# Village News



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MVF Board President Glenn Gargan presented Susan Young a Certificate of Appreciation for her 9 years of service on the MVF Recreation Committee at the MVF Board meeting on January 23.

# **MVF** Board election underway

by Mike Conroy

Ballots for the 2020 Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors election are being mailed to homeowners today, Friday, Feb. 7. Four candidates, including one incumbent, are running to fill the three seats on the Board; those seeking election are Daniel Anderson, Ricardo Camacho, Andres Guzman and Pete Webb (incumbent).

Each year, three seats become available for a three-year term. This election will see at least two new faces on the Board, as two members whose terms are expiring have 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. Additionally, residents can meet and talk with the candidates before the Thursday, Feb. 27 MVF Board meeting at 7 p.m. in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. New this year, instead of the Candidates' Fo-

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# **North Creek Tennis Courts** to be upgraded to multisport use

by Mike Conroy

Last year the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors approved converting one of the four lighted tennis courts at North Creek Community Center into a dedicated futsal/soccer court. This decision was reached after community input, location considerations and Recreation Committee study and recommendation.

In June 2019, the Recreation Committee proposed converting one of the tennis courts at the Apple Ridge Recreation Area into multiple purposebuilt pickleball courts, to give the emerging sport a dedicated outdoor space. Following opportunities for community input, the Recreation Committee elected to broaden the considered locations for community input to also include Watkins Mill Recreation Area, Edward A. DeSimon Recreation Area and North Creek Community Center. After reviewing the community feedback received from a community forum and an online survey, the Recreation Committee recommended that multiple pickleball courts be installed next to the soon-to-be futsal/soccer court at North Creek Community Center.

The North Creek location was the overwhelming favor-

ite for several reasons. The proposed location is already being modified for the futsal/ soccer court, so performing additional work  $a\bar{t}$  the same time allows for a preferred design. This location has lighted courts, making play available later in the evening hours; there is ample parking; and it is further from homes than other potential sites. While it reduced the number of lighted tennis courts at this location, there are also lighted tennis courts at Watkins Mill Recreation Area that are currently underutilized.

At the January 23 MVF Board of Directors meeting, the Board authorized staff to begin the bidding process to convert one of the North Creek Tennis Courts to install three purpose-built pickleball courts. Bids will be solicited through an RFP process, with the aim that the pickleball and futsal/soccer court conversions be performed by the same contractor, at the same time.

The proposed concept would adjust the layout of the lower two courts at the North Creek Community Center. The plan shows the construction of three pickleball courts in the same orientation as the current tennis courts on one half of the

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# **MVF MEETING AGENDAS**

# **MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 27 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. "Meet the Candidates" is from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

#### ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road, to review residents' requests for exterior modifications. The board requests that homeowners contact the Foundation if they plan to attend and if their contractors will accompany them.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3 in the North Creek Board Room. The committee will review the 2019 audited financials prior to being presented to the MVF Board at the March 26 Board meeting.

# COMMERCIAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Commercial Architectural Review Committee (CARC) meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 7 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The agenda will include final review of plans for the Lidl grocery store on the former Professional Center property.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 12 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. The committee will review applications for MVF Student Representative to forward to the Board of Directors for selection at the February 27 Board meeting.

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



## NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

## **CENTER COURT CONDOMINIUM**

The Center Court Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at the Heron's Cove Office, 19101 Mills Choice Road.

#### HORIZON RUN CONDOMINIUM

The Horizon Run Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 24 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

## **MIDDLE VILLAGE**

The Middle Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 25 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

# **NORTHGATE**

The Northgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 11 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road

#### **NORTH VILLAGE**

The North Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 20 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

#### PARK PLACE I CONDOMINIUM

The Park Place I Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at the Gaithersburg Library, 18330 Montgomery Village Avenue.

#### PARK PLACE II CONDOMINIUM

The Park Place II Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 12 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

#### **PATTON RIDGE**

The Patton Ridge Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 25 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

# **SOUTH VILLAGE**

The South Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 26 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

# **STEDWICK**

The Stedwick Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 19 at the Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.

# THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Gardens Condominium meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 18 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

# **WHETSTONE**

The Whetstone Homes Corporation Working Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court.



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Executive Vice President David Humpton PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# Starting another MVF election cycle



by Glenn Gargan MVF President

As we continue our robust schedule of activities this season, I again need to thank the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) staff for their ongoing dedication to the organization, for planning and executing these functions. I would continue to welcome and encourage our new residents, as well as our long-time community members who have yet to partake in our events, to participate. This new year is an exciting time of the year in Montgomery Village, and I strongly believe we have a gathering for every taste. There are multiple options for all residents, as noted below.

It is that time of year; your ballot for the Annual MVF Board of Directors election should arrive at your home shortly. Every year, three of the nine Board seats are open for election. We have four candidates who have submitted their candidacy for your consideration and vote this year, and our deadline to receive your sealed, signed ballot is 5 p.m. on Friday, March 20. You can learn more about these four candidates at www.montgomeryvillage.com/ mvf/board-directors/2020-mvfboard-candidates. I strongly encourage, and request, that everyone eligible research these candidates, and then complete, sign and return their ballot by the deadline.

As always, I request that you please continue to keep an eye out for our children as you drive through our neighborhoods; we need to continue our vigilance for their safety.

# **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

Saturday, Feb. 8: Sweetheart Dance, 7 to 9 p.m., Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. A special Valentine's evening the whole family can enjoy. Get dressed up with your kids and dance the night away!

Sunday, Feb. 9: Summer Camp & Program Fair, 2 p.m.,

North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Check out the great selection of Summer Camps and programs MVF has available this year!

Thursday, Feb. 27: Meet the Candidates, 7 to 7:30 p.m., North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road

**Sunday, March 1:** MV Community Band Winter Concert, 3 p.m., North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road

**Saturday, March 7:** Indoor Flea Market, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue

Saturday, March 14: Family Game Night, 4 to 7 p.m., Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Enjoy an evening of fun with the family playing games and using our new indoor playground!

Saturday, March 14 and Sunday, March 15: 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Art, Craft, & Photography Show, 1 to 5 p.m. both days, North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Artist's Reception on Sunday, March 15 from 4 to 5 p.m. Come check out your neighbor's creativity!

Thursday, March 26: MVF Board of Directors Annual meeting, 7 p.m., North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road

Saturday, March 28: Brunch with the Bunny, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Visit with the bunny, get a photo and make some crafts! Afterward, bring your furry friend back for Bunny "Paws" from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 4: Flashlight Egg Hunt, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Bowie Pavilion (South Valley Park), 19003 Watkins Mill Road. Come hunt for candy filled eggs! A great event for all children.

Lastly, please remember that the *Montgomery Village News* print editions are now distributed monthly. The Montgomery Village Foundation includes pertinent information published online in the following print edition as well.

As is tradition, I invite you to get involved. Volunteerism is the secret ingredient in Montgomery Village, and the mix of skills, talents, and knowledge present in our community can only ensure our continued improvement if you and your neighbors volunteer.

Your input and feedback to me at *garganmvf@gmail.com* is welcome.

Best regards, Glenn

## **BOARD MOTIONS**

#### MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MOTION LIST

#### January 23, 2020

- 1. Mr. Webb moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 5, 2019 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed (6-0-1); Mr. Dyer abstained.
- 2. Mr. Young moved to accept the Action List as submitted. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 3. Mr. Dyer moved to accept the proposed 2020 Pool Schedule as submitted by the Recreation Committee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 4. Mr. Dyer moved to accept the revisions to the MVF Activity Card Distribution Policy and Annual Pool Membership Pricing as recommended by the Recreation Committee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 5. Mr. Dyer moved to authorize starting the bidding process to convert one of the tennis courts at North Creek Community Center to create multiple purpose-built pickleball courts. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 6. Mr. Young moved to award the bid to Ecotone, Inc. for the Lake Marion Shoreline Restoration Project at a cost of \$69,535.25 plus an additional 10% contingency for unforeseen circumstances. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 7. Mr. Dyer moved to reaffirm the e-mail vote from January 6 to allow the EVP to execute the Rate Level Agreement with Philadelphia Insurance to lock-in our "Premium Package" and "Umbrella" policies through 1/1/2022 based on the terms in the agreement. The motion was seconded and passed (6-0-1); Mr. Webb abstained.
- 8. Mr. Young moved to accept the committee reports. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 9. Mr. Dyer moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m. pursuant to Section 11B Real Property, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Maryland Homeowners Association Act) to go into closed session for (viii) Discussion of individual owner assessment accounts and (iii) Consultation with legal counsel on legal matters. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.



