread, causing heightened awareness of how many people touch items like cash in a given transaction. However, many residents made adjustments to their payment options and continued to work with staff to have assessments paid on time. For that, we sincerely thank you.

As with many businesses adjusting their operations during this time, MVF, too, has analyzed processes that we can make more efficient and/or safer for both our residents and staff. Cash assessment payments at the MVF Office are just one of those processes. Based on how many residents were able to adjust their payment method while the office was closed, at the June 25 MVF Board of Directors meeting, MVF staff presented the Board with a proposal to investigate making the office cashless.

**After several months of further investigation into cash alternatives, the Board approved eliminating cash assessment payments at the MVF Office. Residents will still have several options for making assessment payments, many of which have no additional fees associated with them—these have not changed.**

For residents who still wish to pay their annual assessment in cash, the MVF Office will accept money orders, available at many convenient locations (Giant, the US Post Office, Walmart, 7-Eleven and other retailers), and will implement a new vendor service, PaySafe:Cash on a 1-year trial basis. PaySafe:Cash would allow residents to make their assessment payment in cash at local retailers and be electronically transferred to MVF. This convenience would also allow cash assessment payments to be made during hours when the MVF Office is closed on evenings and weekends.

**The MVF Office will still accept assessment payments in person by check, credit card or money order, and online through the CIT bank website. Additionally, cash payments for recreation programs and other fee services will still be accepted at the office.**

To use PaySafe:Cash, visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com) and choose "PaySafe:Cash Barcode" for the blue "Residents" menu. Follow the instructions on this page to receive your barcode. Then Visit a nearby retailer to process the payment.

For more information or questions, call 301-948-0110.

## Ten Montgomery County Public Libraries offer free outdoor public Wi-Fi

Montgomery County has leveraged federal COVID-19 funding to install outdoor public Wi-Fi at 10 public library (MCPL) locations: Aspen Hill, Davis (N. Bethesda), Gaithersburg, Germantown, Maggie Nightingale (Poolesville), Marilyn Praisner (Burtonsville), Rockville Memorial, Twinbrook, Wheaton and White Oak branches; and in front of the Silver Spring Civic Building at Veterans Plaza.

This free service is available 24 hours a day in parking lots adjacent to the library buildings. Additional coverage is provided in grass area behind the Davis branch; in the park from the library to the playground area at Wheaton; and in the Rockville Town Square. Wi-Fi coverage varies by location. Customers are advised to follow COVID-19 safety recommendations and are required to adhere to executive orders and health officer directives when using the services.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has brought greater awareness of the impacts of the widening digital disparity, which often deprives community members of opportunities to participate in important daily-life activities such as remote learning, accessing workforce development and employment information or staying up-to-date on news and information," said County Executive Marc Elrich. "The work of MCPL and the Department of Technology Services (DTS) to secure funding to provide Wi-Fi availability for outside use at 11 county facilities is another step in working to ensure that all community members have equitable access to reliable connectivity."

"Outdoor public Wi-Fi will provide more places for people without home Wi-Fi to access

the libraries' early literacy, education, workforce development and health and wellness information and the robust digital programs and services," said MCPL Director Anita Vassallo.

MCPL and DTS applied for but were not awarded an Institute of Museum and Library Services federal COVID-19 grant. DTS then worked to leverage other federal CARES Act COVID-19 grant funding to install the free outdoor Wi-Fi access.

"With the support of the county's chief administrative officer, we thought strategically about how we could leverage remaining federal COVID-19 funding to help families and small businesses respond to COVID-19," said Montgomery County Chief Information Officer and Director of DTS Gail M. Roper. "Internet is essential during the pandemic and DTS is proud to work with MCPL to find ways to expand internet access for those that do not have it at home. I am also pleased that the Poolesville branch was selected to support small business owners and will also provide more internet access for rural Montgomery County."

The 10 library branches were chosen by analyzing U.S. Census and MCPL data. Seven library branches were selected by mapping Census data neighborhoods with lower incomes and households without home internet. The Pew Research Center for Internet & Technology reported that as of

2019, 18 percent of adults with incomes less than \$30,000 do not have home internet access, compared to only 2 percent of adults with incomes greater than \$75,000, and 85 percent and 86 percent of Black and Hispanic adults use the internet compared to 92 percent of White adults. Median per capita income in the Census Block Groups served by the 7 libraries is \$35,372 and the population is 27 percent Black and 28 percent Hispanic. Three additional locations (Davis, Rockville and Wheaton Regional) were selected because prior to the pandemic they had greater participation in MCPL small business programs.

"Small business owners who relied on MCPL indoor Wi-Fi to run their businesses asked the county for help and we were glad to assist them," said Assistant Chief Administrative Officer for Small Economic Development Jerome Fletcher. "Small businesses are critical to county's economy recovery and more outdoor public Wi-Fi is another way the county is offering relief to small businesses."

For more information about the outdoor Wi-Fi services, contact MCPL Assistant Director James Donaldson at [James.Donaldson@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:James.Donaldson@montgomerycountymd.gov) or 240-777-0030. For more information about the county's digital equity initiatives, contact ultraMontgomery Director Mitsuko Herrera at [Mitsuko.Herrera@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Mitsuko.Herrera@montgomerycountymd.gov) or 240-777-2928.



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## IN THE NEWS

## Lake Whetstone Dam Toe Drain repair project

Join Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to learn about the upcoming Lake Whetstone Dam Toe Drain repair project construction. A virtual meeting has been scheduled on Zoom for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 16. To register and receive the connection information, visit [https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZUvceiqqTMqGN2bfK0ym6\\_DghhE9n\\_JLDso](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZUvceiqqTMqGN2bfK0ym6_DghhE9n_JLDso).

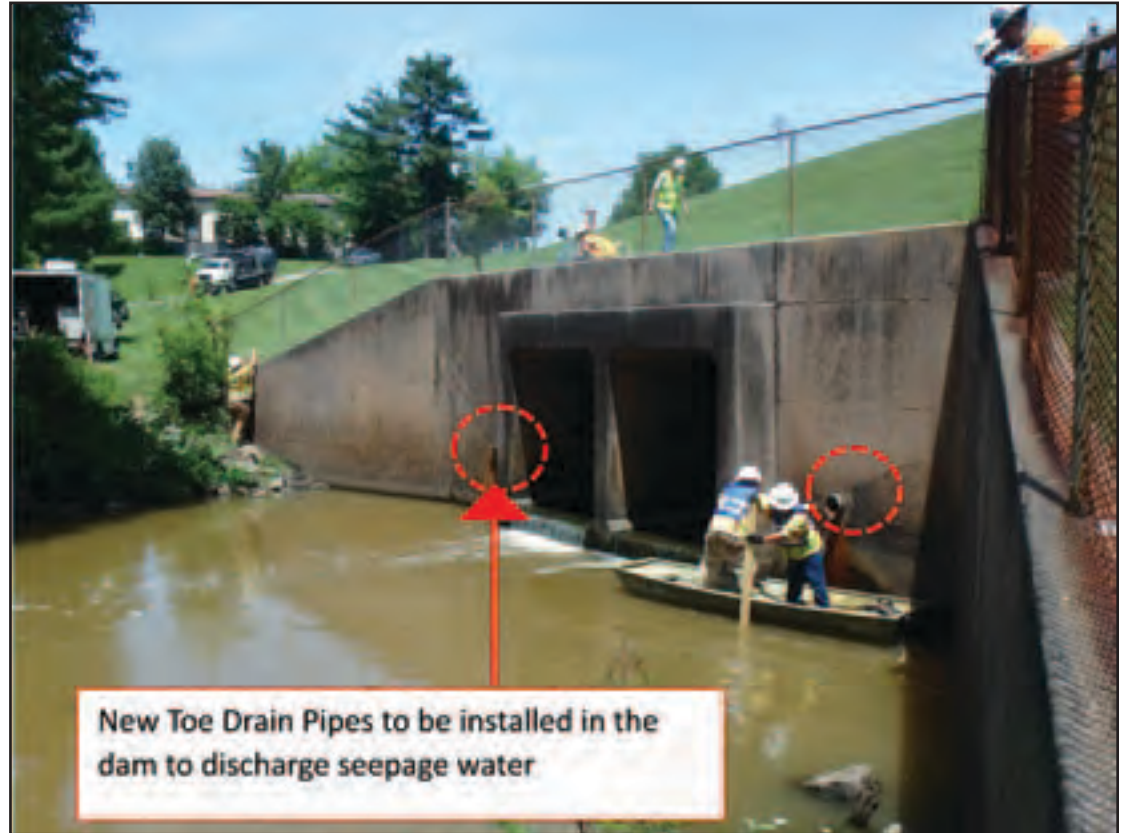
After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining the meeting.

Modern earth embankment dams, like the Lake Whetstone Dam, are designed with internal drainage features, or toe drains. Toe drains collect normal water seepage passing through the dam. DEP's routine maintenance inspection of Lake Whetstone discovered that the corrugated metal toe

drain pipes are corroded and in need of replacement. New toe drain pipes will be installed that safely discharge seepage water to the pond outfall downstream.

The project construction will begin around June 2021 on the downstream side of the dam, just west of Montgomery Village Avenue. The project area is near Theater Pond and the amphitheater. During the approximately 6-month project duration, the Lake Whetstone water level will need to be lowered about 4 feet to safely construct the repair. The project is part of Montgomery County's ongoing commitment to keep our stormwater facilities maintained safely and to protect our local streams and the Chesapeake Bay.

For project questions, e-mail [Christy.Ciarametaro@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Christy.Ciarametaro@montgomerycountymd.gov) or call 240-777-7720.



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IN THE NEWS

2021 Architectural Standards Community Inspections

Every year, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Architectural Standards Department performs scheduled community inspections. Due to the coronavirus pandemic and government shutdown, the original inspection plan for the 2020 calendar year was modified. **Therefore, in 2021, Architectural Standards will be completing the inspections in our largest community, East Village. The inspections will specifically focus on the communities of Gablefield, Holly Pointe, The Reach and Essex Place II. Once East Village inspections are completed, staff will continue conducting inspections by in the Middle Village and Horizon Run Condominium communities.**

In addition to conducting scheduled inspections in the above communities, Architectural Standards Department compliance specialists 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 conducting 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](http://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](http://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.

MVF continues 30<sup>th</sup> 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 \$53,000. 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 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  
Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc.

Enclosed is my contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the  
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Please mail to:  
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Montgomery Village, MD 20886





## IN THE NEWS

## MVF Board seeks Treasurer

The Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors is seeking a volunteer to serve as Treasurer. After several years of service to the community, Treasurer Bob Carey will be resigning the position after the April MVF Board of Directors meeting.

Responsibilities of the Treasurer include working in coordination with the CFO to oversee the accounting and treasury functions of MVF; being an active member of both the Audit and Investment committees; and high level review and presentation of MVF's

monthly financial statements to the Board at their monthly meetings.

Residents interested in the position, or those with questions should e-mail Chief Financial Officer Daniel Salazar at [dsalazar@mvmf.org](mailto:dsalazar@mvmf.org).

## Pepco upgrading equipment in Montgomery Village

As part of Pepco's Supply Line Improvement Plan for Montgomery County, 2.25 miles of distribution lines along existing Pepco right-of-way between Gaithersburg and Montgomery Village are being replaced to make the lines more resilient. When completed, the project will benefit customers by providing increased protection to the distribution line in Montgomery County. This improvement will reduce the response time for outages and increase the reliability of the overall system.

The distribution substation supply line improvement plan

consists of three elements:

- Vegetation Management
- Installation of remotely managed, motor-operated disconnect switches
- Hardening of assets

More specifically, the project will replace wooden distribution poles with stronger, steel poles. These up-graded poles are more resilient and are also considerably more damage-resistant than wood. This upgrade project, which began in September, will take approximately 9 months to complete with the majority of the work in public spaces and in existing Pepco right-of-way.

The project is expected to be completed in May 2021 but is subject to changes/adjustments based on work progress.

Pepco aims to deliver safe, reliable and affordable energy to customers and communities in Maryland and the District of Columbia. The company is committed to managing, maintaining and updating the existing electric system and planning for the future needs of its customers.

For more information, visit [www.pepco.com](http://www.pepco.com) or e-mail Governmental & External Affairs Manager Tony Ruffin at [aruffin@pepco.com](mailto:aruffin@pepco.com).



## 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 association. 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](mailto:ConsumerProtection@montgomerycountymd.gov).

## Architectural Review Board members needed

Are you looking to get involved in your community? Do you have a few hours every month to help keep Montgomery Village moving forward? Then consider applying for appointment to the Architectural Review Board (ARB), which is currently in need of new members. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, all meetings are currently conducted via audio/videoconference.

Applicants should have a background in architecture, design, landscape design, structural engineering or the ability and desire to read building plans to assist the committee with the important

job of reviewing architectural requests for exterior changes or additions to Village homes and properties. This committee works hard to maintain the architectural integrity of the Village residential communities.

The ARB meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

To apply for any committee, a Committee Membership Application can be found online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com) under "MVF," "Committees."

For questions or more information, contact Acting Director of Architectural Standards Dee Wirth at 240-243-2345 or e-mail [dwirth@mvmf.org](mailto:dwirth@mvmf.org).

## MVF Board Student Representative position open for high school juniors

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

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

The MVF Nominating Committee will review the submitted applications in early March and recommend no more than three candidates to the Board for final selection. The selected candidate will be installed as a non-voting member at

the next MVF Board meeting. The chosen candidate will participate in Board discussions and initiatives; work with staff on projects; and gain a clearer understanding of policy decisions in the community.

Applications and full program details can be found online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com), or with the Gaithersburg High School Internship Coordinator and Watkins Mill High School College/Career Coordinator. Applications may be returned to MVF via hand-delivery; mailed to MVF Nominating Committee, c/o Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc., 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886; or e-mailed to [mconroy@mvmf.org](mailto:mconroy@mvmf.org). Completed and signed applications must be received at the MVF Office by 5 p.m. sharp, Monday, March 1, 2021.

For more information or questions, call Assistant Executive Vice President Mike Conroy at 240-243-2331 or e-mail [mconroy@mvmf.org](mailto:mconroy@mvmf.org).





## IN THE NEWS

## Montgomery County begins vaccinating residents 75 and older

Montgomery County is now vaccinating residents 75 and older and will continue providing appointment links to others in Priority Group 1B as vaccine supply allows. A national COVID-19 vaccine shortage, and the limited amount of doses Montgomery County and the State receive weekly, will result in fewer residents who are preregistered getting an appointment immediately. More than 50,000 residents 75 years of age and older have preregistered so far, and the county receives an average of 6,000 doses weekly. The county, as well as other large jurisdictions in the state, may not move as quickly through the priority group phases as other parts of Maryland because of the demand and limited vaccine supply.

To focus the limited vaccine supply on the most vulnerable individuals, county health officials are restricting access to vaccinations to all but those people who follow the official preregistration process. The Montgomery County Government is aware that appointment links have been forwarded and the state appointment system does not have a filter to prevent sharing a link. The sharing of links has created confusion for residents and is negatively impacting the vaccine distribution process. The county is working with state officials to modify the system to prevent this. Residents should not forward the appointment link to others.

When eligible, and based on the vaccine supply, residents who have preregistered will receive a direct link from [c19vaccination@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:c19vaccination@montgomerycountymd.gov) to make an appointment. People who have not received a link directly from the county and show up to a county-run vaccine clinic will not be served unless they are in Priority Group 1A or 75 and older. Do not forward an appointment link if you receive it.

Those in tiers within Priority Group 1B, including teachers, childcare workers, essential workers, and individuals with developmental

disabilities, will be invited to preregister later this week. People in Priority Group 1C, Tier 1 (65-74 years old) will also be invited to preregister in the near future.