# MONTGOMERY VILLAGE Calendar of Events



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Wednesday Sunday Tuesday Friday Monday Thursday Saturday

# **Don't Miss It!**

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Winter Jazz Concert 7 pm - NCCC (Free)

MVF Summer Camp and Program Fair 2 to 4 pm – NCCC	9	10 Garden Club 7:15 pm – WCC	11 Northgate HC 7 pm – NCBR Park Place I Condo	15 Camera C 17 President 27 MVF Boa 10 Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC MV Community Band	azz C art D nme Club ts' D	Concert Dance r Camp & Program Fair	CARC 9 am – NCBR MVF Ballots Mailed	7 pm – NCCC (Free) Sweetheart Dance 7 to 9 pm – LMCC  15 Camera Club 10 am to noon – NCBR
			7 pm – Gaithersburg Library Whetstone HC Working Committee 7:30 pm – WCC	7 pm – SCC  Nominating Committee 7 pm – MVF Office  Park Place II Condo 7 pm – NCBR				
	16	Presidents' Day  MVF Office closed	Thomas Choice Gardens 6:30 pm – TCPR	Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC MV Community Band 7 pm – WMHS Stedwick HC 7:30 pm – SCC	19	North Village HC 7 pm – NCBR (Annual Meeting)	21	22
	23	24 Horizon Run Condominium 7:30 pm – NCBR	25 Center Court Condominium 7 pm – Heron's Cove Office Middle Village HC 7 pm – TCPR Patton Ridge HC 7 pm – NCBR (Annual Meeting)	Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC South Village HC 7 pm – NCBR (Annual Meeting)	26	MVF Board of Directors 7:30 pm – NCBR (7 pm – Meet the Candidates)	28	29
March MV Community Band Winter Concert 3 pm – LMCC (Free)	1	2	Audit Committee 7 pm – NCBR	Seniors in Action 10 am to 1 pm – SCC  ARB 7 pm – NCBR  MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC	4	5	Village News 6 Home Improvement Guide Spring Recreation Guide	7

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BMP E	Bowie Music Pavilion (See South Valley Park)
CTS	Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 9801 Centerway Rd.
LMCCL	ake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Ave.
MVF Office 1	0120 Apple Ridge Rd.

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

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

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

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IN THE NEWS

# Letters to Editor



Editor:

As a member of the board of directors of two condominium associations, I am concerned about the disparity of payment options between HOA homeowners, who are billed directly by MVF, and Condo homeowners who are billed through their Condo Associations. In turn, Condo Associations are required to pay for all delinquencies, whereas, the HOA delinquent payments are around seven percent. This is just one example of several discrepancies in MVF services for Condos V HOA's. All MVF homeowners, HOA or Condo, pay the same fee. It is desirable that the Condo homeowners be billed directly, so that all homeowners are treated the

same. It also relieves Condo boards of necessary middleman burdens.

MVF has the names and addresses of Condo homeowners. It sends them notices and voting ballots. It is relatively easy and inexpensive to bring billing into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

I approached EVP Dave Humpton with the direct billing option. He and his staff were unsympathetic, noting he would do nothing without the Foundation's directive. In December, I wrote Glenn Gargan, MVF Board President, copying Board members, requesting Board input. I have had no response to date.

Two incumbent Board members are now leaving and in March a new President will likely be elected. Perhaps the 2020 members will correct the discrimination against Condominium homeowners in our Village.

Ralph Colling North Village

Editor's Note:

The Supplementary Declarations for the condominiums that Mr. Colling is on the boards of – and others in Montgomery Village – are clear on how collections are administered. MVF staff has met with Mr. Colling and another board member from Center Court Condominium to review their document and a detailed e-mail was sent as a follow-up. The MVF Board is fully aware of Mr. Colling's position on this matter and there is no plan to address the matter further.



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Libraries - closed

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Recreation - Aquatics programs and facilities open. Recreation centers, senior centers and administrative are closed.

**Montgomery Parks -** visit www.MontgomeryParks.org

Ride On - Will run a modified holiday schedule. Route information is available at www. montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Transit/SpecialHoliday.html.

Ride On Flex - No service on holidays.

**Metrorail and Metrobus** – Information available at www.wmata.com.

TRiPS Commuter Store at Silver Spring Transit Center - Open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

TRiPS Mobile Commuter Store - closed

County-provided recycling pickup – county-provided recycling collection will not be collected Monday, Feb. 17. After the holiday, county-provided recycling collections will slide, and be one day later than normal with last collection Saturday, Feb. 22.

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## IN THE NEWS

# Park of the Month: North Creek Lake Park



### by Amy Roswurm

Across Montgomery Village Avenue from North Creek community Center is North Creek Lake Park. The entire park property is 83.7 acres, including the wooded North Creek Stream Valley. The park is bounded on the south by the Dorsey's Regard community, to the north by the Points community and to the east by Montgomery Village Avenue. Parking is located along Shadow Oak Drive; visitors may also park at North Creek Community Center and walk through the tunnel to access the paths around North Creek Lake.

This park recently got a makeover with a new play-ground! The playground was designed and installed by the Maryland-based company Metro Recreation, Inc. The new playground is themed to look like a ship, which will prove to be a wonderful place for imaginative play. In addition, the playground features a triple slide, climbers, a horizontal ladder, swings and of course, no ship would be complete without a steering wheel.

In addition, to the new playground, the park features a 6.5-acre lake. The lake and park are home to a variety of wildlife, including Great Blue Heron, which, in the spring, can sometimes be seen roosting on the small islands in the middle of the lake. Turtles can also be seen sunning themselves in warmer months along the water's edge and on the islands

Adjacent to the lake is a ¾-mile asphalt walking path, a perfect place to view the park's wildlife. Along the path is a picnic grove, which is a great place to stop for a snack. On the opposite side of the lake residents will find a butterfly garden named for long-time MVF employee Diane Stasiewicz, originally installed by volunteers in 2017 as part of an Arbor Day celebration.

The park is a great place to spend time enjoying the calming view of the water, the natural surroundings, observing wildlife or to talk an easy stroll for relaxation!

# More ways than ever to connect with MVF

Over the last several years, Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) has added exciting new ways to stay connected and receive information from news to events, meetings to closures and everything in between. As each new item comes online, we've released information about it, but unless you're following along every step of the way, you may have missed an avenue that fits your style.

Here's a comprehensive list of all the ways you can find MVF and information about your community in print and online.

# **PRINT MEDIA**

Village News – published once each month and delivered to your doorstep

**Recreation Guides** – published seasonally (and a special Summer Camp edition) and delivered with your *Village News* 

Home Improvement Guidehome improvement information from the Architectural Standards Department and local contractors, delivered with the March Village News

Residents Guide – information about Montgomery Village, MVF and each homes corporation, condominium association and rental apartment complex, published annually and usually delivered with the June Village News

# DIGITAL COMMUNICATION

www.montgomeryvillage. com - MVF's official website with information about all things Montgomery Village; resident dashboard gives access to community policies and criteria, as well as property-specific items including architectural decisions, financial transaction history and paint records

www.mvnews.online – the official Village News website, updated with new news items several days each week; contains articles found in the print editions

Village News e-mail digest – a weekly e-mail of the week's posted news articles from www. mvnews.online; sign up for this through your free account at www.montgomeryvillage.com

SMS notifications – get text alerts about events, programs and closure information from MVF; sign up for this through your free account at www. montgomeryvillage.com (data and messaging rates may apply)

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Recreation e-newsletter – monthly updates of upcoming programs and events from the Department of Recreation and Parks; sign up online at www. montgomeryvillage.com

RainoutLine.com App – download this free app from your preferred app store and get closure information for all MVF facilities; particularly useful in the summer for weather and maintenance-related pool closures

Online class registration – available at https://apm.active communities.com/montgomery village, a complete listing of all programs and classes for all ages

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# **Election**

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rum, each candidate will participate in a video interview, which will be featured online at www.montgomeryvillage.com later this month.

Ballots must be signed and returned to the MVF Office,



10120 Apple Ridge Road, by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 20. Results will be counted and announced on Saturday, March 21. New Board members will be installed at the MVF Annual Meeting, scheduled for

7:45 p.m., Thursday, March 26, at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.



IN THE NEWS

# Lake Marion Shoreline Restoration Project approved at January Board meeting

by Mike Conroy

Over a number of years, the Lake Marion shoreline has slowly eroded away; it is now in need of restoration to maintain wildlife and safety around the lake. Some areas of the shoreline now have vertical banks, other areas are undercut, some where it has eroded to the edge of the asphalt walking path and others where sinkholes have appeared.

Shoreline restoration was included in the 2018 Reserve Budget, at which time a design for the area was developed, followed by a review and permitting process. Based on the design, bids were solicited from four companies experienced in shoreline restoration. Only one bid was returned; other bidders declined due to current workload.

At their January 23 meeting, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors awarded the bid for the Lake Marion Shoreline Restoration to Ecotone, Inc. in the amount of \$69,535.26; Ecotone, Inc. has completed similar work for MVF in the past, is currently performing work for the North Creek Stream Valley Restoration Project and also performed the design and permitting work for this project.

# OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

In preparation for pool season, the Board approved the 2020 Pool Schedule, which includes additional morning swim hours at Whetstone Pool, and the removal of Watkins Mill Pool. The Board also approved changes to the Activity Card Distribution Policy and Annual Pool Membership pricing as recommended by the Recreation Committee. Changes to the policy included the removal of Watkins Mill Pool and an increase in pricing to help compensate for increases in minimum wage, material costs, pool maintenance and utility fees.

Additionally, the Board authorized staff to move forward with the bidding process to repurpose a tennis court at North Creek Community Center into multiple pickleball courts (see full article on page 1). The Board also reaffirmed an e-mail vote allowing the EVP to execute a rate level agreement for insurance with Philadelphia Insurance Companies.

# PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Board President Glenn Gargan emphasized the point he ends his monthly column

with—volunteerism—with a presentation to long-time volunteer Susan Young. He thanked Young for her 9 years of service on the Recreation Committee, including several as chair, helping to usher in many new programs, events, amenity enhancements and positive change in the community.

Gargan also thanked the candidates for the MVF Board of Directors for attending the meeting, and for answering the call to be part of forward progress in the Village. He noted he was excited about all that would come in the new year.

#### **EVP REPORT**

Executive Vice President (EVP) Dave Humpton noted that the three major development projects in the community are starting to pick up. Aside from the obvious façade transformation at the Village Center, Humpton said he is trying to get an updated tenant list from the developer. Humpton said that Monument Realty expects a groundbreaking on the former golf course property in March, with Phase I model homes shortly thereafter. Monument is currently working on an approval for Phase II. He also said that Lidl would be going to the Planning Board on January 30 and a final review of those plans is expected at the Friday, Feb. 7 Commercial Architectural Review Committee meeting.

Humpton also said he recently met with leaders in Annapolis, and with a change in leadership, there is potential for new legislation that could affect HOAs and COAs in the Village. Along with General Counsel Christopher Hitchens, he will keep the Board informed on key pieces of legislation.

It was also reported that the City of Gaithersburg executed a Development Agreement on Lakeforest Mall, to include mixed use (housing and retail). No concrete plans have been developed yet, and the city is working with a developer from South Carolina. Additionally, it was noted that HOC may purchase the Holiday Inn Gaithersburg and convert it to senior housing. HOC is currently meeting with city leaders to investigate this possibility further.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Board Treasurer Bob Carey noted that since the annual audit has not begun, reporting for the year end 2019 was only preliminary. However, he said that Overall Revenue remained favorable to the budget, and MVF assets remained strong and liquid with \$9 million in Cash and Investments. Carey also said that for the third consecutive year, the Delinquency Rate has remained below 8%, which was a testament to the collections policy and procedures staff have been following.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 27 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. A Meet and Greet event with the 2020 MVF Board of Directors candidates is scheduled from 7 to 7:30 p.m. before the meeting. Residents are invited to come speak with the candidates about their stance on local issues and get to know who they may be voting for.

The Board meeting begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. with Residents Time. Residents are invited and encouraged to attend. The meeting agenda and information packet will be available online at www. montgomeryvillage.com the week of the meeting.

**Prior Year** 

# **MVF Financial Reports - December 2019**

# **OPERATING FUND - STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE**

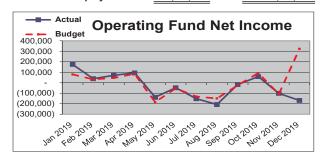
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
			(Unfav)			(Unfav)
Revenue:						
Assessments	544,194	544,397	(203)	6,530,327	6,530,112	215
Assessment Fees	11,025	12,862	(1,836)	197,989	197,000	989
Transfer Fees	2,775	3,204	(429)	35,849	38,500	(2,651)
Disclosure Fees	10,798	9,251	1,547	156,286	135,000	21,286
Advertising revenue	4,544	5,005	(461)	83,632	118,000	(34,368)
Pool Memberships/Rental Fees	3,377	4,571	(1,194)	154,403	111,141	43,262
Camps & Classes	(1,680)	7,238	(8,918)	227,069	260,000	(32,931)
Management Fees	66,178	65,963	215	806,608	791,555	15,053
Capital Contribution fee	12,730	12,364	366	165,864	150,000	15,864
Other Income	10,199	4,144	6,055	181,610	180,000	1,610
Total Revenue	664,140	668,997	(4,857)	8,539,637	8,511,309	28,328
Personnel Costs:						
Salaries & Wages	344,773	305,118	(39,655)	3,965,202	4,005,268	40,066
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	106,997	89,515	(17,482)	1,165,749	1,169,825	4,076
Personnel Costs	451,770	394,634	(57,136)	5,130,951	5,175,093	44,142
Business Expenses	17,256	20,558	3,301	178,852	208,421	29,568
Office Supplies	1,909	3,765	1,857	36,343	42,900	6,557
Program/Maint Supplies	6,196	3,589	(2,607)	146,405	144,806	(1,599)
Occupancy	25,147	23,923	(1,224)	323,077	328,700	5,623
Office Expenses/Svc Contracts	21,670	24,091	2,421	306,606	321,214	14,607
Equip Maintenance	2,556	550	(2,006)	33,859	44,300	10,441
Vehicle Expenses	1,851	1,968	117	24,978	28,652	3,674
Financial & Legal	91,978	80,854	(11,124)	332,182	203,000	(129,182)
Insurance	12,592	12,278	(314)	124,179	123,271	(908)
Printing	15,810	11,850	(3,960)	64,587	59,350	(5,237)
Landscape/Maintenance	60,468	79,248	18,781	742,155	797,441	55,286
Security	2,107	2,414	307	8,437	7,696	(741)
Other	64	-	(64)	542	-	(542)
Operating Costs	259,605	265,089	5,484	2,322,202	2,309,750	(12,451)
Contribution to Reserves	109,302	109,302	_	1,311,618	1,311,618	_
Contribution to CCF	12,730	12,364	(366)	165,864	150,000	(15,864)
Purchases of Assets	-	0	-	4,762		(4,762)
Restricted Expenses	-	0	-		0	(5,394)
Other Equity Transfers	-	(435, 185)	(435,185)	-	(435, 185)	(435,185)
Reserve/capital	122,031	(313,520)	(435,551)	1,487,638	1,026,433	(461,205)
Operating Expenses	833,406	346,203	(487,203)	8,940,791	8,511,276	(429,515)
Excess/Deficit Revenue	(169,266)	322,794	(492,061)	(401,154)	32	(401,187)

## **MVF BALANCE SHEET**

## For the Period Ended December 31, 2019

Current

	Current	rilor rear
ASSETS		
Cash & Cash equiv	2,494,036	2,379,019
Investments	6,571,106	5,870,386
Due from Reserves	249,254	674,543
Assessment Receivables	570,796	464,316
Other Receivables	109,477	117,788
Current Assets	9,994,669	9,506,052
Gross Fixed Assets	16.064.650	45 540 000
		15,518,690
Accumulated Depreciation Fixed Assets	(7,221,417)	(6,943,566)
Fixed Assets	8,843,233	8,575,124
Other Assets	53,838	60,945
Assets	18,891,740	18,142,121
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Due to Operating	249,254	674,543
Payables	615,491	559,742
Sunstream Cap Lease	106,936	111,698
Deferred Revenue Liab	626,168	593,338
Liabilities	1,597,848	1,939,321
Undesignated Reserves	2,700,421	2,198,312
Designated Reserves	14,593,467	14,004,483
Equity	17,293,887	16,202,795
-quity	17,233,007	10,202,795
Liabilities & Equity	18,891,740	18,142,121



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.

## IN THE NEWS

# Information on installing solar panels on homes in Montgomery Village

Have you thought about putting solar panels on your roof? Did you know that there is a federal tax credit for doing so and that it will end on Friday, Dec. 31, 2021? The United States Government has a website to help you estimate results for solar panels on your home; visit https://pvwatts.nrel.gov/pvwatts.php.

Before installing solar panels, remember to apply to the Architectural Standards Department; you can find the Property Improvement Request application and guidelines online at <a href="https://www.montgomeryvillage.com/pir">www.montgomeryvillage.com/pir</a>. Hire a professional solar panel installer and look for solar panel contractors that offer a strong warranty. If you need to install a new roof along with your solar panels, be sure to apply for that as well.

Members of the Committee on Environment (COE) are collecting information from government agencies and consumer-friendly sources that will help residents in making decisions about installing solar panels on the roof of their houses. This information will be summarized and available to residents later, possibly by late Spring. This information will not make recommendations on specific brands or contractors and MVF's architectural standards must be followed for approval and installation. The Architectural Review Board must approve your solar panel application before installation.

Send an e-mail to *solar info20@gmail.com* to ask questions about whether solar panels might be a good investment, or what to look for when choosing the solar panels or company to do the installation. Also, if you have solar panels already installed on your roof, the COE is interested in receiv-



ing emails from you about how you made that decision and what suggestions you have for anyone interested in installing solar panels on their roof.

If you have questions about an application for solar panels,

reach out to the Architectural Standards Department for assistance. For more information or questions, call 301-948-0110, e-mail archadmin@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.

# 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.

## MOTORCYCLE THEFT

A motorcycle theft occurred in the 10200 block of Wild Apple Circle between approximately 6 p.m. on January 9 and 5:30 p.m. on January 13.

No suspect(s) information available

# **RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY**

An attempted residential burglary occurred in the 8800 block of Thomas Lea Terrace at approximately 12:26 p.m. on January 5. Two suspects were arrested. Arrested: Juvenile male, age 16, of Montgomery Village; Juvenile male, age 14, of Montgomery Village

Victim/Witness described additional suspect as: B/M, age unknown

A residential burglary and theft from vehicle occurred at the same residence in the 7500 block of Oyster Bay Way between approximately 12 and 6 a.m. on January 6. No signs of forced entry; money and property were taken. No suspect(s) information available.

## STRONG-ARM ROBBERY

A strong-arm robbery occurred in the 18300 block of Lost Knife Circle at approximately 3:26 p.m. on January 16. The suspect assaulted the two adult victims and took their property.

Victim/Witness described suspect as: B/M, approximately age 40

# VEHICLE THEFT

A vehicle theft occurred in the 10100 block of Ridgeline Drive between approximately 7:30 a.m. and 7:45 a.m. on January 15. Unknown entry; the victim reported losing the vehicle key on January 13.

No suspect(s) information available.

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IN THE NEWS

# Village development updates

#### LIDL

As of September 10, 2019, Lidl submitted a Preliminary Plan and Site Plan to develop two lots on 6.52 acres of land at the old Professional Center site. The first lot will be a grocery store of not more than 30,000 square feet, owned by Lidl. The second lot, although having a conceptual building layout on the Site Plan, has no use identified, but will probably be retail.

The plan went to the Montgomery County Planning Board on January 30, during which public comment was received. At the meeting, the Planning Board approved both the Preliminary Plan and Site Plan.

The plan will return to MVF's Commercial Architectural Review Committee (CARC) for final review at its Friday, Feb. 7 meeting. Lidl has indicated that it will try to fast track a demolition permit with the Department of Permitting Services since the Planning Board has given its approval.

# MONTGOMERY VILLAGE GOLF COURSE (BLOOM)

As of January 2020, the project team is close to having final approval from the county for the amended Certified Site Plan. As previously reported, the amendment was necessary to adjust the MPDU percentage, adjust forest conservation

areas in the stream valley park and make other minor changes in the plan as a result of final engineering of the site.

As a result of numerous minor tweaks and revisions requested by the county, processing times for various related submissions like the sediment and erosion control plans and utility plans have been delayed; ground breaking on the site development work is now likely to begin in March, with the first model home lots expected to be delivered in Fall 2020.

Engineering work has also begun on the next phase of development that will deliver the new Central Park and associated open space, along with the single-family homes in Area 3. That phase of development is currently projected to break ground by the end of the year, with the park and model home lot likely to deliver by Summer 2021.

# MONTGOMERY VILLAGE CENTER

Great progress is being made with the facelift and infrastructure improvements for Phase I of the Village Center project. The developer, Atlantic Realty Companies, has not yet filed a Preliminary Plan for the Watkins Mill side of the project, which will include condominium units and townhouses.

# **Tennis Courts**

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pad, and a futsal/soccer court spanning the length of the pad on the other half. The two sport uses would be separated in the middle with a 10-foot fence. The two upper tennis courts would remain in their current configuration with no changes.

Once the North Creek Pool is renovated (closing after the 2020 pool season and reopening for the 2021 season), North Creek Community Center will have some of the most diverse

offerings available to Village residents: a brand new pool with a 140′ water slide, tot lot (replaced in 2015), two lighted tennis courts, three lighted pickleball courts and a lighted futsal/soccer court.



# 29<sup>th</sup> annual scholarship fund drive for Village high school seniors underway

Since 1991, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF), in partnership with Gaithersburg and Watkins Mill high schools, has awarded scholarships to deserving Village high school seniors totaling over \$52,000.

Scholarships are awarded to Watkins Mill and Gaithersburg high school students who have demonstrated outstanding scholastic achievement and participated in community or civic activities. Applicants are screened by a committee at each high school, with the Foundation's Scholarship Committee making the final selections in May. As established by the MVF Board of Directors, all contributions are voluntary, and no assessment dollars are used to fund the program.

The scholarship fund was originally launched by the MVF Board of Directors to coincide with the 25th anniversary of Montgomery Village and

MVF. This year's fund totals and recipient names will be announced in late spring at school ceremonies and in the *Montgomery Village News*.

Donations by check must be made out directly to either Watkins Mill High School PTSA Scholarship Fund or to the Gaithersburg High School PTSA Scholarship Fund. To make a tax-deductible contribution to the fund for either school, fill out the form below and return it to the MVF at the address indicated.

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

# **Scholarship Fund Contribution Form**

Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc.

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

Please make checks payable to either Watkins Mill High School PTSA Scholarship Fund or Gaithersburg High School PTSA Scholarship Fund.

Name		
Address		
City	_ State	Zip
Please mail to: Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc.		

Please mail to:
Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc.
Scholarship Fund Drive
10120 Apple Ridge Road
Montgomery Village, MD 20886





What to know before you

If you have been considering installing a fence on your

property, it is important to refer to your community criteria

to ensure that your fence design and color are compliant.

Fences are an important architectural element that, when

done right, can unify the design of a community, creating

a harmonious aesthetic. To achieve this, each community

in Montgomery Village has a specific set of architectural

criteria with details on the style(s) and color(s) that must

be used when installing a fence. Each community's crite-

ria are available online when you log in to your resident

dashboard, or you can contact the Architectural Standards

fences, you can choose a stain color for your fence, or

you can apply a clear preservative, which will protect the

wood while allowing it to weather to a natural gray color.

Before you apply any tint or stain to your fence, you must

submit an application, which can be done online at www.

montgomeryvillage.com/pir. Choosing a stain color for the

fence can also be very tricky due to the variety of colors

available. The Architectural Standards Department staff

can also assist you in selecting a color from your preferred

manufacturer that is on the spectrum of acceptable colors

for Montgomery Village. Keep in mind when choosing a

stain color, that no red or orange pigment preservatives/

be built on property lines, and must be built completely on one homeowner's property. Montgomery Village Foun-

dation requires that fences be built 1- to 6-inches inside the property line to ensure both compliance with county regulations and a uniform appearance in the community.

This applies to fences built along the rear property line neighboring with community property, as well as fences

built along property lines that border other homes. It is the

homeowner's responsibility to ensure that their fence is

built entirely on their property and that all county permits

basis and all homeowners must submit an application prior to building a new or replacement fence, or applying a stain

to an existing fence. This application can be picked up at

the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, or can be found

All fence applications will be reviewed on an individual

are obtained prior to installation of the fence.

online at www.montgomeryvillage.com/pir.

Due to Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services requirements, fences will no longer be allowed to

If your community criteria doesn't specify a color for

build or stain a fence

# **Architectural Standards**

The Architectural Standards Department is here to answer your questions about making changes to the exterior of your property. Architectural Standards is responsible for approving exterior changes anything from replacing a door to building a deck or shed, to additions on your home. Call Martha Cruz at 240-243-2306 or e-mail mcruz@mvf.org or Erika Hottinger at 240-243-2351 or e-mail ehottinger@ mvf.org. Questions may also be mailed to Montgomery Village Foundation, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886, or faxed to 301-990-7071. Specific architectural standards criteria for each community in Montgomery Village are available at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

# **MVF REVIEW OF REQUESTS** ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD February 5, 2020

#### **EAST VILLAGE**

19828 HELMOND WAY -House Addition, D 8229 COLLINGDALEWAY -Security Camera, A 8201 COLLINGDALEWAY -Roof, A 20020 GIANTSTEP TER -Exterior Paint, D 13FOUNTAIN VALLEY CT-

Replacement Windows with

Department at 240-243-2364.

stains are allowed.