"We understand that this vaccine is the long-awaited ray of hope," said County Executive Marc Elrich. "Governor Hogan and I had a positive conversation yesterday about more effectively coordinating our efforts. We both know we need an increase in supply, which neither of us can control, but we are ready to do more when additional supplies arrive. Until then, please help us make sure that the appointment and distribution system is efficient - please do not forward links and please do not use forwarded links."

While Montgomery County is now in Phase 1B, tier 1, vaccinating those 75 years and older, county Department of Health and Human Services staff continue to vaccinate residents in Phase 1A, which includes frontline health care workers.

"We are working diligently to ensure our populations who have been hit hardest by COVID-19, both in terms of cases and fatalities, including home zip code, race, ethnicity and age, are all factored into the vaccine distribution process,"

said county Health Officer Dr. Travis Gayles.

County health officials continue to work closely with the state regarding the limited vaccine supply and the great demand. The county is also working with other health care partners, including local hospital and health care systems, to expand the number of vaccinations available. The long-term goal, dependent on vaccine production and distribution is for the public to have the opportunity to receive the vaccination sometime in the coming months.

Some private providers are offering the COVID-19 vaccine as well. Those hospitals and pharmacies are in-dependent of the county-run vaccine facilities.

For more information, updates, a description of priority groups or preregistration, visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COVID19/vaccine](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COVID19/vaccine).



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## Staying Aware in the Village

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

### ARMED ROBBERY

An armed robbery occurred in the 18400 block of Lost Knife Circle in the early morning hours of Jan. 14. One suspect displayed weapon. The suspects took money and property from the adult male victim. Victim/witness described suspect as: 4 B/Ms, ages unknown.

### COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

A commercial burglary occurred at the Latino Market located at 9108 Rothbury Drive in the early morning hours of Jan. 12. Forced entry; money was taken. Victim/witness described suspect as: Male, no further description.

### STRONG-ARM ROBBERY

A strong-arm robbery occurred in the area of Arrowhead Road and Montgomery Village Avenue at approximately 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 17. The suspects assaulted the adult male victim and took his property. Victim/Witness described suspects as: 3 B/Ms, ages unknown

### THEFT FROM VEHICLE

Three thefts from vehicles occurred between Jan. 8 and Jan. 11. One theft occurred in the 10100 block of Ridgeline Drive and two thefts occurred in the 7500 block of Oyster Bay Way. No force; money and property were taken. No suspect(s) information available.



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## HOMES CORPORATIONS

# HOMES CORPORATIONS & CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS

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## STEDWICK SIGNALS

## Winter actions in Stedwick

by the Stedwick Board of Directors

Elections are underway for the Stedwick Homes Corporation Board of Directors. Each year, three members are elected to the board. Below are the statements of the three candidates for this election. Ballot materials have been mailed. Ballots are due to the Montgomery Village Foundation Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 12.

### DANA C. HOLLIS

I became a member of the Board in 2019 as a write-in candidate. Due to my technical background, I took over and maintain the website. I generate/distribute the Stedwick Signals email newsletter. Recently, I became the Vice President of the Board.

Since being on the Board, I have learned much about the authority of the Board, our common concerns, and what makes each neighborhood unique. I care about our neighborhoods and speak up for the actions needed to properly maintain the roads, sidewalks, walking paths, trees, streetlights, entry lights, etc. that we all rely on. As the Board looks for solutions to Stedwick-level issues, such as parking, trash in common areas, and greenspace/tree maintenance, I will continue to apply what I have learned, actively participate, speak up, and find solutions that will work for each neighborhood, as well as all of Stedwick.

### AUDREY HOUSER

I have been a resident of Stedwick for over 40 years. I am retired from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). I now spend my time volunteering at a local church, providing support for the elderly, and volunteering as a current board member of the Stedwick Homes Corporation. Currently I am the Maintenance Chair and a member of the Greenspace Committee. As Maintenance Chair I strive to keep the overall community well main-

tained. Stedwick is fortunate to have large common areas of greenspace and forested areas, but Stedwick is also an older community with many areas needing more attention such as retaining walls and trees. Prior to the pandemic I as a member of the Greenspace Committee participated in lengthy monthly inspections of the common areas of all neighborhoods. These inspections lasted from 3 to 4 hours. Now, each committee member does random walks through the neighborhoods and we rely more heavily on residents' input to identify trouble spots. Besides dealing with problems we add improvements to the landscape such as new gardens, shrubbery and trees. When possible, I try to develop projects through the Montgomery County Rainscapes program. These projects decrease the amount of water run-off into our drains and streams and are partially funded through the Montgomery County Rainscapes program. I think Stedwick is one of the most pleasurable areas in the Village, and I am interested in continuing to work to keep a well maintained and safe community.

### KAL-EL WATERS-JONES

I would formally like to enter my name as a candidate for the Stedwick Homes Corporation Board of Directors.

As a member of the Board of Directors, I would bring a fresh perspective to the community, utilizing my experiences in property management, and public works. I have 3yrs in property management of a 491-unit apartment community in Fair Oaks, VA. I learned to listen to residents needs and find a happy medium between residents and management.

I'd like to help continue Stedwick being a great community for all.

### PARKING UPDATE

At the January 20 meeting, the board of directors reviewed and commented on an initial draft parking policy. The draft

is currently being translated into Spanish. The next step will be to post the draft on the Stedwick website for residents and homeowners to review and provide feedback. When the drafts have been posted, residents and homeowners will be notified.

### GREEN SPACE UPDATE

The board recently signed an agreement with Tree Montgomery to plant an additional 40 trees within Stedwick community. Planting will take place in Spring 2021.

### PEPCO PROJECT UPDATE

As part of Pepco's Supply Line Improvement Plan for Montgomery County, 2.25 miles of distribution lines along the existing Pepco right-of-way between Gaithersburg and Montgomery Village are being replaced, including sections on either side of Stedwick Drive. When completed, the project will benefit customers by providing increased protection to the distribution line, reduced response time for outages, and increased reliability of the overall system.

### NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next virtual meeting of the Stedwick Homes Corporation Board of Directors is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 17. For connection instructions, please e-mail [kkodjanian@mvmf.org](mailto:kkodjanian@mvmf.org) in advance of the meeting. The first few minutes of the meeting is residents time when residents can talk to the board members, express concerns, or otherwise make the board members aware of needs and items of interest. We invite all residents to come out and participate.

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

## PATTON RIDGE REPORT

## PRHC candidate statements

### MICHELLE BLACK

I'm Michelle Black, and it has been an honor and a pleasure to be a member of the Board for the last year. I have loved working with my fellow board members to address the concerns of our residents. I moved to Montgomery Village two years ago because I sought a beautiful, diverse, and proud community. I love Montgomery Village and know that there's much work that we have to do to keep this community diverse, beautiful, and proud. I hope to continue as a member of the Board because I am active in this community, and I want to be a part of Patton Ridge Homes Corporation and Montgomery Village's improvement.

### ALLISON EWING

It has been a pleasure living in the Fairidge community of Patton Ridge for the past six years. As a school administrator I see firsthand the role communities play in the lives of our residents and I have chosen to raise my family here because of the strong community, services, and diversity present. Since living here, I have enjoyed becoming acquainted with the community and want to be part of its positive growth, development, and renewal. Recently I have served as President of the Patton Ridge Homes Corporation and have worked to maintain and address the needs of our diverse community. I look forward to continuing this work

alongside the other members of the Board and strive to create a sustainable community that will continue to service and support all present and future residents.

### PETER WITZLER

My wife and I immediately fell in love with Patton Ridge one spring day while house hunting. Turning onto Meadowcroft lane from MV Ave we were greeted by the beautiful pink blossoms on trees, looked to each other and said "Wow! we could totally live in this neighborhood!" And that was before we learned about all of the great programming, community building and recreation opportunities provided by the MVF. I am excited for the opportunity to share my love of this community in a role on the Patton Ridge Board. I've spent my professional career as a community organizer and will bring this passion of community building and relationship-building to my work on the board. In addition, my MPA degree and experience working with local governments gives me the knowledge and real-world expertise of public budgeting and public management. I look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve my community in this role.

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





## HOMES CORPORATIONS

## WHETSTONE WATCH

## WHC candidate statements

By now all owners should have received their Annual Meeting Notice for the meeting scheduled on Thursday, March 11. This year there are three vacant positions with three candidates on the ballot. Remember, if you would like to attend the meeting virtually, please send your request to [kkodjanian@mvpf.org](mailto:kkodjanian@mvpf.org) to receive the link and password as the date approaches.

## JAYSON TAYLOR

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to potentially serve as a Whetstone Board Member. My partner and I have lived in Whetstone now since August 2016. Before I moved to Whetstone, I lived in a community where I served on my condo association board for over ten years. During that time, I served as recording secretary, treasurer and vice president of the association. My career spans working for the past 25 years at the Department of Defense at Ft. Meade and prior to that, service in the U.S. Navy.

I walk the community often and I'm always in awe of the natural beauty and history of Whetstone. I consider myself very fortunate to live here. My ultimate goal of serving on the board is to help foster a more productive and collaborative environment between the board and the community members. I believe in transparency and communication. I also see that around us is new development, whether it be the former MV Professional Center or The MV Shopping Center. I want to see Whetstone continue to prosper as well. I believe we can do this by building and improving on what we have and at the same time preserving the unique nature of our community. There are several projects I'd like to see going forward. These projects include new energy-efficient lighting, a more proactive approach to tree maintenance, as well as repairing roads and pathways throughout the community.

## ALEX VESPOLI

I am interested in continuing to serve on the Whetstone BOD. As of this coming September, I will have lived in Whetstone for 5 years and my family and I have enjoyed every minute of being Montgomery Village residents. My wife and I have two young daughters and a puppy and feel a vested interest in having Whetstone be the perfect neighborhood for our girls to grow up. I joined the Montgomery Village Commercial Architecture Review Committee in January of 2017 for similar reasons: to help the CARC guide development and redevelopment efforts (like the

MV Professional Center / Lidl) mesh with our existing community while adding to our experience here.

## KATHERINE WEBB

I am writing to express my interest in a position on the Whetstone Homes Corporation Board of Directors. I have lived in Montgomery Village for eleven years, and in the Goshenside neighborhood of Whetstone since 2017. Since moving to Montgomery Village, I have been an active member of the community, serving on two MVF committees – Vision 2030 and the Land Use Planning Committees – and as a member of the MVF staff for nearly three years. I am proud to call Montgomery Village my home, and am interested in this opportunity to get involved at an even more local level to shape the future of my neighborhood.

My prior community involvement has instilled in me an appreciation for the history and mission of Montgomery Village, as well as a strong understanding of the structure and practices of the organization, including the relationship between homes corporations and MVF. Additionally, I have a professional background in business operations and management, as well as an educational background in urban and regional planning through my Master's degree from Virginia Tech, both of which provide me with skills that I will apply when serving on the board, if elected.

In early spring there will be large asphalt and concrete project in various locations. Continuing with the phased in tree pruning, The Courts of Whetstone and The Ridges will be pruned this year. The board is also working to finalize a proposed amendment for the memberships vote on an amendment to the Declaration of Covenants to consider allowing pickup trucks in the community. Another big project to look forward to is the plan for lighting replacement in the community.

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](mailto:vermillion.whc@gmail.com).

We look forward to and wish you a safe and healthy 2021.

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

## NORTHGATE NEWS

## Please get your ballots mailed!

*by the Northgate Board of Directors*

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

## PARKING

The board is considering parking solutions for certain subdivisions. This applies to Apple Ridge, the McKendrees and Overlea. Homeowners will be notified when the plans are finalized.

## TRASH

Finally, trash dumping continues to be a major issue and the cost to the community is significant. As more

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

The Points and Overlea have trash pickup on Mondays and Thursdays. Bulk pickups are Thursday. All the

other neighborhoods – Apple Ridge, Dorsey's Regard, the McKendrees, Shadow Oak and Williams Range – have trash pickup on Tuesdays and Fridays. Bulk pickups are on Fridays.

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

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

## MARYLAND PLACE MESSAGES

## Maryland Place Homes Corporation 2021 candidate statements

## SYLVIA LAKE

As a member of the Maryland Place Homes Corporation, I have worked on concerns that my neighbors and other residents face. A former member of the Montgomery Village Board of Directors, I believe in working families and our ability to afford living in Montgomery County. I will continue to join neighbors to improve the appearance, safety and value of our community as a whole while maintaining reasonable assessments.

I like to see a quick response to problems or hazards that detract from the safety or aesthetic quality of Maryland Place. I want to minimize the infringement of proposed development projects in the surrounding area on our neighborhood. I will work to enhance existing developed areas like the off price center and the Village Plaza, while utilizing existing green space. I support the widening of Goshen Road, but I am firmly opposed to M-83. I participate in the FOWL cleanup of Lake Whetstone (as well as our stream cleanups) and will put my continued energies toward litter, trash

and parking informational campaigning to keep up the appearance of our community.

If elected, top priority items I will work on are the following:

a) To minimize the usage of outside contractors where a Village Company can be secured. Encouraging competition among contractors to get the best price and best work out of our vendors.

b) To educate residents on how to best care for community property and our own residences. To publish materials into Spanish and other languages (where possible) to supply the best understanding of Maryland Place policies and guidance, meeting with residents one on one.

c) To fix and prevent problems of shared concern such as traffic and pedestrian safety, school pathways and snow removal. I think we need to look at school traffic around the school entrance to enhance safety. I believe we need calming measures at the entrance of MD Place to slow traffic and announce the presence of an elementary school and pedestrians. I am presently working with staff and the County to identify solutions.

d) To continue to improve the level of personal and property security that we enjoy, working with MVF and the County government, while budgeting to maintain low assessments.

e) To consider another neighborhood cleanup day in the fall and additional tree pruning and brush removal.

## ALICE SUMMERS

My name is Alice Summers; I have resided in Maryland Place with my husband and children for approximately 29 years. Presently I am serving as a member on the Maryland Place Board of Directors. My concerns are raising property values while maintaining assessments at a reasonable level. I want to work with residents, since we are the ones that are affected by changes or decisions concerning our community. One person, one voice cannot do it alone. I would like to continue to serve on the Board to work on community issue such as parking which is a major problem in Maryland Place.

**Maryland Place Messages: for residents of Maryland Place.**



## MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

## Middle Village resident reminders

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

### 2021 MEETING DATES

The 2021 Middle Village board meetings are scheduled for 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every other month, as listed below:

Tuesday, Feb. 23  
Tuesday, April 27 (Annual Meeting)  
Tuesday, June 22  
Tuesday, Aug. 24  
Tuesday, Oct. 26 (Budget Hearing Meeting)

While the pandemic restrictions with in-person gatherings remain uncertain for 2021, notices will be sent out with information on either in-person meetings or virtual meetings with log-on information provided.

### ILLEGAL TRASH DUMPING ON THE PROPERTY IS PROHIBITED

Middle Village no longer provides dumpster services. Every homeowner is responsible to properly dispose of their bulk trash items, free of charge, at the Montgomery County Trash and Recycle Center at the Shady Grove Transfer Station, 16101 Frederick Road, Derwood. For hours and other Transfer Station information, visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov).

[gov/sws](http://gov/sws). Persons observed putting out bulk trash in the common areas of the property will be subject to immediate fine and further action.

### TRASH/RECYCLING COLLECTION

Residents are reminded to properly dispose of their household trash in a marked receptacle with a closed lid to prevent spillage and trash blowing around the community. Residents putting out receptacles before or after the regular trash collection days of Tuesdays and Fridays, will be subject to fines and possible further penalties.

Please remember cardboard for recycling must be broken down and placed in your recycling bin. Recycling collection takes place on Wednesdays.