Capped Trim, A

8748 RAVENGLASS WAY -Front Door Replacement,

8631 HAWK RUN TER -Fence and Gate, AWM 8700 DELCRIS DR -Replacement Windows, AWM 8852 THOMAS LEA TER -Replacement Patio Door, A 8852 THOMAS LEA TER -Replacement Windows, AWM

20420 DAVENCROFT CT -Replacement Windows, AWM 8682 DELCRIS DR -Vinyl Siding, AWM

8682 DELCRIS DR -Trim, AWM

20644 BEAVER RIDGE RD -

20653 BEAVER RIDGE RD -Roof, AWM 20653 BEAVER RIDGE RD -

Gutter, AWM 8714 DREXEL HILL PL -

Roof, AWM 8536TINDALSPRINGSDR-

Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, AWM

8421 MARKETREE CIR -Solar Systems, AWM

#### MIDDLE VILLAGE

9604 BRASSIE WAY -Replacement Windows, AWM

NORTHGATE 20221 LEA POND PL -Miscellaneous, D 20316 ASPENWOOD LN -Roof, AWM 20404 CHERRYSTONE CT -Roof, A 9948 FOREST VIEW PL -Exterior Paint, D 20161 DARLINGTON DR -Replacement Siding, AWM 20161 DARLINGTON DR -Trim, AWM

20161 DARLINGTON DR -Cupola, AWM 20109 DARLINGTON DR -Door Removal, AWM 9636 SHADOW OAK DR -

Front Door Replacement,

9636 SHADOW OAK DR -Storm Door, A

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

9636 SHADOW OAK DR -Sidelight, AWM

9702 QUAILS NEST WAY -Garage Door, A

#### NORTH VILLAGE

20409 RYECROFT CT -Fence and Gate, AWM 20409 RYECROFT CT -Miscellaneous, AWM 20625 DUBOIS CT -Roof, AWM 9363 CHADBURN PL -

Storm Door, A 1 STRATH HAVEN CT -Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, AWM

9509 SNYDER MILL CT -Solar Systems, AWM

#### **PATTON RIDGE**

9824 MEADOWCROFT LN-Garage Door, AWM 9916 SHREWSBURY CT -Security Camera, AWM 10104 GRAVIER CT -Roof, AWM 9925 DELLCASTLE RD -Replacement Siding, AWM

9925 DELLCASTLE RD -Shutters, A 20053 DOOLITTLE ST -Shutters, AWM

20053 DOOLITTLE ST -Downspout/Gutter, A 9347 BREMERTON WAY -Vent, A 19953 SPUR HILL DR -

Fence and Gate, AWM 9544 FERNHOLLOW WAY-Exterior Paint, A 9507 BRIAR GLENN WAY -Patio, AWM

19710 GREENSIDE TER -Window Addition, AWM

## SOUTH VILLAGE

18712 PIER POINT PL -Garage Door, AWM 18116ROYALBONNETCIR-Replacement Windows, AWM 18116ROYALBONNETCIR-Replacement Patio Door, A 18031ROYALBONNETCIR-Roof, AWM

#### **STEDWICK**

10401 KARDWRIGHT CT -Fence and Gate, AWM 10401 KARDWRIGHT CT -Miscellaneous, AWM 10511 CAMBRIDGE CT -Landscape Plan, D 19439BATTLERIDGEWAY-Front Door Replacement, 19439BATTLERIDGEWAY-Sidelight, AWM 10517 WAYRIDGE DR -Roof, W 10517 WAYRIDGE DR -Skylight, W

19520 GALLATIN CT -Storm Door, AWM 19510 DIVOT PL - Roof, A

19651 CLUB LAKE RD -Roof, A 19651 CLUB LAKE RD -

Downspout/Gutter, A 10034 WEDGE WAY - Vinyl Siding, AWM

10034 WEDGE WAY -Trim, AWM

10034 WEDGE WAY -Exterior Paint, AWM 10268 WILD APPLE CIR -

Fence and Gate, AWM

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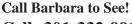
Salem's Grant - MV

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Beautiful 4 bedroom home with huge family room addition. Finished basement, 2 car garage, large deck for entertaining, gorgeous lot, backing to park.

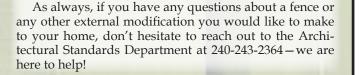






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#### **HOMES CORPORATIONS**

# HOMES CORPORATIONS & CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS

Homes corporation and condominium association articles are provided by representatives or board members from the corporations and associations. The information and opinions provided within these articles do not necessarily reflect the views of the Montgomery Village Foundation, its Board of Directors, representatives or staff. Residents with specific questions or concerns about the information contained in these articles should contact their community manager or the author of the article.

WHETSTONE WATCH

# Whetstone ballots mailed

by the Whetstone Board of Directors

It's ballot season in Whetstone. Residents should already have received election materials in the mail for the Whetstone Homes Corporation Board of Directors. There are three open seats and four candidates. Ballot materials include a short statement from each candidate explaining why they want your vote. The board is grateful for community participation in this important process and encourages everyone to submit their ballots in a timely manner.

# WHETSTONE HOMES CORPORATION CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

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

# MICHAEL ALLEN

It has been a pleasure to serve with the other members of the Board over the past year. Since moving to Whetstone, and participating as a Board member, I'm incredibly proud of the progress the Board has made and will continue to make.

I currently work for a global Cyber-security firm to help organizations maintain an appropriate IT-security posture and compliance.

Prior to joining the Board, I was very interested in participating and better understanding how the Board serves the community. Now after being a part of that process for the past year, I see how important the Board is in maintaining the quality and standards of the community. I would like to continue to serve and be an active member of both the Board and the community, particularly as my family continues to grow and be a part of the community, both Whet-stone and Montgomery Village.

As mentioned in my initial letter, as someone who thoroughly enjoys all that Montgomery Village has to offer, such as the hiking trails,

neighborhood paths, community events, community pools and other activities, I'd welcome the chance to continue to help Montgomery Village and the Whetstone neighborhood prosper and lend my knowledge and experience where applicable.

## **GREGORY DAVIS**

My name is Greg Davis. My wife and I have been a resident of Montgomery Village since 2004. Prior, we lived in Flower Hill Community from 1994-2000. I served on the Hallmark Homeowners Association Board. I have worked in the HVAC service and construction field for over 30 years. Five years ago, I was elected to serve as business agent for Steamfitters Local 602, a position which I currently hold. During this time, I have made quite a few political contacts with the state of Maryland and Montgomery county.

I believe I would be an asset, because I could bring a broad range of insight and expertise. I hope to be able to serve on the Whetstone Homeowners

I would be happy to answer any questions and explain in more detail how I could best serve the interests of the residents, board and community.

## **JAMES MARTIN**

My name is James Martin and I am currently a member of the Whetstone Board of Directors. My term is coming to a close shortly and I am submitting my name as a candidate for reelection. I have lived in Montgomery Village for almost my entire life. When I was born in the summer of 1969, my parents brought me home to a townhouse in Stedwick. My parents moved to Montgomery Village because my father sold houses for the Kettler Brothers when Montgomery Village was first being built. We moved to Whetstone when I was 8 years old, and I lived in Whetstone, in three differ-ent houses, from that point until I graduated from the University of Maryland in 1993. Shortly thereafter I joined the Navy. I completed my naval service and then completed law school, before returning to Whetstone with my wife and children in 2005. I currently live next door to a house where I lived as a child.

I think I have much to contribute to the Whetstone Board and to the community. I have a unique history and set of personal experiences, having grown up in the community even as the community was growing up. Later, after returning to the neighborhood, my family and I supported and contributed to Whetstone community activities, including the Whetstone Whales swim team, local youth groups, and longstanding social and community traditions. I believe I un-derstand the perspective of residents who have anchored this community for decades, as well as the perspective of the newest members of our community who are looking to raise the next generation of Whetstone kids. As Whetstone, and indeed Montgomery Village, continues to evolve and change, the Board will be tasked with maintaining and preserving those aspects of the neighborhood that make it special and unique, while at the same time helping it to evolve and respond the needs of residents going forward.

I believe I can make a meaningful contribution to those important tasks.

I would be grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve the community as a member of the Whetstone Board of Directors.

#### **BRYAN PRICE**

My name is Bryan Price and I have been a member of the Whetstone community since November of 2015 where I live with my wife and two children. I have lived in Montgomery Village since 2009. I have had the opportunity to serve on the board for the past 2 years. I am currently serving as the Secretary for the board. For most of my career I have worked as a government contractor in the IT field. As for community engagement, I currently serve as the PTA dele-gate for my son's school to the Montgomery County PTA. I am also a member of the communications board for the Montgomery Village Foundation. I would like to continue to serve on this board because I would like to remain being involved with helping and maintaining our community. I believe that my experience and outlook can continue to con-tribute positively to board which in turn would be beneficial for our community. I believe that as members of a community it is necessary that we all be involved and informed.

The board will hold a working committee meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court, for purposes of considering language for a possible covenant change. Residents are invited to observe the process. The community will be given an opportunity to vote to change or retain the covenant later this year.

In light of questions and confusion about the longstanding pickup truck rule, the board has also decided to include a "Covenant Spotlight" in the Whetstone Watch article from time to time as a means of keeping residents apprised of the rules that affect Whetstone residents.

More Whetstone news available at www.mvnews.

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

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IN THE NEWS

NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

# Hear ye! Hear ye! February 20 Annual Meeting

by the North Village Board of Directors

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

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

#### 2020 HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION

Below is the holiday trash schedule for 2020. 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).

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Washington's Birthday

New Year's Day\*

Maryland Day

Labor Day\*

Columbus Day

Veterans Day

Thanksgiving\*

Christmas Day\*

Election Day (US)

Memorial Day \*

Independence Day\*

1. Lock your vehicle. Let's not make it easy for criminals. Whenever you park your car (even in your driveway), close and lock the windows/doors/sunroof to help prevent car theft and theft from vehicle. Resist the temptation to leave windows cracked during the summer

2. Don't keep valuables in your vehicle. An iPad, purse or even loose change in plain view is eye-candy to a criminal. Criminals will smash a window to take anything of value. If you absolutely must leave a valuable item in your car, put it in the trunk. Best bet is to be thinking ahead and leaving valuables at home.

3. Use an anti-theft device. Equipping your vehicle with an alarm system is only half the battle; you must take the next step and activate it after locking your vehicle.

4. Don't leave your car running. Never leave your car unattended if it's running. Leaving your car running not only invites theft, it's also illegal. If you're not behind the wheel, turn your vehicle off.

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Wed, Jan 1, 2020*						
Mon, Jan 20, 2020*						
Mon, Feb 17, 2020						
Wed, Mar 25, 2020						
Mon, May 25, 2020*						
Fri, Jul 3, 2020*						
Mon, Sep 7, 2020*						
Mon, Oct 12, 2020						
Tue, Nov 3, 2020						
Wed, Nov 11, 2020						
Thu, Nov 26, 2020*						

# PREVENTING CAR THEFT

Native American Heritage Day

If you don't want a thief sitting behind the wheel of your car or taking your stuff you need to consider the following: 5. Keep track of your keys. Many people make the mistake of hiding a spare key under the wheel-well or some other place under their car. Some motorists have spare car and house keys in their car's glove

Fri, Nov 27, 2020

Fri, Dec 25, 2020\*

box/arm rest area. Criminals have caught on to this and will not only steal your car but also burglarize your home. So, please keep your keys and/or key fob with you.

6. Park intelligently. Parking in a well-lit area will help deter criminals. Also, parking close to building entrances and near parking lot security cameras adds extra layers of protection.

7. Take advantage of a techbased auto recovery tool. If despite your best efforts the worst happens, employing an auto-theft recovery tool could help you get your car back before it's ruined. These systems use GPS technology to pinpoint your vehicle and transmit that information to us.

# IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO KEEP:

Security APS: 240-631-2399 Potomac Disposal:

301-294-9700
MC Recycling - New Blue Bins
- Scrap Metal: 311
Pepco: 877-737-2662
WSSC: 301-206-4001

# **NEXT MEETING**

The next regular North Village board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 20 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This will include the Annual Meeting. Please remember that if you wish to address the board, you must arrive at the start of the meeting and sign in. Our corporate calendar is available on your resident dashboard at www. montgomeryvillage.com; if you don't already have one, sign up for a free account! If you have any questions or want to report any problems, call Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2327.

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

EAST VILLAGE ECHO

# **East Village Candidate Statements**

by the East Village Board of Directors

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

#### **BRYAN FRATES**

After moving to East Village one year ago, my wife and two kids have finally settled into our neighborhood. I have always been somebody who enjoys giving back to my community and I believe that being a part of the board of directors will maximize the impact I can have here in Montgomery Village.

Although I have not served on a board in the capacity of a director, I have worked for non-profit organizations the majority of my professional career. In my past careers as a teacher and a coordinator of a lacrosse organization it has always been my mission to help my respective communities thrive and reach their goals.

If elected to the board, I would love to help the organization bring the community together on a more regular basis. As well as being a Financial Advisor, I am also a professional musician and have organized large events in the past. We have some great community activities throughout the year, and I know I can add value to making them even bigger than the year before. With that said, I am open to help in any capacity that is needed, and I look forward to getting to know my community.

# **KEVIN LINCK**

After serving another 3-year term as your East Village Board President, I am pleased to re-

submit my name for another 3-year term. I ask for your vote in the upcoming election. My plan is to continue to provide my knowledge and experiences to the EVHC Board concerning the many issues facing our community. As you are aware, we all face new and challenging problems for EVHC Board and our community members, including the Public Safety Training Academy (PTSA), the Montgomery County Multi Agency Service Park, the Webb Tract, M-83, and upgrading of our local streets. An issue confronting many of our communities today is that we have a number of crime related activities. I am pleased to have been your leader to establish the new RING neighborhood HOA program for all our residents to purchase Ring camera security systems for everyone's front door or outside camera capabilities. We are currently positioned for continued financial success and proper maintenance for our community.

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

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.

# 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.



STEDWICK SIGNALS

# **Happy February**

by the Stedwick Board of Directors

2020 continues to be relatively warm to date. However, we still need to plan for colder weather, freezing temperatures and snow. If snow is in the forecast, please park vehicles in designated parking areas to facilitate road treatment and snow removal activities.

The maintenance committee conducts monthly walk/ drive-throughs of Stedwick community property to check on open maintenance concerns, and confirm that work that has been reported as completed is done per Stedwick Community specifications. The committee consists of board members, a representative from our contractor and the community manager. The next community maintenance inspection is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 11. If you know of any items, situations or conditions that need attention, contact Jo Banky at 240-243-2326 or e-mail *jbanky*@ mvf.org.

Stedwick Signals e-mail newsletter is back! Subscribe to the newsletter at www.stedwick hc.com/stedwick-signals.

As a reminder, all holiday lights and decorations on the outside of homes and units should be taken down. The board appreciates resident cooperation on this matter.

Post lamp reimbursement checks are in process of being delivered to those property owners who provide electricity to post lamps and whose assessments are current. Property owners with assessments in arrears will have the post lamp reimbursement applied to their outstanding balance.

The next meeting of the Stedwick Homes Corporation Board of Directors is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 19 at Stedwick Community Center (SCC), 10401 Stedwick Road. The first few minutes of the meeting is residents time when residents who are present can talk to the board members, share ideas, express concerns (parking is a recurring item), or otherwise make board members aware of needs and items of interest. We invite all residents to come out and participate.

# BOARD ELECTION/ VACANCY

By now you should have received your ballot for the 2020 Stedwick Homes Corporation election. Please mark and return your ballot by 5 p.m. on Monday, March 9. The candidate statements are listed below:

# **NANCY HORN**

After moving to Maryland

in 1997, I purchased my home in Montgomery Village as the diversity of its neighborhoods, good schools and location near public transportation and I-270 appealed to me. The beauty of the community was a major draw with its extensive green spaces, parks, pathways, and proximity to Seneca State Park. After serving three terms on the board my goals are as they were originally - to ensure the community continues to offer safe, well maintained and clean neighborhoods for all who live and visit here.

Currently I serve as Vice President of the Stedwick Board of Directors. As a member of the Maintenance & Greenspace Committee, I am actively involved in the maintenance program for the common property in all of our eight neighborhoods. Our focus is ongoing maintenance as well as enhancing the appearance of the community. My goal is to continue to improve our community-owned property as much as possible within the constraints of our budget.

Thanks to all of you who have voted for me in the past, and I hope to again be elected to the Stedwick Board of

# **SAM KORPER**

By this letter, I am indicating my interest in standing for re-election to the Stedwick Homes Corporation (SHC) Board in 2020.

Having served on the SHC Board since 2015, I have had the opportunity to participate with Board members on many issues of relevance and concern to Stedwick residents. Thus, I come to this election with an appreciation of the diversity of issues confronting the Stedwick Community and experience with the Board's decision-making process.

During my service on the SHC Board I have had many opportunities to talk directly with Stedwick residents, and to discuss their concerns, which I can bring to the Foundation offices for follow-up or to the Stedwick Board for consideration. My professional background in public health, healthful aging, and experience with programs of the Federal and County government have proved useful in meeting a variety of Stedwick community concerns.

If elected to a new term, I look forward to continuing to offer thoughts through Stedwick Signals articles to the *Montgomery Village News* and our SHC newsletter and contributing to the Board's efforts to work on the review and revision of the wide range

of SHC policies as well as the management matters which impact daily life in Stedwick.

There is currently a vacancy on the board of directors. If you are interested in serving, there is a space to write in as a candidate on the ballot. Write in candidates will be contacted to confirm interest and discuss next steps. The board meets 10 times per year on the third Wednesday of each month (except July and December) at 7:30 p.m. at SCC. The meetings focus on reviewing the financial, maintenance (greenspace, walkways, curbs, storm drains) and safety state of Stedwick; discussing issues and concerns; and voting on proposed replacement items and improvements.

The results of the election will be announced at the annual meeting, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18 at SCC. All residents are invited to attend.

# CONTACT US ANY TIME

Maintenance concerns should be e-mailed to Jo Banky at *jbanky@mvf.org*. Non-maintenance concerns (e.g., parking), questions and other items of interest for the board of directors should be e-mailed to *stedwickhc@mvf.org*.

Visit the community website www.stedwickhc.com. You can access Stedwick Homes Corporation policies, subscribe to Stedwick Signals e-mail newsletter, view architectural standards, view minutes from board meetings and access other information about Stedwick Homes Corporation.