### TOWING

Towing enforcement is in effect 24/7 for vehicles parked in reserved spaces without a valid, properly displayed and corresponding numbered permit.

Towing enforcement is in effect from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. for vehicles parked in open (un-numbered) spaces without a valid parking permit displayed.

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

## NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

## North Village candidate statements

by the North Village Board of Directors

The following statements have been submitted for candidates for the North Village Homes Corporation Board of Directors.

### DICK RABIL

Career: Dick is president of Slice®Works, a marketing and digital design firm. As the marketing landscape has changed, Slice®Works has transitioned to interactive, web, social media and other emerging technologies. He has honed his skills of creative direction for large branding campaigns, websites, publications and integrated marketing for a variety of organizations. The director of the Virginia Tech EMBA said that Dick and his team "has contributed to the success of the program, with their creativity, design and knowledge of network marketing and branding."

Dick has been recognized by the Smithsonian Board of Regents for Special Service to the Smithsonian National Postal Museum. He was awarded a lifetime membership of the American Marketing Association for special work for the DC chapter. He has degrees from UNC-Chapel Hill in Fine Art and from Virginia Commonwealth University in Communication and Design.

Dick was responsible for designing the MV 50 Year Anniversary logo in 2016. He also has won first and second place photography awards at the yearly MV art show.

Personal: Dick and his wife, Kathi, have lived in Montgomery Village for 40 years, 24 of which are in the North Village. They raised their 5 children here, and now they have 5 grandchildren added to the clan.

### LISA RISHELL

A 16-year resident of Montgomery Village. Avid supporter at all levels of our local schools in leadership roles, volunteer, substitute teacher, Mentor and Team Mom. Licensed Realtor. Employed as an Office and Project Administrator for an Engineering company in Rockville, Md. Married, husband, Chris Rishell, 25 years and mother of three. I enjoy hiking, cycling, running, staying active and making memories with my family. My motto - It Takes A Village.

### TOM WILLS

Hard to believe that it has already been 3 years since I was fortunate to be voted onto the North Village board so I thank those of you who did. It has been an interesting time for us over the last years and I have been happy to lend a hand to managing the one snow we had, the many trees that seem to need removal each year and financial challenges the community has faced caused by Covid. Directly or indirectly, it has hit us all in some way. I am happy to have done my part to help the board get through these challenges as best we can, and humbled that the board allowed me to use

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.

### WATCH YOUR MAILBOX: PARKING POLICY UPDATE NO. 2

The board is considering implementing a parking permit and tag system with a specific allotment of those for each household. Please be on the lookout for our second mailing about this topic and how you can respond and provide input. We thank all the residents who responded and attended the Town Hall Zoom meeting on this issue.

### HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION FOR 2021

Below is the holiday trash schedule for 2021. The holidays with an asterisk (\*) indicate that the county transfer facility is closed. If one of these holidays falls on a service day (Monday or Thursday), North Village will have service the following day (Tuesday or Friday). On Monday, Feb. 15, the trash will be picked up as normal, but the recycling will move one day.

President's Day	Mon, Feb 15, 2021
Memorial Day *	Mon, May 31, 2021*
Independence Day*	Mon, Jul 5, 2021*
Labor Day*	Mon, Sep 6, 2021*
Columbus Day	Mon, Oct 11, 2021
Veterans Day	Thurs, Nov 11, 2021
Thanksgiving*	Thu, Nov 25, 2021*
Native American Heritage Day	Fri, Nov 26, 2021
Christmas Day*	Sat, Dec 25, 2021*
New Year's Day*	Wed, Jan 1, 2022*
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day *	Mon, Jan 17, 2022*

### NEXT MEETING

The next North Village board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 18. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting will be conducted via Zoom. Individuals desiring to attend the February virtual board meeting must e-mail their intent to attend the meeting with their name and unit address to [asteward@mof.org](mailto:asteward@mof.org) no later than 10 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 18. Management will then respond with further instructions.

If you have any questions or want to report any problems, call Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2327 or e-mail [asteward@mof.org](mailto:asteward@mof.org).

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

my finance background as the Treasurer of the organization and the community funds. We have built a solid financial base that has allowed us to weather the short challenges and to continue to work on the capital infrastructure. I look forward to being able to continue working with current members of the board and will be able to do so with your vote.

### FEBRUARY 18 ANNUAL MEETING

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 below).

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## HOMES CORPORATIONS

## EAST VILLAGE ECHO

## EVHC candidate statements

## JACK HELENEK

My name is Jack Helenek. I have served on the board as a Director since 2018. I have been a resident of Montgomery Village since 1972. I have lived at Mills Choice (Herons Cove), Highfield, The Points, Glenbrook and for the last thirty years my wife and I have lived in Wethersfield in East Village. Believe me; I have seen the changes in Montgomery Village since I first moved here.

Having grown up in Montgomery Village I worked for the Village Foundation. As a teen, I was a substitute life guard at of the MVF pools and I later managed the South Dock boat house renting boats. As a father, I was a volunteer for the Lake Marion Swim Team as a stroke and turn judge, starter and head referee for fifteen years and served on the swim team committee. I also coached my son and daughters Recreational Soccer Teams.

My wife and I raised our son and daughter here in Montgomery Village. I have run my residential remodeling business; JAXCO Construction, since 1994 and I would like to lend my professional and personal experiences to the East Village Board to maintain the community my family and I have enjoyed for so long. Thank you.

## TERRY O'GRADY

As a current board member and past President of East Village Homes Corporation, my focus has been on community safety, maintaining green space, roads, and development. During my Presidency we created an ongoing maintenance program for lighting, streets, green space, and trash pick-up. We installed signage, and restricted unsafe parking on our community roads. To help maintain property values and quality of life, we established the Private Property Maintenance Program, and sponsored Neighborhood Watch.

As president, I created a strong team to represent your community with County and State legislative bodies, working continuously on behalf of East Village. Also successfully requested East Village representation on the County Airport Advisory Board.

Testified and met with the County Council on issues impacting our community; relocation of the Shady Grove Service Park, Police/Fire Training Academy, parking issues, concrete operation, development of M-83, purposed school on Centerway Park, splitting the Gaithersburg Master Plan, ambulance fee, and the importance of our Community Safety Officer position.

As one of the founders and leaders of Mid County Citizen Alliance, with the help of the residents, we prevented the relocation of 400 school buses to our community. We've worked with the State Maryland Department of Environment and Montgomery County to insure the development on the Nike site would be developed clean of hazardous materials.

Also, received an appointment from the Montgomery County Council to represent the residents of East Village on the Montgomery County Airport Liaison Committee. The committee was established to provide a forum for increased communication among interested groups and individuals concerned with the operation of the Montgomery County Airport.

Representing the residents of East Village has been an honor, and look forward to continuing representing our great community.

## JAYANT SKUKLA

As a resident of our community since 2011, I am honored to offer my services to the community as a Treasurer for the next 3 years having served since 2017. After having a suc-

cessful career in the Finance and Accounting field as shown below, I thought I could apply my knowledge and experiences for the benefit of the community. I am not used to speaking about personal achievements but my short bio below reflects my professional career.

As a human being, I am constantly learning and updating my interpersonal skills in the ever-changing world environment. It allows me to interact in a friendly non-aggressive and confident manner with fellow citizens and all individuals. I believe human relationship is essential to civilizations and is continuity. It is also my favorite subject. Dealing with the community issues is like dealing with human issues. I am glad to offer my services to the community for the next term if selected.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER- FORMER

D.K. Shifflet & Associates, Ltd. (DKSA)-McLean, VA  
ACCOUNTS OFFICER

Larsen & Toubro Limited (L&T)- Kolkata, India  
Education & Training  
Bachelor of Commerce (B. Com)-University of Kolkata, India in 1970

L&T Training Programs- Communications, Human relations Development, Public Speaking

Language-Skills and Notable Attributes

Fluent speaker of English, m Gujarati, Hindi, and Bengali

Conversational speaker of French (studied at Alliance Française du Bengale in Calcutta, India)

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**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 2021 candidate statements

## DONIELE AYRES

My name is Doniele Ayres and I am a current board member, presenting my name in candidacy for another term. I would like to continue my service on the board for a number of reasons, all based upon the experiences and impressions gained from my residency in South Village and my current service as a director. As a homeowner in the Village it has been a privilege to serve the community. I am proud of the work that I have done to ensure that the financial commitments of the village are met, our community is being developed and redeveloped and that our work is not done but continues. Understanding the issues facing the community and developing effective strategies and solutions to resolve those issues.

I am a federal employee with experience in budget planning and development, project management, and federal contracting. My education includes a Master of Business Administration degree, Master of Arts in Elementary Education and I am currently enrolled as a Doctor of Business Administration student in the School of Advanced Studies at the University of Phoenix.

## PAMELA BORT

My name is Pamela Bort and I am a current board member, presenting my name in candidacy for another term. I would like to continue my service on the board for a number of reasons, all based upon the experiences and impressions gained from my 23-year residency in South Village and my twelve years as a director. Over the

years I have seen changes, not all for the better, that I would like to assist in remedying, and challenges that I would like to meet for the residents of South Village. I have particular interests in the maintenance of our common areas for all to enjoy, the improvement of deteriorating private property, the preservation of the wildlife that add so much to the atmosphere of South Village, the management of our growing traffic and parking problems, and our steadily increasing security issues. Twelve years ago I first ran for the board because I was doing a lot of complaining and I believe that if I'm going to complain, then I had better be willing to step up and try to do something. Over the years I have tried to do just that, with varying degrees of success and failure. Thank you for considering me for re-election to your board of directors.

## KIMBERLY SALBANY

I have lived in the community for about 4 months.

I'd like to volunteer because I genuinely love this community and want to make sure it stays great and becomes the best it can be. I want it to be beautiful, safe, clean and welcoming - The best possible place for my son to grow up (he's 2). Thank you for your consideration.

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

## EASTGATE EXPRESS

## Eastgate Homes Corporation 2021 candidate statements

## VENICE RASHFORD

I am requesting the opportunity to remain on the Eastgate Homes Corporation Board of Directors for an additional term to continue addressing our community concerns that will maintain and/or enhance our community. I have lived in the Ridgely section of Eastgate since 1996, and accepted the request to volunteer on our board in 2016, to ensure we had enough residents to meet

the required quorum and avoid a paid property management company to make spending and other decisions for our community.

I am a Registered Nurse with a B.S. in Nursing from State University of NY at Brooklyn and a M.S. in Management with a specialty in Healthcare Administration from University of MD. I currently work in Quality Management for the Federal Govt. I raised my son here in the

Village since he was two years old after leaving NYC. This has been our only MD residence and I am pleased to say, our community has not changed much after 25 years. So, I have a vested interest in maintaining our cost effectiveness to keep our community.

## ED STOCKTON

As a 11 year resident of Eastgate and a 19 year resident of Montgomery Village, I'm very pleased to represent

our housing corporation and support improvements in our neighborhood. Having served on the Eastgate board for the past seven years, I've supported initiatives that have removed dead or dying trees, replaced our landscaping vendor and sought to identify ways to improve our budget position for both the near and long-term. I'm excited to continue in my role supporting the interests of our great neighborhood.

I work for a software company providing IT services for the Federal government and received my MBA from the University of Maryland Smith School of Business. My wife and our four children live in the Kings Point community.

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



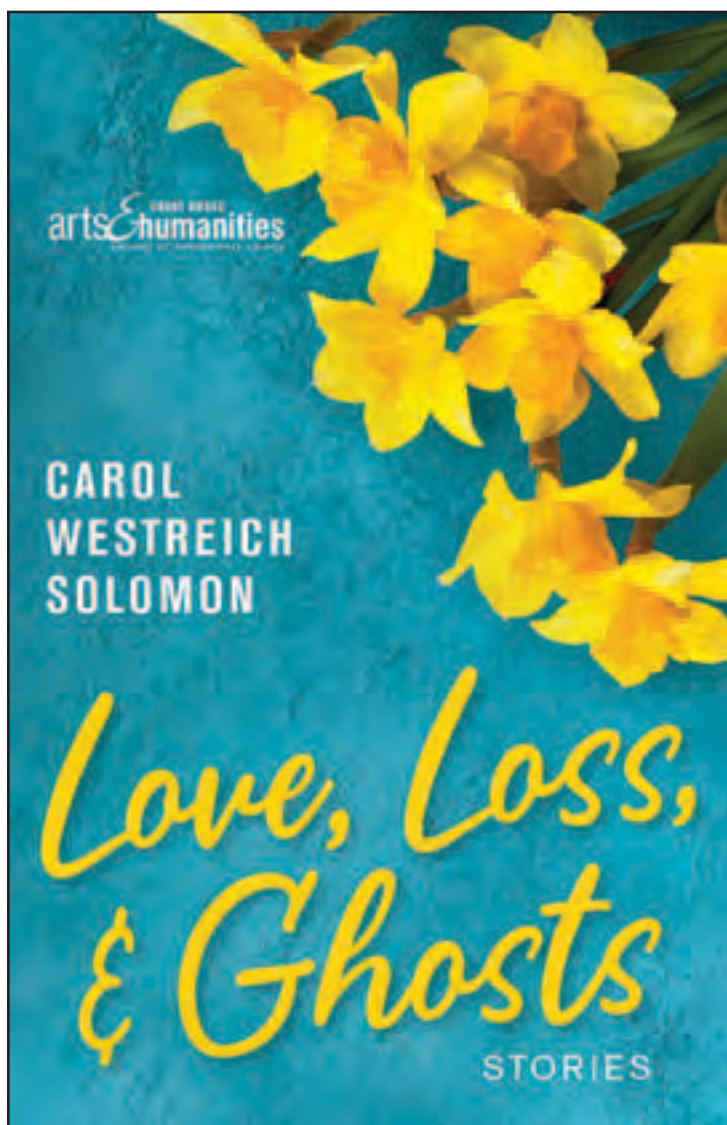
## MILESTONES

## Resident publishes book of short fiction stories

The Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County has funded the publication of "Love, Loss, & Ghosts" — a collection of short fiction that features stories set in Montgomery Village, Poolesville and other sites in the Washington Metropolitan Area. The author, Carol Westreich Solomon, is a Montgomery Village resident and formerly taught in MCPS high schools, including Poolesville and Wootton. She also served as the IB Magnet Director at Richard Montgomery High School.

"Love, Loss, & Ghosts" includes 16 short stories, including the award-winning story "The Fixer." Each story reveals a person who has lost love and found a substitute, sometimes another person, sometimes self-destructive behavior, sometimes a ghost. Solomon's previous young adult novel "Imagining Katherine" was designated a Notable Book by the Association of Jewish Libraries.

For more information, visit [www.carolwsolomon.com](http://www.carolwsolomon.com).



Read the *Village News* online at  
[www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com)

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

## Montgomery Village Rotary Club donates PPE equipment



The Montgomery Village Rotary Club recently donated and delivered over \$6,000 of PPE equipment and supplies to local

nursing homes, including Atrium in Montgomery Village.

For more information about how to make an

impact in the community by joining the Rotary, e-mail Jim Hamerski at [Jim@slins.com](mailto:Jim@slins.com).

## Free community food pickup

The Watkins Mill High School Wellness Center, in partnership with local nonprofit 480 Cares (founded by Montgomery Village resident Joseph Hooks), provides a weekly free food pickup for families in need in the community.

Residents are welcome from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturdays

in the Montgomery Village Middle School Parking Lot, 19300 Watkins Mill Road, to receive fresh goods, including produce, poultry and baked goods. Drive through and walk ups are welcome, no appointment necessary; food is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. All participants are required to wear

masks when picking up food.

This distribution is privately organized and is not a MCPS food distribution site.

Volunteers are welcome! All volunteers must wear masks and follow social distancing protocols. For more information or to volunteer, e-mail [joseph.hooks@480club.org](mailto:joseph.hooks@480club.org) or [Clarence@480club.org](mailto:Clarence@480club.org).

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## AT YOUR LEISURE

## Learn pruning tips from a Master Gardener

Question: What is the difference between prune (the fruit) and prune (the artful shaping of a shrub or tree)? Answer: A lot. And furthermore, you can probably prune your shrubs by yourself—unless you need an expert. On Monday, Feb. 7, the Montgomery Village Garden Club can help you tell the difference. Join Master Gardener and President of Complete Lawn Care, Inc. Eric Wenger to lop off some of the most common pruning myths.

Wenger will explore topics and misconceptions such as: “pruning is difficult but hedge shears will work well,” “pruning must be done in winter” and “anyone with a pickup truck and a chain saw is a qualified pruner.”

Wenger is superbly qualified to demystify pruning. He

has developed lawn care and landscaping in Maryland and the DC Metro area since 1980. His career includes work with a nationally known lawn care firm, a regional lawn care company, a local golf course, an irrigation firm and his own business. Overall, he is driven by a passion to fully apply and further the practice of environmentally sensitive and responsible lawn and landscape care.

The meeting will be held virtually at 7:15 p.m. For more details, including connection information, e-mail [gamatise@netscape.net](mailto:gamatise@netscape.net) or [pcbrooms44@yahoo.com](mailto:pcbrooms44@yahoo.com). Non-club members can also sign up for a MVGC Zoom meeting at [Montgomeryvillagegardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:Montgomeryvillagegardenclub@gmail.com).



photo by Vickie Bailey

## SUMMER JOBS

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION  
Department of Recreation and ParksMVF CLASS  
REIMBURSEMENT  
PROGRAM

Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) is offering a

**\$100**  
reimbursement

for new employees who complete the full Lifeguarding Class between September 2020 and the date they are hired by MVF, and work at least 320 hours during the 2021 season.

## ARB APPLICATIONS

*Apply before you buy!*

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

**Senior Lifeguard\***  
**Starting at \$15.25/hr.**

Must be at least 17 years of age, have at least two seasons of experience in a lifeguarding position and current Montgomery County pool operator license. American Red Cross lifeguarding, CPR/AED for lifeguards and first aid certificates required.

**Lifeguard\***  
**Starting at \$14.25/hr.\*\***

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

**Desk Attendant\***  
**Starting at \$11.90/hr.**

Must be at least 15 years of age, be able to work independently, learn all policies associated with the position and have ability to effectively convey the information to public. Working outdoors as a pool slide attendant may be included as part of the duty.

Applications are available at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886 or online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com) (go to MVF and click on Job & Volunteer Opportunities). \*Contract completion bonus. \*\*Salary based on experience. EOE

All positions open until filled.



For more information, contact Petra Padilla at 240-243-2363, e-mail [ppadilla@mvf.org](mailto:ppadilla@mvf.org), visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).

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CLASSES AND EVENTS ON PAGES 18 TO 21

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## RECREATION

## Beginner/Intermediate Yoga

Exercise your mind and body with yoga overlooking Lake Marion. On Wednesdays, April 7 to May 26 at 7 p.m., Kirsten will engage you for this hour-long yoga class on the deck at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 Eat Village Avenue.

Classes are for beginner/intermediate levels. Participants should bring their own yoga

mat and wear a face covering. Pre-registration is required, no drop-ins accepted at this time. A virtual option via Zoom will also be available.

Yoga costs \$104/Resident and \$114/Non-resident. For more information or to register, visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com), call Kimeshia Junkins 240-243-2334 or e-mail [kjunkins@mvf.org](mailto:kjunkins@mvf.org).



## Gentle Yoga via Zoom

Enjoy yoga from the comfort of your home via Zoom. This relaxed yoga class for ages 50 and older will help you develop agility, balance, muscle tone, endurance and vitality. Exercises are done in a relaxed way and held for increasing periods of time.

Gentle Yoga is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Thursdays, April 1 to May 27, or 4 p.m. on Tuesdays,

April 6 to May 25. Class costs \$117/Resident and \$127/Non-resident for Thursday classes, or \$104/Resident or \$114/Non-resident for Tuesday classes.

Sign up for one or both classes! Please provide a valid e-mail address to participate. For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110 or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).

## Vision Board Workshop for parents

Are you a parent looking for ways to achieve your goals while managing a busy schedule? We have just the workshop for you! In this two-part workshop you will learn all about creating a vision board. The goal is to teach participants

how to write effective goals, implement goals and how to stay accountable by using a vision board.

Join Certified Life Coach Kari Primozic via Zoom at 10 a.m. on Saturdays, April 17 and May 15 (sessions will be one month apart). Pre-

registration is required. Workshop costs \$55/Resident and \$65/Non-resident.

For more information or to register, call Kimeshia Junkins at 240-243-2334, e-mail [kjunkins@mvf.org](mailto:kjunkins@mvf.org) or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).

**COVID-19 safety measures and guidelines must be followed by all participants, and will be enforced by MVF staff. All participants must wear facial coverings over the nose and mouth unless otherwise specified and maintain 6-foot distance from one another.**

## Wine and crafting time!

It's date night with a little wine and a lot of creativity — make a beautiful wood pallet sign! Participants will choose a stain, background and stencils. This is perfect for anyone looking for things to do with family or with your friends, in a socially distant space (masks

also required). All craft levels welcome — no experience necessary!

Wine and Crafting is for adults 21 and over. Class is scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 10 on the deck at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village

Avenue. Pre-registration is required; class costs \$32/Resident, \$42/Non-resident.

For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110, e-mail [sbaldridge@mvf.org](mailto:sbaldridge@mvf.org) or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).

## Montgomery Village T-Ball (Instructional)

Get ready to slide back into home base because T-ball is back for the Spring season! This class will include instructional lessons for boys and girls in ages 3 to 8. Classes are scheduled from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

on Wednesdays, April 7 to May 26 at Patsy Huson Ballfield, 20300 Fulks Farm Road.

These classes are perfect for kids who want to explore a new sport or if they want to refine their skills for a league!

See details in our Spring Recreation Guide or online.

For more information or to register, call Sarah Maizel at 240-243-2338, e-mail [smaizel@mvf.org](mailto:smaizel@mvf.org) or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).

## Rake the Lake

Great Family Day !!




**Saturday, April 24**  
**9 to 11 a.m.**  
 Rain or Shine

**Lake Whetstone Boat House**  
**18701 Montgomery Village Avenue**

4073.320

Join Montgomery Village Foundation staff members for a cleanup at Lake Whetstone. 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.

While the event is free, **pre-registration is required for all participants** to ensure compliance with all COVID-19 guidelines. Registration deadline is 4 p.m. on Friday, April 23. Volunteers will be required to wear masks, and will work with the groups they arrived with. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



For more information or to register, call Amy Roswurm at 240-243-2303, e-mail [aroswurm@mvf.org](mailto:aroswurm@mvf.org) or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).

## Easter Eggstravaganza!

**Saturday, March 27**  
**10 a.m. to Noon**



Space is limited due to state and county COVID-19 guidelines. Parents and children must pre-register individually (\$3 per person); all participants must wear masks.

Search for Easter Eggs, take a photo with the Easter Bunny and test your skills at the Egg Roll!

All activities are designed to maintain social distancing and maximize fun.

Sign up for one of four time slots (each has a maximum of 20 participants). Please arrive 10 minutes before your start time to check in.

**4130.620** Ages 2 to 4    10 a.m.

**4130.621** Ages 5 to 7    10:30 a.m.

**4130.622** Ages 8 to 10    11 a.m.

**4130.623** Ages 11 to 13    11:30 a.m.

**\$3/Person**

**Pre-registration is required**  
Registration closes at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24

**South Valley Park**  
**parking available at 19003 Watkins Mill Road**



For more information or to register, call Sarah Maizel at 240-243-2338, e-mail [smaizel@mvf.org](mailto:smaizel@mvf.org) or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).



## RECREATION

## Wine and Paint

Love to paint? Love wine? Do you like drinking wine and painting at the same time? Look no further, MVF will be hosting our outdoor wine and paint to kick off our spring/summer! Instructor Caryl will guide you step-by-step through learning to paint a beautiful landscape from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 15 on the Lake Marion Community Center Deck, 8821 East Village Avenue.

This unique and easy painting with acrylics is on stretched

canvas. The best part is, there is no experience necessary! Bring your friends or family to participate in the fun (adults 21 and older, please). Price includes all supplies and two glasses of wine. Social distancing will be enforced and facial coverings are required.

Pre-registration is required; class costs \$32/Resident, \$42/Non-resident. For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110, e-mail [sbaldridge@mfv.org](mailto:sbaldridge@mfv.org) or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).



## Circuit Fusion

Get your whole body moving with Circuit Fusion at 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays, April 10 to May 22.

This total body workout uses Circuit Training techniques, which involve a series of exercises performed in rotation with minimal rest, combining moves from Pilates, cardio and strength training in the same workout. It is the perfect way to strengthen, lengthen and improve muscle tone, muscle definition and cardiovascular fitness, all while burning calories. We will also incorporate exercises to target your core and build endurance. Bring your own mat and light/medium weights or use ours and get ready for your fitness journey!

Circuit Fusion is held on the deck at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, and costs \$91/Resident or \$101/Non-resident. For more information or to register, visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com), call Kimeshia Junkins 240-243-2334 or e-mail [kjunks@mfv.org](mailto:kjunks@mfv.org).

## Spring Scavenger Hunt:



Have you enjoyed our previous scavenger hunts? Join in the latest hunt for Easter Eggs and Easter Bunnies all around the Village! On the back of each egg or bunny will be an age-appropriate task for families to complete!

Complete and submit your tasks to [sbaldridge@mfv.org](mailto:sbaldridge@mfv.org) by 9 p.m. on Saturday, April 11 for

a chance to win a prize. Registration is free, but is a must if you wish to receive clues and updates! Registration must be completed by Thursday, April 1; task list will be released on Friday, April 2.

For more information or to register, e-mail [sbaldridge@mfv.org](mailto:sbaldridge@mfv.org) or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).

## Get in shape with virtual running programs

Are you an avid runner or ready to challenge your typical exercise routine? Take on this spring season by registering for one of MVF's virtual running programs!

## VIRTUAL 10K TRAINING PROGRAM

This totally free, self-guided plan includes a 12-week guide to help you achieve your goals at your own pace. Complete the training within the timeline (to the best of your ability), record your progress and share your results with us on social media.

## VIRTUAL COUCH TO 5K TRAINING PROGRAM

Complete this program your own pace, with friends or a local running group. Take advantage of warmer weather (right around the corner!) to better your wellness. MVF will send you weekly reminders that include: routes within the Village and an 8-week plan to guide you in completing a 5k.

Register for either program online by Monday, March 29 with a valid e-mail address to receive weekly plans! The programs runs from Sunday, April 4 to Sunday, May 23 (5k) or Sunday, June 20 (10k).

For more information or to register, contact Sarah Maizel at 240-243-2338, e-mail [smaizel@mfv.org](mailto:smaizel@mfv.org) or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).

## Virtual Camp Open House

Save the date for our Virtual Camp Open House! Join the Zoom meeting from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19 (times vary for each of our camps). Even though we can't together this year, come join us virtually for your chance to meet some staff and ask questions. Please be sure to provide a valid e-mail address when registering. For more information or questions, e-mail the program team at [programstaff@mfv.org](mailto:programstaff@mfv.org).

# TAILGATE BINGO

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Apple Ridge Recreation Area, 10101 Apple Ridge Road

## Friday, April 30

### 6 p.m.

12-pack of  
Bingo Cards  
\$10

(open for parking at 5:15 p.m.)

Pre-registration required by Wednesday, April 21.  
No walk-ins allowed.

Each person must register. Limited spaces.

All participants must adhere to distancing guidelines, wear masks and bring their own markers/dabbers, chairs and tables (if you wish to sit outside your vehicle).



For more information or to register, call Sarah Maizel at 240-243-2338, e-mail [smaizel@mfv.org](mailto:smaizel@mfv.org) or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).

## Montgomery Village CONSERVATION CORPS

for ages 14 to 16

8 a.m. to Noon

Monday, June 21

through Friday, July 30  
including Monday, July 5

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 2.

Apply online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).



For more information or to register, call Amy Roswurm at 240-243-2303, e-mail [aroswurm@mfv.org](mailto:aroswurm@mfv.org) or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).



## RECREATION

## Children's dance classes

Is your child looking to get into dance or just to try something new? These beginning dance classes for all ages are perfect. All classes cost \$117/Resident and \$127/Non-resident.

**BALLET - JAZZ**

This combination class teaches the basics of ballet and Jazz. Students will learn the basics of basic vocabular and introductory movements for ballet and jazz. Class will be held at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village

Avenue, on Mondays, April 5 to June 7; ages 3 to 6 from 4 to 4:50 p.m. and ages 7 to 11 from 5 to 5:50 p.m.

**STRENGTH AND FLEXIBILITY FOR BEGINNER DANCERS**

This class is great for new dancers, those needing a little something extra or even athletes looking to improve flexibility. Students will learn sets of exercises to strengthen the full body in a fun way; the basics about healthy living; nutrition; and injury prevention,

and will be guided in creating and achieving goals.

Classes will be held on Zoom on Wednesdays, April 7 to June 9; ages 7 to 12 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and ages 14 to 18 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**BALLET, TAP AND JAZZ**

Dancers will enjoy this interactive class that builds on basic movements as a Ballet, Tap and Jazz combination class, but is still appropriate for first-time dancers. Jazz class includes an introduction to proper warm-

ups and stretches for the body combined with across-the-floor progressions and mini combinations. The Tap portion of the class will concentrate on building confidence through mastering more difficult patterns and steps. The Ballet portion of class includes an introduction to the ballet barre/positions and learning more challenging steps.

Classes are scheduled for Saturdays, April 10 to June 12 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue; ages 3 to 6 from 11 to

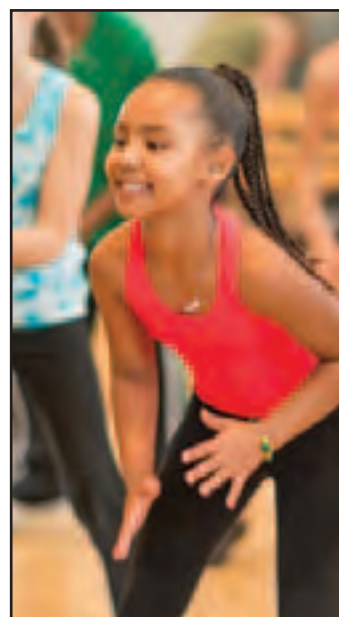
11:55 a.m., ages 7 to 11 from noon to 12:55 p.m. and ages 12 to 16 from 1 to 1:55 p.m.

**VIRAL DANCE LIKE A PRO!**

This class is perfect for the child who wants to learn all of the new viral dances! This class is online and allows dancers a safe fun way to express themselves while listening to their favorite songs.

Class is scheduled for Sundays, April 11 to June 6; girls dance from noon to 1 p.m. and boys dance from 1 to 2 p.m.

For more information or to register for any of the children's dance classes, call Kimeshia Junkins 240-243-2334, e-mail [kjunkins@mvmf.org](mailto:kjunkins@mvmf.org) or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).



## Outdoor Wine & CRAFT

Saturday, April 10  
3 to 5 p.m.



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Need a night out? Come create your own wooden pallet sign! Choose a stain, background and stencils. **For adults 21 and older.**

Don't delay, space is limited!

**All participants are required to wear a face covering over your nose and mouth and should practice social distancing precautions.**

**Pre-registration is required. \$32/Resident, \$42/Non-resident**

Lake Marion Community Center Deck, 8821 East Village Avenue



For more information, call 301-948-0110, e-mail [sbaldridge@mvmf.org](mailto:sbaldridge@mvmf.org) or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).