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

MARYLAND PLACE MESSAGES

# **Maryland Place Candidate Statements**

by the Maryland Place Board of Directors

The following statements have been submitted for candidates for the Maryland Place Homes Corporation Board of Directors

#### **GARY FIELDS**

My wife and I have been residents of Maryland Place for 35 years. We raised two children who attended Whetstone Elementary, Montgomery Village Middle School and Watkins Mill High School.

I am recently retired from a 45-year career in healthcare. Therefore, health and safety of our community remain major concerns of mine. In particular, there is an urgent need to clean up our neighborhood. Trash must be placed in closed containers and common areas should not be dumping grounds. This will take a total team effort. Indirectly, I hope this will help alleviate the rodent problem.

# CHRISTOPHER LAROSE

I am currently serving on the Maryland Place Homes Corporation Board of Directors as Treasurer. I've been a homeowner in Montgomery Village since 1988 and Maryland Place for 16 years.

I have over 35 years of broad career experience in Management at IBM Federal Systems Division, General Telephone and Electronics, Chessie Systems Railroad/Eastern Seaboard Railway Systems/CSX Corporation and as Director of IT and IS for Eglobe Corpora-

tion and as Chief Technologist and Subject Matter Expert for ECI Telecom Government Systems. I am President of ASI and a licensed Realtor and Property Manager with Noahs' Preferred Properties.

My Goal in serving on the Board of Directors is "To Positively Affect the Quality of Life in Our Community by Providing Improved Services While Increasing the Values of Real Estate for the Benefit of the Community at Large". As Treasurer, my top priority is maintaining a budget that is financially sound and has a measurable return on our investment, and in developing and enhancing services for Maryland Place.

# **ARTHUR L. THOMAS**

I have been a resident of Maryland Place since 1972 an original owner. In my professional career I am retired from Verizon as a Senior Engineer after 40 years of service. My responsibilities there included, budget analysis, development and control, planning for growth and ordering and supervising installation of those facilities as well as project management. I feel these work experiences can be beneficial to the management and running of Maryland Place, as I care deeply about the community with the intent of keeping the development a clean, safe and vibrant place to live and raise our families.

Maryland Place Messages: for residents of Maryland Place.

www.montgomeryvillage.com



#### **HOMES CORPORATIONS**

MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

# Parking/snow removal rules

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

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

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

# 2020 PARKING PASS DISTRIBUTION

The 2019 parking tags expired on December 31, 2019. Homeowners/tenants will be towed if they are parked in their reserved space or open space, any time of the day or night, and displaying an expired parking tag. Residents can pick up the 2020 parking tags at the ComSource Office, 3414 Morningwood Drive, Olney.

As a reminder, each household is assigned one reserved parking space and receives two corresponding parking permits. Households with current assessment accounts will receive a third corresponding parking permit at the time of distribution.

If a homeowner is delinquent on their assessment account, they will not receive a third parking tag/permit until they have paid the past due assessment balance, including all outstanding administrative fees, legal fees, fines and interest in full.

All unmarked spaces in the community will continue to be available on a first come basis.

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

# **TOWING**

The current Middle Village Parking policy states:

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

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

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

"No commercial vehicles or trailers of any type, campers, or recreational vehicles shall be permitted to remain overnight on either the property of a private dwelling unit or on the community-owned property within Middle Village. For purposes of these rules, overnight is defined as parking a vehicle between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m."

"Commercial vehicles include vehicles with any type of writing or printing (letters, words, pictures, insignia, etc.) identifying a firm, organization, service, product, etc., of any kind, type or description. All vehicles carrying ladders, pipes, ladder racks, truck-loaded tools or truck-loaded tool boxes, etc., will be considered commercial. Vans used for delivering, storing or transporting goods or cargo are also considered to be commercial vehicles and are prohibited from remaining overnight in the community. Police vehicles are exempted."

"No commercial vehicles (including commercial pickup trucks) shall be permitted to

remain overnight in the community. Pickup trucks must not have ladder racks, truck-loaded tools or truck-loaded toolboxes. Further, pickup trucks may not park overnight in the community with any cargo, items or material of any kind in the truck bed (landscaping debris, tools, boxes, trash, equipment, etc.) that exceeds the height of the truck bed sides or that extends beyond the tailgate. Pickup trucks with cargo that meet this description will be considered commercial vehicles and are not permitted to park in the community overnight. Violations are subject to immediate towing.'

# **ASSESSMENTS**

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

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

Homeowners who are delinquent with their assessment payments must pay their past due balance in full or make arrangements to pay them. The first step to making payment arrangements is contacting Edna Kweti at 301-924-7355 or e-mail *ekweti@comsource.com*.

# IMPORTANT CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS

Security on Demand:

877-241-1265 301-424-4869

Big Tow: 301 Potomac Disposal:

301-294-9700 Montgomery County Police Non-emergency: 301-279-8000 Emergency: 911

Comsource: 911 301-924-7355

# CONTACTING COMSOURCE

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

Contact ComSource at 301-924-7355 or e-mail ekweti@comsource.com or sumali@comsource.com.

# BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Middle Village Homes Corporation board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020 in the Thomas Choice Clubhouse, 19401 Brassie Place.

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



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Northgate News

# Please get your ballots mailed

by the Northgate Board of Directors

If you have not sent your Northgate ballot in, please do so. A quorum of ballots is required or we have to go to the expense of an additional mailing. Your assistance is appreciated.

At the January meeting, the board approved funds for new Apple Ridge tot lot equipment, which will replace the original from 1995. The \$21,781.30 will come from the tot lot reserve fund

We want to remind residents to please call the police

at 911 for emergencies and 301-279-8000 for non-emergency situations. In general, you should always call 911 when someone's life, safety, health or property is in immediate danger.

Residents often raise concerns about disturbing the peace. Disturbing the peace, also known as breach of the peace, is a criminal offense that occurs when a person engages in some form of unruly public behavior, such as fighting or causing excessively loud noise. Please call the police when you witness such disturbances. They are the ones equipped to deal with these situations.

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



MONTGOMERY VILLAGE NEWS Friday, February 7, 2020

#### **HOMES CORPORATIONS**

EASTGATE EXPRESS

# **Eastgate Homes Corporation Candidate Statements**

by the Eastgate Board of **Directors** 

The following statements have been submitted for candidates for the Eastgate Homes Corporation Board of Direc-

#### JEFFREY AMTMANN

I would like to remain on the East Gate Homes Corp. Board of Directors for another three-year term. I have been a board member since 2000, and enjoy volunteering to improve the quality of our neighbor-

I moved to East Gate in April 1999, and like the quality of life in Montgomery Village. There is always room for improvement, so I want to continue to serve my community and neighborhood faithfully. I derive satisfaction from being involved in maintaining our neighborhood by participating in our board meetings to represent Hickory Grove and Wood Edge homes. I have learned a lot about what it takes to keep our HOA functioning properly during my 20 years of service.

I am a proud graduate of NC State class of 1987, with a degree in horticulture and landscape architecture. This has allowed me to help our board develop programs for tree maintenance, entrance sign improvements, seasonal flower rotations, and offering recommendation to our board about best value. My knowledge is valuable for quality control since our landscape maintenance and other construction tasks are performed by contractors not affiliated with MVF.

I have spent my entire professional career as a project manager for a Gaithersburg based site work contractor. Therefore, I am knowledgeable about asphalt paving, concrete sidewalks, and general maintenance. Currently, I have 7 years' service employment at Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection as a construction representative. I am now also knowledgeable about storm water management, algae control, streams, and associated watershed concerns.

I also have a personal interest in keeping our neighborhood beautiful and visually attractive. I am aware of concerns about crime, dog waste, and litter issues. I would like to be granted the opportunity to serve on our board for another term so I may assist in properly managing dues by careful spending, and wise management of existing infrastructure. I look forward to volunteering on our board for my 7th term. Thank you for your vote and continued support.

## **KAYLA JONES**

My name is Kayla Jones and I would like to tell you a little bit about myself. I have been a resident of Montgomery Village since 2004 and have worked as a Financial Program Analyst for over 13 years and currently work for the Federal Government. I served on the Eastgate Board for the past year and feel that my knowledge and experience has served to benefit the Eastgate Community. I moved into Eastgate in 2012 and part of my selection for this community was the beauty, quietness and how well family oriented the neighborhood seem to be. Since becoming a member of Eastgate Board it has allowed me to have a better understanding of all the minor dayto-day involvement in being able to keep our community great while addressing valid issues and concerns which made us want to be a resident. I would like the opportunity to serve again in the upcoming term and help make our community a great place to live. Thank you.

# **ERIC OLSON**

I would like to remain on the Eastgate Homes Corporation Board of Directors for an additional term. I joined the board in 2013, have been a resident for 13 years, and have been an active neighborhood watch block captain for 5 years. I am a software analyst with attention to detail and wish to continue serving.

Board membership has allowed me to directly participate in addressing concerns regarding security, maintenance, litter, general complaints, and beautification of Eastgate. Before joining, I found myself periodically sending a variety of reports to EGHC on such matters as security, maintenance, and litter issues. It was at that point the board encouraged me to become more directly involved, given my active participation.