## Spring SCAVENGER HUNT

**Saturday, April 3**

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Search for Easter Eggs and Easter Bunnies in the parks and on the paths throughout the Village! On the back of each egg or bunny will be an age-appropriate task for families to complete. Submit pictures of all completed tasks for a chance to win a prize. List of tasks will be released to participants beginning Friday, April 2.

Task should be completed and submitted to [sbaldridge@mvmf.org](mailto:sbaldridge@mvmf.org) no later than 9 p.m. on Sunday, April 11 to be included in the drawing. Winners will be chosen randomly no later than 9 a.m. on Wednesday, April 14.

**Registration is free, but required, and all families must register by Thursday, April 1 to receive clues and updates!**



For more information or to register, e-mail [sbaldridge@mvmf.org](mailto:sbaldridge@mvmf.org) or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).



## RECREATION

## MVF Soccer (Instructional)

It's time to spring back into action with another goal, and score with MVF Soccer classes! These classes are designed to teach your child new skills like dribbling, passing and shooting, while incorporating previously learned skills or knowledge of soccer. Instructors will introduce new skills and play fun games to incorporate everything you child has learned from classes. Program includes classes for children ages 3 to 9.



Classes are scheduled at varying times per age group on Saturdays, April 3 to May 22 at North Creek Futsal Court, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Costs per age group and registration information can be found at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).

For more information or to register, call Sarah Maizel at 240-243-2338 or e-mail [smaizel@mvf.org](mailto:smaizel@mvf.org).



## Pickleball classes, adult leagues and tournaments

Pickleball is the talk of the town! Get practicing and start competing on the new North Creek Pickleball Courts, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Options for all skills levels are available, including a social doubles league and tournaments.

Choose from beginner, intermediate or advanced beginner instruction, a doubles league or Men's, Women's or

mixed tournaments all Spring! Classes, leagues or tournaments cost \$40/Resident or \$45/Non-resident to participate. Times, dates and details vary.

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## Basketball Express

Basketball Express provides quality training for children ages 6 to 15 desiring to learn the fundamentals of basketball, while enjoying a dynamic atmosphere. Shooting, dribbling and passing are the core components of each and every training session. This class is taught by experienced

instructor and referee Charlie Williams on Sundays, April 11 through May 23 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Age groups and times vary.

Hurry – space is limited due to county guidelines. Participants must pre-register; no drop-ins are allowed at this

time. The cost to participate is \$105/Resident or \$115/Non-resident.

For more information or to register, call Kimeshia Junkins at 240-243-2334, e-mail [kjunkins@mvf.org](mailto:kjunkins@mvf.org) or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).

## Aerobics

Let's get moving! Instructor Karin Baker will help keep you on track with Jackie Sorenson's Aerobic Classes at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Days, times and pricing vary.

### STRENGTH AND FLEXIBILITY

Build strength, increase flexibility and learn stretching techniques all in one class from 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Look good and feel good in this no-impact program. Participants should bring a mat and weights. This program works the whole body without impact on the joints.

Classes run from Tuesday, April 6 to Thursday, May 25. The cost to participate is \$76/Resident or \$86/Non-resident for 1 time per week or \$140/Resident or \$150/Non-resident for 2 times per week.

### AEROBIC DANCING

This dynamic dance workout includes stretching and flexibility moves, floor work, standing weight work (hand and ankle weights optional), aerobic conditioning and cool-down. All workouts are easy to learn and follow.

Classes are held from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, from Wednesday, April 7 to Wednesday, May 26. Register for once or twice per week. Mondays are \$67/Resident or \$77/Non-resident; Wednesdays are \$76/Resident or \$86/Non-resident; both days are \$124/Residents or \$134/Non-resident.

### AEROBIC WORKOUT

Start with a warm up of floor work and standing floor work, followed by a 30-minute fat-burning aerobic workout and end with a cool-down series.

Classes meet on from 8 to 9 a.m. on Saturdays from April 10 through May 22 Aerobic Workout costs \$70/Resident and \$80/Non-resident.

Pre-registration is required; no drop-ins are allowed at this time. For more information or to register for any aerobics classes, call Sarah Maizel at 240-243-2338, e-mail [smaizel@mvf.org](mailto:smaizel@mvf.org) or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).



## Board

## WORKSHOP

for parents

with Parent Progress Coach  
Kari Primoizic

**4019.220**  
**Saturdays,**  
**April 17 and May 15**  
**at 10 a.m.**  
via Zoom

Are you a parent looking for ways to achieve your goals while managing a busy schedule? We have just the workshop for you! In this two-part workshop you will learn all about creating a vision board. The goal is to teach participants how to write effective goals, implement goals and how to stay accountable by using a vision board.

Pre-registration is required. Workshop costs \$55/Resident and \$65/Non-resident.

For more information or to register, call Kimeshia Junkins at 240-243-2334, e-mail [kjunkins@mvf.org](mailto:kjunkins@mvf.org) or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).

# Wine & Paint

**Saturday, May 15**  
**5 to 7 p.m.**

**\$32/Resident**  
**\$42/Non-resident**  
Pre-registration is required

Instructor Caryl Strauss will lead you step-by-step through learning to paint a beautiful landscape with acrylics on stretched canvas. Come join the fun, but hurry – space is limited! For adults 21 and older.

Price includes all supplies and two glasses of wine. Social distancing will be enforced and facial coverings are required.

**Lake Marion Community Center Deck, 8821 East Village Avenue**

For more information, call 301-948-0110, e-mail [sbaldridge@mvf.org](mailto:sbaldridge@mvf.org) or visit [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com).



## MV SENIORS

# seniors in action

Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road

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

Your first visit to one of our programs is free!

## WINTER Session

through Friday, May 15

Looking for something to do? Register now and come Zoom with Seniors in Action, Mondays through Fridays! These are fun, interactive Zoom sessions for ages 55+ to keep you engaged, educated, and having fun.

### MONDAY

**Zumba Gold with Kirsten V.** 10 to 11 a.m.  
Come learn new dance moves and stay active!

**Bridge Online with Ralph** 1 to 3 p.m.  
(Not on Zoom, please contact Ralph Colling at [colling\\_ralph@gmail.com](mailto:colling_ralph@gmail.com) if you would like to join).

### TUESDAY

**Book Discussion** 10:15 to 11:45 a.m.  
Third Tuesday each month  
**Feb:** "Where the Crawdad's Sing" by Delia Owens  
**March:** "Lady Clementine" by Marie Benedict  
**April:** "Rules of Civility" by Amor Towles  
**May:** "Pompeii" by Robert Harris

**Games/Bingo** Noon to 1 p.m.  
Come play Word List, Phrases and Number Bingo, followed by a fast-paced game of "Speed Bingo."

### WEDNESDAY

**Yoga and Meditation** Noon to 1 p.m.  
Join SiA friends for a virtual Yoga class on Zoom. Relax and practice breathing techniques and reduce stress.

**Bridge Online with Ralph** 1 to 3 p.m.  
(Not on Zoom, please contact Ralph Colling at [colling\\_ralph@gmail.com](mailto:colling_ralph@gmail.com) if you would like to join).

**Craft & Laugh!** 2 to 3 p.m.  
Bring your own project to your nearest Zoom screen, where we socialize and share our creations. If you need special supplies, e-mail [sbaldridge@mvf.org](mailto:sbaldridge@mvf.org).

### THURSDAY

**Fitness Thursdays** 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 p.m.  
Alternating weeks of Instructor-led, video guided and Chair One Fitness. These are fun, easy to follow, seated and standing movement classes. All fitness levels are encouraged to participate.

### FRIDAY

**Tea-Time & Trivia** Noon to 1 p.m.  
Bring your favorite beverage and enjoy Trivia, fun quizzes and memory games.

**Friday Night Happy Hour** 7 to 8 p.m.  
A variety of programs including virtual travel, discussion groups, special presenters and chat sessions.

## Coming up...



During this time of distancing, Seniors in Action members have adjusted most of their activities to include lots of Zoom meetings, but with the technology they can still chat, play games and have some great discussions.

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

### Special Presentations:

Join us virtually for informative and interesting monthly presentations on a variety of exciting themes.

E-mail [sbaldridge@mvf.org](mailto:sbaldridge@mvf.org) for Seniors in Action updates on program offerings and any schedule changes.

## Spotlight on Seniors...

### Meet Barbara and Ralph Bally

Barb and I moved to Montgomery Village in 1988. We picked our current townhouse because it has a walkout basement that opened up to a lovely green space and a view of the golf course. Also, the community had bylaws, lakes, pools, tennis courts and walking paths. Just what our family needed.

In 1988, and before retiring in 2005, I was a psychologist on active duty in the Navy. During my 27-year career, I was stationed at hospitals in San Diego, Bethesda and Okinawa, Japan. I served aboard the Navy hospital ship USNS Comfort during 911 in New York City, and twice assigned to ships in the Persian Gulf during the Gulf War. I've been a member of the Patton Ridge HOA board for the past several years and chairman of the maintenance/landscape committee.

In Barb's early years, she traveled to Texas and worked as a lay missionary helping migrant workers and their children. Then she worked for a time in the X-ray department at Prince George's Hospital. After attending Montgomery College, she became an Early Childhood Education teacher, and for over 25 years, cared for children ages 6 months to 12.

We have always enjoyed outside activities that included family camping trips, hiking, biking, kayaking, white-water canoeing and traveling to many National Parks.

In retirement, we found the Seniors in Action group, which offers a multitude of activities for everyone. It gives us a chance to stay active, socialize and make new friends.



### REGISTRATION

Not a member of Seniors in Action? Take ACTION and sign up to become part of the most distinct & diverse group in Montgomery Village! Sign up today for a nominal fee for our September through December session at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road or online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com). Need more information? Please contact Susan Baldridge, Seniors in Action Activity Coordinator, at [sbaldridge@mvf.org](mailto:sbaldridge@mvf.org).

Not receiving the weekly SiA e-mails? E-mail [sbaldridge@mvf.org](mailto:sbaldridge@mvf.org) to be added to the e-mail list. Get updates and changes related to Seniors in Action. Sign up for the Seniors in Action e-mail list for more information!



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YOUR HOME? IS IT  
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## HELP WANTED

## MONTGOMERY VILLAGE CONSERVATION CORPS SUPERVISOR

The Montgomery Village Foundation Department of Recreation and Parks is seeking an individual with strong leadership skills to direct crew of five teens for park and environmental projects. Work hours will typically be between are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon, however may vary with organizational needs. Workdays will be scheduled from June 21 through July 30, with additional training hours during the week of June 14. Conservation Corps Supervisor will be required to work Monday, July 5. Supervisory experience working with children/teens preferred. Due to COVID-19, the typical program structure may be adjusted to adhere to the safety guidelines in June.

Pay rate begins at \$16.00 per hour

Requirements:

- Minimum age 18 years
- Valid drivers' license with good driving record
- CPR/AED and First Aid Certification, or ability to obtain prior to start date

## MONTGOMERY VILLAGE CONSERVATION CORPS WORKERS

The Montgomery Village Foundation Department of Recreation and Parks is seeking motivated teens (ages 14 to 16) 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 noon, Monday through Friday, from Monday, June 21 through Friday, July 30. Conservation Corps Workers will be required to work Monday, July 5. 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 2.

Applications may be obtained at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886 or online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com). For more information contact Amy Roswurm at 240-243-2303 or e-mail [aroswurm@mvmf.org](mailto:aroswurm@mvmf.org).

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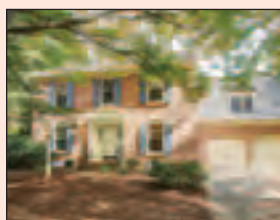
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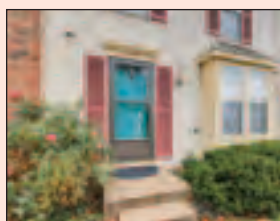


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## Coming Soon

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9705 Lookout Place, Lakeside of Whetstone	\$539,900
20427 Aspenwood Lane, The Points	\$436,500
9509 Aspenwood Court, The Points	\$435,000
9505 Aspenwood Court, The Points	\$420,000
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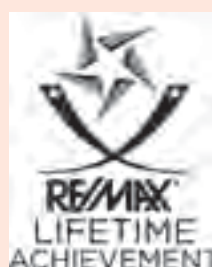
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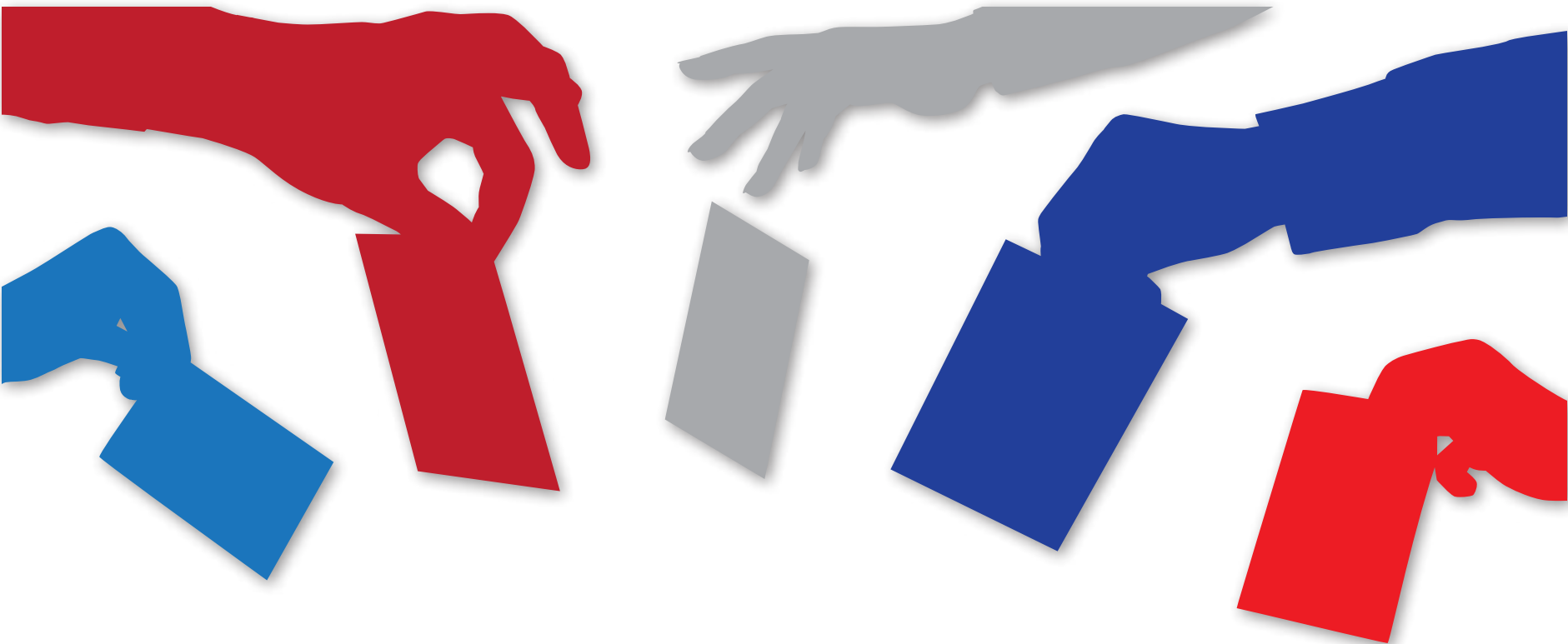
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MVF ELECTION



Montgomery Village Foundation  
Board of Directors

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★★★★ **GUIDE**  
**2021** ★★★★★

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## MVF ELECTION

## Montgomery Village Foundation 2021 Board of Directors Election

Your ballot for the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors election should arrive at your home shortly after Friday, Feb. 5. 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.

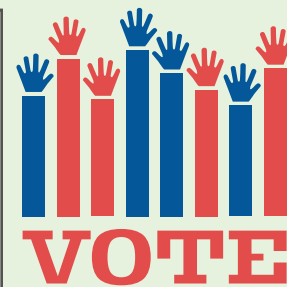
Board decisions are based on resident and committee input, staff recommendations and the governing by-laws and covenants of Montgomery Village.

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.

### 2021 VOTING INFORMATION FOR OWNERS OF PRIVATE DWELLING UNITS

1. For your ballot to be valid, assessments (including late payment fees) must be current through Dec. 31, 2020 (paid by Feb. 28, 2021).
2. Vote for no more than three candidates including write-ins.
3. To keep your vote secret, please do not sign the face of the ballot.
4. Place the ballot inside the return envelope and seal it.
5. In the upper left corner of the return envelope, print and sign your name. Write your Village address if it is different from the mailing address shown on the label. The printed name and signature must be from a person whose name appears on the deed as owner of record.
6. Only one ballot may be submitted per private dwelling unit. If duplicate ballots arrive, the ballot with the earliest postmark will be considered valid unless it is personally withdrawn by the voter and another ballot is re-submitted.
7. **All ballots must be received at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, by 5 p.m., Friday, March 19, 2021.**
8. Ballots will be counted Saturday, March 20, 2021, beginning at 9 a.m. at the MVF Office, with results announced immediately following.
9. The elected candidates will be introduced at the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Montgomery Village Foundation, Thursday, March 25, 2021 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road, at 7:45 p.m.
10. For Management Companies: Contact MVF to confirm you are the agent of record if owners designate the management company to vote on their behalf.

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



#### YOUR VOTE MATTERS!

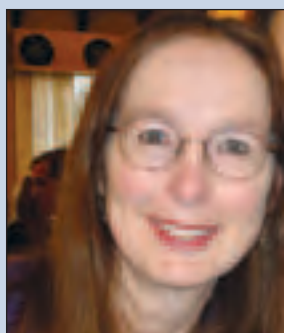
Residents are reminded to completely fill out and sign ballot envelopes in order for votes to be properly counted and validated.



## MEET THE CANDIDATES

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

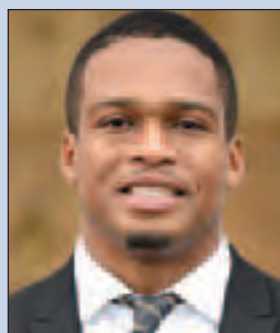
**Thursday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. via Zoom**



PAMELA BORT



BRANDON  
COFFEE-BORDEN



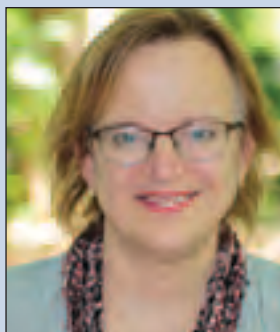
JOSEPH HOOKS



JEROME LEONARD



SUSAN PRINCE



MARY STIFF

See Candidate Interviews online at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com)

## Montgomery Village Foundation

### 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION CALENDAR

#### FRIDAY, FEB. 5

Election ballots mailed to residents  
Candidate Videos released online

#### THURSDAY, FEB. 25, 7 P.M. MEET THE CANDIDATES

Zoom meeting information  
in MVF Board packet

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 5

Candidate Interviews published online  
at [www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com)

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 5 P.M.

Balloting closes

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 7 P.M. ELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Ballot validation and counting procedures reviewed  
Virtual meeting

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 9 A.M. OFFICIAL BALLOT COUNTING

Ballot counting conducted virtually

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1 P.M.

Ballot count results announced online  
[www.montgomeryvillage.com](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com)



MVF ELECTION

Candidate	PAMELA BORT	BRANDON COFFEE-BORDEN	JOSEPH HOOKS	JEROME LEONARD	SUSAN PRINCE	MARY STIFF
Village Community	South Village	Patton Ridge	Stedwick	Northgate	Whetstone	Northgate
Resident	Resident Homeowner	Resident Homeowner	Resident/Renter	Resident Homeowner	Resident Homeowner	Resident Homeowner
Length of Residency	26 years	5.5 years	33 years	18 years	2 years	3 years
Occupation	Senior Paralegal	Program & Policy Evaluator	Founder & Director of 480 Club and College Success Coach	Technologist	Strategic Communications	Real Estate Agent
Assessments Current	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Architectural Violations	No	No	No	No	No	No
Participation in Village Affairs	South Village Homes Corporation Board of Directors, 2005–Present; Vice President, 2011–2014, Treasurer, 2014–2015; President 2016–2018; Montgomery Village Foundation Board, 2008–2011, 2012–Present; MVF Executive Committee, 2009–2011; MVF Board Liaison to the Committee on the Environment and the Communications Committees; Liaison to ARB; Liaison to Audit Committee.	Patton Ridge Board of Directors 2018–Present	Former Montgomery Village Recreation Specialist (Part time); Montgomery Village Sports Association Volunteer Football Coach 2012–present; Director of 480 Club—WMHS School Based Wellness Center; Former WMHS Assistant Football Coach and Substitute Teacher; Former Stedwick Elementary School Paraeducator	Rotary International; Bloom MV meetings; Support children as <i>Village News</i> carrier	Since moving to Montgomery Village I have: Attended MVF board and HOA meetings; Participated in several recreation classes, the indoor yard sale, and food/toy drive; Regularly used the pool(s), walking and bike paths.	I have enjoyed many of the activities that the Village offers, and was part of the team that brought a successful Little Free Pantry to the Village. The pantry serves a lot of Village residents through a very difficult season.
Participation in Community Affairs	Contributor to <i>The Village News</i> on behalf of South Village Homes Corporation; affiliate, FOWL, 2004–Present.	N/A	2018 Leadership Montgomery Emerging Leader graduate, Montgomery County Commission on Children and Youth 2018–2020, Choose Respect Montgomery Planning Committee 2018–2020, Community Advocacy Institute with Montgomery County Action Board 2017	Served as a leader in Village affairs through Rotary International, MV Bloom; I have voted, engaged with candidates, business owners, and residents as a concerned and active resident; Engaged with local police to organize residents to form a neighbor watch; Represented our MV based business at various chamber and legislative events.	Currently serve as the Board Chairman of Rockville Economic Development, Inc.; Served as President of the West End Citizens Assoc.; Served on numerous committees, including Council President Katz's Covid-19 and King Farm Redevelopment Task Forces	N/A
Other, including educational background, awards, etc.	Education: University of Maryland, BA; Northwestern University, MAT; Georgetown University, Paralegal Program.	Master of Public Policy with focus in social policy analysis and evaluation	Former Montgomery County States Attorney Office Program Specialist (Community Outreach), Former MCPS paraeducator and substitute teacher, Former Youth Development Specialist at WMHS and current Montgomery County Recreation Excel Beyond the Bell at (South Lake ES, Whetstone, MVMS)	Led bible studies through faith based organizations; Served as a Montgomery College Foundation Board member; Served as student adviser with MCPS and the Montgomery County Business Roundtable for Education	Born and raised in Washington, DC and Montgomery County. Received my BA from Tulane University, and MBA from Duke University. Professionally, I work for MITRE supporting NIST and CMS.	I have a degree in Mass Communication and 10 years of experience in corporate communications before changing career paths. I have applied for and won numerous awards for projects. Now I am more invested in home values in the Village, having helped my clients buy and sell here.



## MVF ELECTION

## Montgomery Village Foundation 2021 Board of Directors election candidates

## PAMELA BORT

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

In addition to my service on the MVF and South Village Homes Corporation Boards, I have been employed for over 30 years in the areas of corporate law (including non-profits), banking, and public finance. I believe this experience is valuable to the MVF Board in its operations and with its oversight responsibilities.

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

I see the priorities facing the MVF Board as follows:

(a) Ensuring continued financial stability in a time of economic volatility;

(b) Ensuring that the plans for the golf course, professional center and Village Center development serve the best interests of Village residents;

(c) The future of the Village vis a vis the County and the State; and

(d) The preservation of the Village's natural environment.

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

I would be an active participant in the budget process, with an emphasis on transparency, reasonableness and continued oversight. We need to increase resident participation in Village programs and give all residents a strong vested interest in implementing the Village's vision for its future. We must closely monitor and respond to County and State initiatives that affect the Village. This must be done to ensure the preservation of our woodlands, parks and lakes, the natural surroundings which are the hallmark of our planned community.

## BRANDON COFFEE-BORDEN

**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 over a decade of experience working as a consultant in the areas of program evaluation and organizational capacity building. As a result, I have developed skills in budgeting, contracting, negotiation, and project management. My work has also formed a deep understanding of the problems faced by families and communities across the country and promising solutions. I believe that this knowledge and experience will allow me to make a valuable contribution to the Board.

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

One important item I would like to address is the ongoing redevelopment of the Village. This is an extremely exciting time as construction begins on the site of the old golf course, the Village Center is renewed, and we continue to adapt our infrastructure to meet the changing needs of residents. These developments are critical to maintaining a healthy and vibrant community. I hope to support bringing in fresh amenities like updates to our pools, new playgrounds, and more modern facilities so Montgomery Village remains a great place to live and work. I want to see our community continue to be a place where people of diverse socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds and at different stages of life can find a place for themselves and build a home.

Another important item I would like to address is the need to think creatively about how the Board can support residents during these difficult times. The COVID-19 pandemic has created health, social, and economic impacts that will be with us for many years. I think the Board will need to be adaptive and flexible to meet the challenges that are ahead. As we recover locally and nationally, there is also a great opportunity to think about how we can build a more resilient Montgomery Village by strengthening the Foundation, services to residents, resident organizations, the Village's infrastructure, and by providing greater access and opportunities to our residents.

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

I think that the road forward, both in terms of redevelopment and recovery from the pandemic, has to be ground in resident needs and interests. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way we interact with each other and how we think about what is means to be in community with one another. In this environment people of all backgrounds have found new ways to connect and interact. The Board can consider how to use new tools and technology to engage with residents and reduce barriers to resident participation, information sharing, and allow greater resident input into Board decision-making. In turn, this would allow the Board to make data-informed decisions on what our priorities should be and collect valuable information that can guide the implementation of community projects.

## JOSEPH HOOKS

**1. In your civic, professional**

**or personal background, what experience has prepared you for a position on the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors?**

Being a Montgomery Village resident for 30+ years, a minority with a small business that serves the direct community and spends time with family and youth through volunteerism. I have worked with many local non profits, schools, business owners. I have formed a non profit and have collaborated with many to best advise and be a quality board member to represent the minority community members of Montgomery Village.

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

Parks & Recreation development, Community outreach and programming, Montgomery Village Town Center, Youth & Teen weekend programing, Community Center usage and community safety.

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

Improved Community Outreach Identify community members to speak up and report more about thier experience and needs to want to continue to live in Montgomery Village. Identify the programs that residents would like to be offered for the youth and teens, advocate for local or state funding for infrastructure improvements for a Community Center upgrade, promote and develop a neighborhood watch system to improve safety and crime reporting. Analyze Parks for improvement suggestions to accommodate to the interest of the residents.

## JEROME LEONARD

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

Serves as subject matter expert for Microsoft Cloud Technologies to global customers.

Served as primary thought leader on Mc 311 for quality management.

Served as subject matter expert for end user requirements analysis, design-development code reviews, test construction-execution, training development-execution, and deployment.

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

I believe the ongoing Village Center, Medical Center, and MV Bloom projects bringing major construction in our community are top priorities. We must work with all stakeholders who are on

different sides of the changes ahead in the village. I believe transportation is another major issue we will need to address as population increases and our Village Center is modernized to become a destination. Naturally, managing our resources and governing so our community is vibrant and a place where residents, businesses, and employees flourish is a top priority.

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

I'm proposing continued strategic active engagement with the new developers building residential and commercial projects in the Village. This will be important to ensure that impact to quality of life is well known and managed properly. I'm proposing continued outreach to residents to get the awareness and participation levels as high as possible. I would like to use technology also to live-stream and record key meetings so residents who can't physically attend can still get the information virtually.

## SUSAN PRINCE

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

In addition to a successful business career, I bring many years of volunteer experience. After 10 years of serving on the board of Rockville Economic Development, Inc., I was recently elected Board Chair. In this role, I oversee budgets, strategy, and initiatives to strengthen the quality of life for residents. I also served as President of the West End Citizens Association and worked tirelessly to protect the residential nature of the neighborhood. I am passionate about helping entrepreneurs currently serve as a Network Advisor for TEDCO, a Maryland agency supporting start-up companies. I have also volunteered at A Wider Circle and received Good Neighbor award from Rockville City Council.

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

Montgomery Village is an amazing place to live and raise a family. We have wonderful recreational opportunities as well as beautiful parks and open spaces. Our future success depends on a balanced approach to development - focusing on fiscal responsibility, strengthening our existing assets, and striving to improve the quality of life for all residents. The pandemic has affected all of us in many different ways. Businesses have closed, people have lost jobs, and family members have fallen ill and lost loved ones. We have

all felt the stress of this terrible pandemic. How we respond as a community to this crisis is crucial to the well-being of all residents.

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

There is a lot of new development happening in and around Montgomery Village. The Village Center is getting a much needed facelift and new stores, but more can be done to ensure we have the right mix of establishments that create a vital "center" for the Village. Let's work with the developers to make sure they are attracting the types of retailers that create a sense of place that's currently missing. Lake Forest Mall is undergoing redevelopment and I would like to ensure the interests of residents are represented. I would also like to see MVF to do more to help residents struggling during this pandemic. Coordinating with the county to provide access to resources and even expanding the services the MVF offers to help those in need.

## MARY STIFF

**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 am currently working in the real estate field with a vested interest in the affairs and property. Before my current occupation, I spent 10 years in the communications field dealing with everything from award applications to crisis communications (please let's try to avoid the crisis communications). Before that, I was a stay-at-home mom in a place that did not offer the kind of amenities that we enjoy here. While my child is grown now, I do appreciate the options that this association affords its residents and wish that those who lived here better understood their association.

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

Creating better efficiencies, improving the image of the Foundation

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

Creating preapproved home improvements for residents, educating them on what the Foundation does and why, through regular posting on social media, partnering with various vendors to perform approved upgrades and letting them market their preapproved services to the residents of the Village (we get the word out, they pay for the advertising).



## MVF ELECTION

## 2021 Board of Directors election candidate video interview transcripts



PAMELA BORT

BRANDON  
COFFEE-BORDEN

JOSEPH HOOKS



JEROME LEONARD



SUSAN PRINCE



MARY STIFF

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](http://www.montgomeryvillage.com) or on our YouTube channel under the 2021 MVF Board Candidates playlist.

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

**PAMELA BORT**

Hi, my name is Pamela Bort. I've lived in the Village since 1995, in South Village.

**BRANDON COFFEE-BORDEN**

My name is Brandon Coffee-Borden and I've lived in Montgomery Village for about 7 1/2 years now, and currently I live in Fairidge in the Patton Ridge community.

**JOSEPH HOOKS**

My name is Joseph Hooks. I have lived in Montgomery Village for 33 years, and I reside in the Club Hill of Stedwick.

**JEROME LEONARD**

My name is Jerome Leonard I've been in Montgomery Village—a resident owner—for the last 18 years. I live in Williams Range, in the west Village.

**SUSAN PRINCE**

Hi, my name is Susan Prince. I've lived in Montgomery Village for two years, and I currently reside in the Courts of Whetstone.

**MARY STIFF**

My name is Mary Stiff. I live in Overlea, and I've been here for about 2 1/2 years now.

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

**PAMELA BORT**

Well, I initially joined the Board because I was complaining a lot about how things were run. And I decided that if I didn't like the way the Board was doing things, I really should shut up and put up, so I ran for the Board. And actually, that hasn't

really changed; it's not that I don't like what the Board is doing, it's that I understand that if you want things to be done the way you think they should be done, then you have to be involved. So that's why I'm running again.

**BRANDON COFFEE-BORDEN**

I'm interested in serving on the Board to really meaningfully contribute to serving the Foundation and its mission. I think that the Board really plays a critical role in supporting the health and the welfare of our residents. It also makes a lot of really important policy decisions, everything from, you know, holding our architectural standards, to collection of assessments, maintaining our community property and maybe, most importantly, managing the financial assets of the Village. It also plays a really important role in monitoring what's going on both at the county level and the state level—just anything that might affect the quality of life of residents here in the Village, and I just want to contribute to that.

**JOSEPH HOOKS**

I am very interested in serving on the Montgomery Village Board of Directors because I think it's a great opportunity to, most importantly, serve. Serve the community that I've lived in for over 30 years—becoming a professional, becoming a small business owner, a volunteer. And I believe those would be a great addition to the Board of Directors. And especially being a minority that Montgomery Village represents. Montgomery Village has grown, and I believe I can be a continued advocate—a voice, someone to connect with all, to work with everyone—to help the Montgomery Village grow and continue the success it already has had.

**JEROME LEONARD**

I'm interested in being a catalyst for the transformation we're going through, and making contributions so that our community can continue being successful.

**SUSAN PRINCE**

So, I'm interested in serving on the Board for a couple of reasons. The first reason is, I am a civic person. In every community I've lived, in I've been involved in some level. I believe very strongly in civic engagement. I feel like that people who see things that need to be made better have responsibility to get involved. I'm currently on NextDoor, and I've seen people who have issues and complaints, and I prefer to take a little bit of a different approach—that if I feel like I see something that needs to be better, I love to get involved. The other reason is, Montgomery Village is just an amazing place! I've only been here for 2 years, but I grew up in Montgomery County; I'm very familiar with the Village. It has amazing attributes: beautiful parks, we have wonderful residents, people have been so welcoming and so friendly, and I've enjoyed so much getting to know my neighbors. And I think there's just tremendous potential here, and I'm really looking forward to getting involved.

**MARY STIFF**

Well, I'm interested in serving on the Board of Directors because having come into the community, and I talk to people in the community, and people have voiced concerns to me. And some of their concerns have been kind of loud and, you know, some of them have been kind of consistent. And it just seems to me that, you know, there are ways that I think that I could help and be a benefit to the Board.

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

**PAMELA BORT**

Well, I also serve on the South Village Board of Directors. For a while there, I was a member of F.O.W.L., which was a group that at one time did annual cleanups of Lake Whetstone. I work on reducing the feral population of cats in South Village (not terribly successfully). And other than that, you know, I work full-time downtown, so I do the best I can.

**BRANDON COFFEE-BORDEN**

So, I've served on the Patton Ridge Homes Corporation Board of Directors since 2018 and it's been a really valuable experience and I think it's really helped me both understand on the Patton Ridge community a lot more. It's helped me understand the broader Montgomery Village community a lot more, and really understanding the role that the MVF Board plays, as well as the role that each of the homes corporation boards play relative to the MVF Board. So, it's really been a great experience.

**JOSEPH HOOKS**

I've had a pleasure to work in Montgomery Village in various ways. One of my first part-time positions coming out of college was actually working for the Foundation Recreation Department, and from there I've had a great experience working with all those who work in the Foundation, working with the community. I worked with the senior programs, I worked with the teen center program. I did special events. And that experience really gave me the passion to continue to work in service in Montgomery Village. From there I've been able to work with the school systems, serving all elementary, and middle schools and Watkins Mill High School. I have worked with local government—the State's Attorney's Office, a truancy prevention program—and I've been able to work with our youth to stay engaged in providing services from the county. I have worked as a volunteer, which is a passion. I've been a MVSA football coach for over 8 years, so I've been able to connect with many families and residents that have grown, to continue to raise their families in Montgomery Village. And I believe I have a great scope of, you know, their needs, the amenities, the policies, the things that make Montgomery Village thrive. I have been a part of the LeadershipMontgomery Emerging Leadership Program, so I've been able to connect with many different politicians, business owners, that support Mont-

gomery Village. And I believe utilizing all of my experiences can be a benefit to the Board of Directors that will serve Montgomery Village residents.

**JEROME LEONARD**

I was involved at the leadership level in Rotary International Montgomery Village. I've also been involved in leadership roles at the elementary and high school PTA; our children have been newspaper carriers. I've been involved in faith-based organizations leadership in Montgomery Village, as well as being a business owner here.

**SUSAN PRINCE**

So, since moving to Montgomery Village, I've worked really hard to become further engaged in the community. I've attended HOA meetings, I've attended the Board meetings. I participated in a lot of activities in the Village. I've taken several recreation classes. I've taken Pickleball and taken that up; it's super, super fun! I've also participated in the yard sale; I participated in the toy drive and the food drive. So I've worked hard to really get to know people and become engaged in the community. The other thing I've done—I'm a pretty active runner and biker—and I have walked or hiked or ridden every single trail and sidewalk (pretty much) in Montgomery Village and you know I love it. I've gone from one end to the other end and back again, and it's a beautiful place. You know, I've tried as best that I could to really take advantage of all the things Montgomery Village has to offer, including the pools, the lakes—I love it! I love it all!

**MARY STIFF**

Well, mainly the ways that I've been involved in the community is by using the amenities. I use the walking trails. I use the pools. I've been to the community centers, been to events at the community center. I know how everything kind of works just being around, and being around people. And I was involved with the effort to get the little free pantry up at the United Methodist Church. I'm really kind of...I love the way



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that that came out. I love that Denise is still pumping away at it, and I love that we still gather there and, you know, everybody brings food and it's getting to the point where people who need it, know that it's there. So that's kind of a really cool thing that I think is, well, really cool.

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?*

### PAMELA BORT

I serve on another board; I serve on the South Village board. I've had a fair amount of experience with serving on homeowner association boards. Prior to moving to South Village, I served on the homeowners association board for the community that I was living in. In addition, my area of expertise in my profession is non-profits—South Village is a non-profit, Montgomery Village Foundation is a non-profit—so, I think I bring a little something to that.

### BRANDON COFFEE-BORDEN

I've spent all of my career working as a consultant in the areas of program evaluation and policy analysis and organizational capacity building. And so through that, I've developed a set of skills—things like budgeting, contracting, negotiation, project management. You know, I think that work has also formed a really deep understanding of the problems faced by families—different communities across the country—and a lot of my work also focused on trying to find promising solutions to those kinds of problems. So, I think that that kind of knowledge and experience. You know, I'm hopeful that it will allow me to make a really valuable contribution to the Board.

### JOSEPH HOOKS

My experience has been great. I believe that I have been blessed to have walked so many sidewalks, been through every neighborhood in Montgomery Village growing up, and seeing so many memories and families thrive, schools being rebuilt, programs being provided, improvements to centers and pools and playgrounds. And I believe that my experience professionally, with my personal experience combined, to be an asset to Montgomery Village residents. You know, I have so many people that are still here who trust me, and I believe I've gone above and beyond of call of duty professionally and shown interest in Montgomery Village. I have been able to advocate, connect and collaborate with different organizations and politicians to support Montgomery Village, and I think being on the Board of Directors will give me a stronger platform and team players to continue to build

Montgomery Village to bloom as much as they can.

### JEROME LEONARD

I've been in leadership roles with Montgomery County 311, from the inception, and built out the call center. I was involved in every agency and department at the county level. I've also been very active in our federal government—the Health and Human Services—in this area, as well as the Internal Revenue Service. I've delivered technology solutions and been involved in massive transformations of those agencies, so I feel very comfortable with the local, the county level, the state, as well as our national government infrastructure.

### SUSAN PRINCE

So, I bring to MVF a wealth of experience. In addition to my professional career, I currently am serving as Chair of the Board of Rockville Economic Development, Inc. I've served on that board for 10 years, and we've worked really hard to refocus the efforts of City of Rockville toward improving their overall economic development picture. In addition, I also served as the President of the Westin Citizens Association. This was a group that was responsible for representing a wide swath of residents within the City of Rockville. It was a very challenging situation, because there was a lot of development that was proposed for the neighborhood, and I took it upon myself to work really closely with the people who were looking to come into the community to make sure that it was the best development possible and representing the interests of the residents to protect that residential character of the neighborhood. It was a really challenging time, and it gave me a lot of experience in making sure that I could listen to what the resident's concerns were and adequately represent them. Additionally, I also am very passionate about entrepreneurs and small businesses. I currently serve as a network advisor at Tedco (it's Maryland's venture fund). So, I have a lot of passion with working with individuals who are looking to start businesses. I've been a mentor there. I was named a good citizen. I've received other awards. I've worked with Montgomery County Council on their COVID Response Committee; I was named to that. So, a wide variety of activities, both professional business-oriented, as well as for residents.

### MARY STIFF

I think that the best indicator of my ability is I have a degree in Mass Communication. And for 10 years, I worked in corporate communications doing public relations and outreach. So, it's something that I'm familiar with, and that's one of the reasons why I wanted to join the

Board. And one of the things that I think I bring to the Board is the ability to plan out communication and make sure that people understand the message and understand what they need to know. And I think right now, that's needed.

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

### PAMELA BORT

I think we need to complete the development of the golf course and the development of the shopping center in the Village. I think those are important. And of course, there are the always the problems of trash and parking in the Village. I'm not sure what the answers are in those, but I think they need to get more attention than they are. Now of course, parking is a homeowners association problem—not really a Foundation problem—but it's surprising the number of people who don't know that, and so, to some extent, we need to get that out better than we have done. I'm also interested in the finances. I'd like to keep our assessments down. There are a lot of people in the Village who are living on a fixed income and we need to keep that in mind. So that's something I'm very interested in, is somehow manage to keep all the amenities in the Village that we have and that we love, and at the same time try to keep our assessments from going out of sight.

### BRANDON COFFEE-BORDEN

One important item I'd like to address is just the continuing redevelopment of the Village. You know for me personally—my family—I think this is a really exciting time as construction is beginning on the site of the old golf course, the Village Center is getting renewed. Some new commercial options are coming in there. We're continuing to see this adaptation of our infrastructure to meet the changing needs of our residents, and I just think that these developments are really important to maintain a healthy and really vibrant community. Ans, so, I hope to support bringing in fresh amenities, like continued updates to our pools and recreational spaces, new playgrounds, more modern facilities and those sorts of things so the Village continues to be a great place to live and work.

You know, I think another important item I'd want to address is to think creatively about how the Board can support residents during what's been an unprecedented time. You know, the COVID-19 pandemic has created some health and social and economic impacts that are going to be with us for a while. And I think the Board is going to need to continue to adapt and

be flexible to meet the challenges that we see ahead. I do think as we recover both locally and nationally, there's also going to be a great opportunity to think about how we can build a more resilient Montgomery Village, strengthen the Foundation, strengthen the programs and services to residents, support resident organizations, continue to redevelop the Village's infrastructure, like I mentioned earlier. And then think about how we provide greater access and opportunities to residents.

### JOSEPH HOOKS

So, some of the priorities that I believe the Board of Directors has continued to address, is really just continue the work that's been done. There's been so many people who laid the foundation who have worked for the Board of Directors for so long, and following them. I'm very impressed with the development, the changes that have happened, but also there has been some changes that I think maybe need to return. I'm really trying to look for ways to connect communities together, adapt to the diversity that's to continue to grow. I believe that the development of MV Bloom is very important to support that, and the Village town center, which is growing, needs their attention and our support, as well. I believe community engagement is very important. Getting the voice of the residents and young people to advocate for things that they would like to have. And I would say community safety. You know, working for the local State Attorney's Office, continuing to work with our police department, our you know, policies in place to keep Montgomery Village safe, and to show that there is there is a lot of safe spaces and continue that. And I believe working with Montgomery Village Board of Directors and with the residents, we can continue to address all those needs.

### JEROME LEONARD

I believe one of our priorities is for us to successfully transform the various construction projects and see those through completion while also taking into consideration the impact that it will have on quality-of-life from a traffic perspective, from a population management perspective, public health and safety. I think these are the major challenges that we face and we need strong leadership and innovation in order for us to have positive outcomes.

### SUSAN PRINCE

So, the MVF Board of Directors has an opportunity to support our residents further. I feel like the current situation with the COVID crisis has affected all of us in many, many, different ways. We've been affected financially, socially, mentally, physically, and I would love

to see the Montgomery Village Foundation step up and see if there are ways that we could further assist our current residents. In helping them get through this as best that we can, and creating that sense of community that allows us to rely on each other and make sure that we can get through this in a way that's as best as possible.

### MARY STIFF

I think priority items to be addressed by the Board is outreach—making sure that the residents understand what the Board does, what the board Brings to them and they understand what the relationship is between the MVF Board and the boards of their local neighborhoods. So, between Northgate and MVF, who does what and what they can expect.

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

### PAMELA BORT

I would like to see us be involved more with our municipal neighbors at providing support for our community, for the people who live in our community. When I first joined the Board (lo these many years ago) one of my proposals was that we come up with some way of having a shuttle bus to go around the Village so that children could go to various community centers and engage in the sports that we offer, but they can't get to, because their parents are working and they don't have access to a vehicle and it's too far to walk. I see that we have coats that are being donated, and that's great, but there are just so many people who are really food challenged in this Village, and I would like for us to do something more than we've been doing. You know, I would rather use funds or energy to get our food donation system back up and running—the one we used to have.

### BRANDON COFFEE-BORDEN

So, I think the road forward, both in terms of, you know, the ongoing redevelopment of the Village and our ongoing recovery from the pandemic, I really think that has to be us grounded in the needs and interests of our residents. One of the things that the COVID-19 pandemic has done, is it's really changed the way that we interact with each other, how we think about what it means to be in community with one another. And I really think in this environment, people of all backgrounds have found new ways to connect and interact with each other and relate to each other. And I think it's an opportunity for the Board to consider how to use new tools and new technology to engage residents and reduce barriers to participation, to think about how it can share information and allow greater resident input



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into what the Board's doing. I think in turn, that just gives the Board more information from a broader range of the community that can guide the work that the Board does.

### JOSEPH HOOKS

The proposals I have is to continue to work with the Board of Directors that have put together so much great plans in place to support Montgomery Village residents. To expand that by bringing a more community outreach approach. Reconnecting with residents to advocate. Speak on the things that are a priority to them, see how we can address them. Work with the small businesses, local government, collaborating with our county council, delegates, senators, to support and advocate for Montgomery Village is very essential. I feel confident being able to do that with my prior relationships. I believe that we just continue to grow in a pace that makes sense. You know, looking at our budgets, our numbers. And I think that Montgomery Village can thrive if we continue the work that's been done. And me being part of the team, I look forward to working with the other Board of Directors and the President to make those things possible.

### JEROME LEONARD

I believe the voice of the citizen is extremely important so that we can capture what's on the minds, what's in the hearts, of our residents. And that includes not only those who live here, but those who work, those who are connected to Montgomery Village as we continue to go through this metamorphosis of being not only a small town, but a destination. I believe all of those aspects with the assistance of technology and excellent project management are the areas that I'd like to focus on.

### SUSAN PRINCE

So, I'd love to see the Foundation step up in supporting residents that have been affected by COVID. As you may or may not know, our zip code has one of the highest rates of COVID incidents within the county. We have an incredible community—very diverse population—and people have different needs. In response to this, I would love to see us expand our class offerings to help people address some of the challenges that we're facing. For instance, a very simple class on how to use Zoom; everybody is talking about doing Zoom calls, but you know, maybe there are parts of our population that aren't familiar with it and would love to take a short class on how to become more familiar, so that they can stay in touch with their communities and friends. Another idea would be, there are people are stressed, and maybe we could offer some classes on meditation. I know we have

some yoga classes; maybe there are ways that we can increase some of our offerings to help people deal with some of the stresses that they're facing. Perhaps some financial management classes—you know, how best to manage your finances as we go through these challenging times. I'd love to see us adapt our offerings to be responsive for the challenges that we're facing now.

### MARY STIFF

Well, since I believe in reaching people where they are, I know that we have a great little newsletter that goes out but, I don't think that that newsletter by itself is enough. I'd like to see communication from the Board on social media. We need much more of a social media presence than we already have. I mean a lot of people in this Village are on social media, and it would be really great if they could just get on Facebook and find out what's going on with the Board. So, that's one of the things. And a second item that I am interested in is, I hear a lot about the architectural standards, and I would like to see the Board review architectural standards. See if we can modernize them and see if we can systematize them in such a way that they're it's easier to get things approved. And there are things that maybe, you know, maybe certain colors of paint don't need approval in this neighborhood or that neighborhood. But I think it would be worth reviewing and worth taking a look at and getting input from the residents in order to do that.

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

### PAMELA BORT

I think the first barrier to getting people involved in the community is language. I think we need to do a better job of translating things—announcements, sending around notices from the various homeowners associations, the Montgomery Village Foundation. I think things need to be translated, and I think what we need to do, is we need to look carefully at the ethnic diversity of the community. We have a lot of Spanish-speaking people in the Village, but there are other groups that are, if not equally large, they're still a substantial part of the population. And I think we need to make more of an effort reaching out to them as well.

### BRANDON COFFEE-BORDEN

I think the diversity of Montgomery Village is one of our greatest resources. It's one of the things that attracted my wife and I to the Village in the first place, and one of the reasons that we decided to stay here and continue to raise our family

here. And I think it's important to recognize, however, that you know, communities are not homogeneous and they're not always conflict-free. But in communities that are diverse, often there are competing interests and different priorities. Often there's unequal access to resources or to influence. And so, I think really the only way the Board can ensure that its agenda is consistent with the aspirations and the priorities of the community, is really to take concrete action to ensure that all segments of the community have a seat at the table. That they receive the support and the resources they need to participate in the Board's planning and influence the Board's decision making. I also think it's not enough to engage the community once priorities have already been set and planning has already started. The community needs to be engaged from the start. You know, I think the community can't—the community should be the subject of the Board's work (on the ones who are really engaged in doing something), and not just the objects of the Board's work (having something done to them, right). So, I think by focusing on community engagement throughout its processes, the Board can be supported to build on the strengths of our diverse community, and really help drive change that's important to community members.

### JOSEPH HOOKS

Montgomery Village is a great diverse community. I've seen Montgomery Village be very diverse in my 30 years plus living here and being a resident. I would love to connect and work with all. Being able to attend special events, attend school events, connect with different organizations, small businesses. But also, as a former rentee, you know, living in a home, in an apartment, I think is value. Being able to represent and connect with people who rent in Montgomery Village and home own. Being able to represent and work with people who come from different parts of states or countries and people who've been born and raised here. So, I believe, you know, my experience and value for everybody is to continue to have a relationship so that we can have a voice for all. And I look forward to connecting with Montgomery Village in all different ways—events, systems, policies, development. You know, being able to grow up with friends in apartment complexes to single-family homes, I believe I still have relationships with families in these neighborhoods. And I believe I will be able to connect with them to be a voice to the Montgomery Village Board as things grow and blossom in the future.

### JEROME LEONARD

I've always felt that the grassroots approach to meeting our citizens where they are—that diversity—is our strength. The multicultural, multi-generational, multi-discipline residents that we have in our community all help us to see different perspectives, help us to stand out as a vibrant community and also gives us a very good microcosm of the greater surrounding area. We have the best of both worlds. We have a small town feel, but we don't have the crime issues, we don't have the overcrowding issues, and we need to preserve the beauty of our community. And each and every person and their diversity helps us to recognize those things, so we need the conversation to happen, you know, in person. After we get through the shutdown, we need active engagement from all facets of the community to get vaccines in arms, and we need then moving forward to help our economic recovery.

### SUSAN PRINCE

So, I think the diversity that Montgomery Village has is absolutely one of its strengths. It's an amazing community, and I'm astounded by the variety and breadth and depth of residents that we have here. Coming from Rockville, and as I mentioned, I've only been in Montgomery Village for 2 years (previously I was in Rockville—they also have a very diverse community), and what I found is the best way to engage different communities, is to meet them where they are. Rather than spending a lot of effort trying to get the community to come to you, I think a better way to handle it is to find ways to find where the community is meeting. For instance, where I live, there's a basketball court and there are wonderful young men who are out there playing basketball. I would love to see us have some type of a league; perhaps we can figure out a way to reach out to people that are currently using our facilities and craft ways to get them engaged in different types of activities. I think our recreation centers are not used as much as they could, and perhaps there are ways that we could identify different groups and find out things that they're interested in and create programming that would be of interest to them and better utilize our current facilities. But again, the key is to identify the things that are most interesting and of interest to those communities, and create programming, create activities, that find them where they are, rather than them coming to us.

### MARY STIFF

Well, since I come from a community affairs background, it would be nice to see communications coming from Montgomery Village that are multilingual. I'm sure that we could find peo-

ple to volunteer to help translate things that need to be translated. I would like to see outreach not just in neighborhoods where people are active, but maybe in neighborhoods where people are less active. Maybe where people feel like they're not as, you know, valued or important or, you know, a part of what the Board is about or what the Foundation is about.

*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?*

### PAMELA BORT

Well, I work with a group called Five Paws that takes care of feral animals and tries to adopt them out. I myself, have a number of adopted animals—seven cats, most of which were actually living in my community before they came and lived with me. I found homes for other cats. I will keep an eye on the lake. I have had a number of altercations with people walking on Lake Whetstone because they were allowing their children to chase geese with sticks. In fact, there was one occasion where I confronted a woman and her two children, and I ended up calling the police because she didn't see anything wrong with letting her kids beat the geese with the sticks. So, I get involved on an unofficial basis.

### BRANDON COFFEE-BORDEN

Yes, I really fully support the Environmental Policy. I think the Board has a responsibility to not just support residents, but also act as stewards for the environment and the wildlife that lives within the Village. And, I think it's really critical as redevelopment moves forward—as the board considers new projects—to think about how those initiatives impact the wildlife in our community. And, I think also as a Board, you know, it has to engage with our neighboring communities on this issue as well. You know, when one community moves forward with a project, its environmental impact doesn't happen within a in a vacuum. What one community does can directly impact wildlife in our community, and then the reverse is also true.

### JOSEPH HOOKS

I am very happy about the Environmental Policy Montgomery Village Foundation has developed. You know, growing up in Montgomery Village, I actually was a boy scout. I have already found love for the environment, and I have enjoyed these growing up. So, I think it's very important that we continue to protect and sustain to coexist. And I believe following those plans in place, getting feedback, assessing evaluating, to con-



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tinue that as we grow. Making sure that with new construction that we are still protecting our wildlife environment. And really just growing the awareness of those, so people know. So that we teach this, and share with schools, neighborhoods, homeowner associations, to continue so that the wildlife is still here and really safe to stay.

### JEROME LEONARD

I completely support the wildlife preservation policy. I think that we have to work with the builders who will be in the environment for some projects develop to ensure that wildlife is protected to ensure that we're able to sustain the different species that we have here. And, so, working with the experts in that area, and working with our citizens and having their voice heard, I believe is a path that we can be successful.

### SUSAN PRINCE

So, I strongly support the Environmental Policy. It's one of the things that I love about Montgomery Village is walking around the lake (Lake Whetstone) and spying all the different species of birds that frequent there, the turtles. There's so many aspects to Montgomery Village that are in tune with nature, and I completely support the policy—the Environmental Policy.

### MARY STIFF

I support the policy, along with things like making sure the paths are kept clean because the people who are upset about the wildlife, usually what their complaint is, is that either there are geese that are messing on the path or that there are geese in the roadway. You know, it would be good if people understood ways that we can work around the wildlife; you know, like ways to keep traffic moving even when the geese decide they want to cross the road. And, I mean, I obviously support the wildlife. I support having wildlife here. I love it when we're walking on the paths and you find deer and you find, you know, birds and the herons, and you know, different species. It's always very, you know, exciting. So, yeah, I guess in a nutshell, yes, I support wildlife.

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

### PAMELA BORT

Montgomery Village considers itself to be a family-oriented community. People can come and have kids and grow, their kids can grow up, and their kids can move back here, and older people like myself can live, and all that is true, but I think we need to do more to make that true for all of our residents. South Village is not one of the wealthier communities in Montgomery Village, and

there are children out playing in the streets all the time and adults don't like that very much. They have balls—they bounce off cars, they bounce off houses. I would like to see something where we can arrange for children who are home from school are able to get to our community centers and participate in our sports programs and our other programs as well. I would be delighted to teach a class in knitting. But, lots of these classes—first of all, they can't get to them, and secondly their parents can't afford them, especially now during this pandemic. So, I would like to see the Village find some way of setting up a fund that would subsidize the participation of our youth in these programs.

### BRANDON COFFEE-BORDEN

In terms of the future for Montgomery Village, I just really want to see our community continue to be a place where people of diverse, socio-economic backgrounds, diverse cultural backgrounds and people at different stages of their life can find a place for themselves and build a home and find a community. And, I think we can continue to foster that reality by trying to strike a balance between meeting the needs of current residents, but also being proactive and thinking about the future. What are the needs of the community going to be in a year, 5 years, 10 years, 30 years down the line, and then really work to balance addressing those different priorities.

### JOSEPH HOOKS

My future for Montgomery Village is to support the new and remember the past. In the past, growing up was very safe space, family-oriented, diverse, open door policy, and I look forward to continuing to see that grow her in Montgomery Village. With the new MV Bloom, great schools, you know, we have great accessibility to highways and jobs, I'm looking forward to Montgomery Village as being one of the best places to continue to live. And I look forward to being a part of this important Board of Directors that can support and sustain that over these next 3 years or more. I'm really happy about Montgomery Village Bloom and the new town center. I'm very happy about the improvements of the community centers, and I believe being a part of this team, I'll be able to help continue the success that the Board of Directors have had. And I look forward to working with the teams, hearing from you all, to continue the success of Montgomery Village so we can thrive and live here all together.

### JEROME LEONARD

I see the future of Montgomery Village being very bright—flourishing—becom-

ing a destination where families can gather, families can feel safe—they can enjoy parks, they can enjoy trails, retail, they can enjoy breathtaking landscapes, and they can enjoy friendliness, they can enjoy hospitality and everything that we have to offer. I want to be a contributor. I want to be a positive agent to make sure that we are bringing those assets to everyone's knowledge and everyone's availability, and that we continue to invest in all of the different aspects of the Village that makes it a great place to live.

### SUSAN PRINCE

So, Montgomery Village represents a tremendous opportunity. We have residential areas, we have commercial areas, we are adjacent to Lakeforest Mall (which is currently under consideration for redevelopment). There's a lot of things that are happening here in the community and there's a lot of things that can be happening for good. We are looking to refresh some of our current commercial areas, which I think is a real positive for the community. The thing about development—economic development—is when you have people who are interested in coming to your community, that's a good thing. That means you're offering the desirable demographics that people are looking for. And what will happen, is you're going to start seeing additional changes of positive types of retail. People are looking forward to having maybe a restaurant, maybe some other types of things come in here. All of these things are interconnected—you can't really have one without the other. And Montgomery Village is really poised, I think, to do great things because we have a great residential base. We have people who are interested in doing business here. I think the future is very bright for Montgomery Village, and I'm looking forward to seeing what's going to happen.

### MARY STIFF

Well, I think the future of Montgomery village is very exciting. I mean, we've got a lot of development going on at the Professional Center and at the Village Center. And with everything going on down at the mall, I would love to see that fostered and helped along. You know, having development there and then having construction end would be really nice. But, I mean, even looking at like the Village Center, you know, attracting restaurants in there because there's no real—there's not no real good places to eat in the Village—but there's definitely a shortage of good places to eat in the Village, so it would be nice if the Board could work towards attracting, you know, some restaurants and some shops in there that that are going to serve the people here well.

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

### PAMELA BORT

All I can tell you, is that I would try really hard to represent the entire community and to do things that I think will be useful for the entire community. I also want to keep our assessments down. I'm going to be retiring soon and I'm going to get first-hand knowledge of what it's like to live on a fixed budget, and we have lots of older people who are retired in our community. So I would like to work for them, and I would like to work for the people with the children, and I would just like to represent you all.

### BRANDON COFFEE-BORDEN

Yeah, I'd just like to share that I really do think the future for Montgomery Village is really bright. And, I think that the Board has a great opportunity; they can continue moving the progress that we've seen the last few years forward. And I'm excited to have the opportunity to be a part of that work. So, I just, I'm thankful for the opportunity to potentially serve the community on the Board.

### JOSEPH HOOKS

I would love to share that I would love to continue to be able to work with Montgomery Village and I think this opportunity will be great. Growing up here, you know, being part of all the positive things that have happened in Montgomery Village, to school systems, to being safe, to having furthered my education, you know, I believe that I've had the experience and the professional experience and the volunteer experience to continue and be a part of a great team to help Montgomery Village. Now growing up, my mother owned a home daycare and we worked with so many families. I've been able to work with so many schools and community members to meet the needs of Montgomery Village, and I'm looking forward to putting my place in the position to be a voice for all, advocate for all, work with all, and be a part of a team to continue to serve Montgomery Village residents for 3 years or more. So, I just want to say I'm proud to live in Montgomery Village, and I hope that you have a vote for me.

### JEROME LEONARD

Yes, I definitely would like to share my first term was a learning experience. It gave me a front row seat to the inner operations of the Village. Now that I have that experience, I feel well equipped to have positive change and also to help the existing and new Board members to maximize, you know, their engagement and the impact that they're able to have on the Board

and on the community. So, I want to be, you know, that person and that leader that people can feel comfortable approaching, people can talk to very freely about their concerns, and I want to be an advocate. I want to be an ally for everyone in the Village so that we can have a community of unity, a community that is highly functioning, a community that is beautiful and that is safe.

### SUSAN PRINCE

I think the last thing I would like to leave you with, is that before I came to Montgomery Village, I had many options to choose from; there's a lot of great neighborhoods within Montgomery County. And I think one of the things that really appealed to me was the fact that there were all of these plans of things happening. The revitalization of the Village Center, the redevelopment of the Professional Center, the Bloom development. I feel like there's a new energy that's happening here. And in reading the plans, I could see that there was a commitment to really bring out the best that Montgomery Village has to offer. And really strengthen the community, and provide the kinds of feeling of place—I feel like strong communities really do well when they have a sense of place—and the work that's being done now is really working to develop that. And, so, I'm super excited about seeing some of that continue, and taking us into the next however many years—40 years. Thank you.

### MARY STIFF

I think that when we're talking about development and we're talking about growth and we're talking about the environment, and all of these things, I think what's really critical, is that we get more people in the Village involved in the decision making. More people in this Village need a voice. More people, you know, need to be heard. So, I think that's just critically important. And to me, that's like top priority. And it's, you know, everything else stems from that. So, I mean, I also would like to say if anybody has any concerns or anything, you know, it's like I'm always approachable; you can always talk to me. I've been called an awesome diplomat; somebody told me that I should go into government just, you know, for diplomacy. And, you know, I can bring things forth without causing, you know, a horrible stir (I hope). So, I mean, that's where I am with that.