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

#### SOUTH VILLAGE SCENES

# Help keep South Village clean

by the South Village Board of **Directors** 

South Village residents should place household trash and recycling at the collection sites noted below for collection no earlier than 7 p.m. of the day prior to the regularly scheduled pickup day. Empty containers should be retrieved the same day of the scheduled pickup and properly stored out of sight until the next scheduled collection time. Please do not place recycling or trash bins out for pickup at any other time.

Remember that when living in such close proximity to others, we must make every effort to keep our community free and clear of trash, debris and foul smells so that it does

not detract from the aesthetics and comfortable living of the community. Violation of the rules and regulations, following notification, may subject the violator to penalties levied by the board.

Lastly, just one more friendly reminder. Please pick up after your pet. In fact, if you don't watch your step, you're liable to step in one such forgotten reminder! Besides being unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous. One of the most common forms of disease transmission between dogs is through fecal matter, so please remember to immediately clean up after your pet.

By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet,

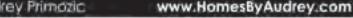
you can contribute not only to the beautification of our community, but also towards the elimination of one of the most irritating nuisances in our community.

Keep in mind that if you are spotted not cleaning up after your pet, you are in violation of community guidelines and will be cited and fined as such. Thank you for your coopera-

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

NEIGHBORHOOD	TRASH COLLECTION SITE	RECYCLING COLLECTION SITE	
Center Stage	Trash room near front door*	At curb - in a bin	
Dockside	At curb - in a Container	At curb - in a bin	
Grover's Forge	At curb - in a Container	At curb - in a bin	
The Hamptons	At curb - in a Container	At curb - in a bin	
The Millrace	At curb - in a Container	At curb - in a bin	
Nathan's Hill	At fence gate in front of unit	At curb - in a bin	
Walker's Choice - Lake Landing Road	Trash room near front door*	At curb - in a bin	
Walker's Choice - Walker's Choice Road	Trash room behind unit*	At curb - in a bin	







Sturning Brookshine Colonial in Ashford of East Village: Over 5120K in upgrades & updates, 3-4 BR; 3.5 updated boths, & 2-car garage. Updated kitchen w/ cherry cabinetry, granite counters, & stainless steel appliances Hardwood floors on main level, Family from has a fireplace w/ gas log insert. & French door to deck & gated fenced backyard. Finished lower level. Home Warranty! Virtual Tour: HomesByAudrey.com



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# Prestige Plus!

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**SPORTS** 

# Learn to play at the MVSA Spring Lacrosse clinics



Montgomery Village Sports Association (MVSA) Girls Lacrosse begins its 21st season on Saturday, March 14. To help players get ready for the season, instructional clinics will be held on Wednesdays (5:30 p.m.) and Saturdays (4:30 p.m.), March 14 through May 16 at Patsy Huson Ballfield, 20300 Fulks Farm Road; there will be no clinics during MCPS Spring Break (Wednesday, April 8 or Saturday, April 11). The clinic is appropriate for girls in grades 3 through 8, and is for all players in Montgomery County, not just Montgomery Village.

MVSA teaches beginners basic lacrosse skills such as passing, catching and ground ball scooping. Advanced players concentrate on refined skills including dodges, shooting on goal (including side arm and behind the back shots), free position shots and strategies. The clinic format is approximately an hour of skills development and 30 minutes on controlled scrimmages incorporating skills taught during the first hour.

MVSA coaches are volunteers, which minimizes the

cost of clinics. Coaches are US Lacrosse certified and have 16 to 18 years of coaching experience with youth, club and high school teams.

Over the last 20+ years, MVSA has had players on most area public and private high school JV and varsity teams. Many of these players have earned All-County recognition. And after high school, former MVSA players have gone on to play in Division 1, 2 and 3 college programs.

The clinic costs \$25, and players are also required to join U.S. Lacrosse, the sport's governing body, for another \$25 fee. Players will need a girl's lacrosse stick, protective goggles and a mouth guard. However, before you purchase a stick or goggles, MVSA has loaner sticks available for a \$25 refundable deposit and a limited number of loaner goggles; players must bring their own mouth guards. If you intend to borrow a sibling's or friend's stick, please be aware that boy's sticks are illegal for use in the girl's game.

For more information or to register, visit www.mvsa.org/sports-we-offer/lacrosse.

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

# Goshen Elementary School aims to build a community of readers

Goshen Elementary School is participating in the One School, One Book program—a special, community-wide shared reading event. In partnership with Goshen Elementary PTA's Read-a-Thon fundraiser, every family received a copy of the same book, "The One and Only Ivan" by Katherine Applegate, and was asked to read it together at home over several weeks.

Reading aloud at home is valuable because it prepares children to be effective readers, and it is also a fun, worthwhile family activity. With this program, Goshen Elementary aims to build a community of readers. Everyone – students, parents, teachers, even administrative staff—listened and read together using the MyM-CPS Classroom digital learning environment. Each day, a portion of the book was read aloud by staff and posted for Goshen families to follow along each night. The first reading by Principal Stephanie Dinga, was posted on Friday, Jan. 24, with the last reading concluding on Thursday, Feb. 6.

This is a novel program in which children in grades K through 5 were all listening to the same book. Reading profes-

sionals recommend reading material out loud that is beyond a child's own reading level. Goshen selected a title that can be followed and understood and enjoyed by younger students, while still able to captivate and stimulate older children. Throughout the reading period, everyone was talking about "The One and Only Ivan!" In school, students were invited to answer daily trivia questions to encourage and reward attentive listening. Parents, too, had an

an online trivia contest.

Along with the book, families received a Read-a-Thon reading log to help motivate students to read more and achieve their reading goals at home. Students who read for 360 minutes during the 25-day period (an average 15 minutes per night) were eligible to receive a free admission ticket to Six Flags America theme park, sponsored by the Six Flags® Read to Succeed educational

opportunity to participate in

Goshen Elementary PTA is asking the community to make a pledge to encourage reading



and raise money for Goshen Elementary School educational resources, programs and activities. The Read-a-Thon fundraiser is based on minutes read per student between Friday, Jan. 24 and Monday, Feb. 17. All pledges are tax deductible and can be a flat rate or an amount for minutes read. Goshen Elementary's schoolwide goal for 2020 is to read 40,000 minutes.

For more information about Goshen's "Community of Readers," or to make a pledge, visit https://goshen.ptboard.com/school/cm?mid=2704.

# Serving Christian Families in Montgomery Village for more than 25 years

# CLS Takes Queues from Higher Ed

A common experience at the college and university level is a January term following winter break. For the past 3 years, Covenant Life School has integrated a J-term as part of their curriculum. According to Head of School, Jamie Leach, "J-term is a time we set aside to accomplish a variety of vital goals that will launch our school forward in learning and growth."

J-Term brings 32 deep-dive classes, 2 retreats, 1 international mission trip to the Dominican Republic, 12 field trips, and a week of internships to the upper school students. J-term for the Middle School meant adventures to the Spy Museum, Bible Museum, Aquarium, Air & Space, Natural History,

African American Museum and Mt. Vernon as well as special classes like CSI Marine Biology, Lego Robotics, Drama, Photography, and more.

J-term in the High School meant that students were afforded the opportunity to intern in a variety of fields, including health care, banking, engineering, real estate, government, education, theater, and more! Additionally, High School students were involved in classes such as Photography, Mechanical Drafting, Cooking, Who Are You... Really (exploring identity); Creative Video Creation, Tech, Piano Basics, First Aid and CPR, and African American History.

"J-Term offers an exciting and brief break from the fast pace of the academic year, allowing time to delve more deeply into current curriculum or offer new innovative courses and school wide activities that mark the 'DNA' of the school." Continues Mr. Leach, "We are deeply grateful for our students' desire to learn and grow and for their work hand. Our hope is to impossion and empower our students in their education and to strengthen our distinctiveness as a Christian School."



Covenant Life School
7503 Muncaster Mill Rd. Gaithersburg, MD 20877
CovenantLifeSchool.org

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**MILESTONES** 

# Montgomery Village Healthcare Center celebrates resident birthdays

Two residents of Montgomery Village Healthcare Center recently celebrated significant birthdays.

#### HELEN NAKAHARA

In recognition of your life experiences and journey, love of family, knowledge and wisdom you have achieved along the way, the staff of Montgomery Village Healthcare Center was happy to help you celebrate your 100th birthday.

Your special day was filled with joy and happy memories. Mrs. Nakahara was born November 22, 1919.

#### **DOMINGO ORTIZ**

Mr. Ortiz Domingo was born on December 21, 1927, recently turning 92 years old. Montgomery Village Healthcare Center staff helped celebrate 92 years of joy and love from your family.





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#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

# Local teen raising funds to fight blood cancer

Village resident Alex Pope is a member of the Team Coyotes for a Cure, which hopes to raise \$100,000 by Saturday, March 7 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS). Every year, LLS sponsors a fundraising challenge for highachieving high school students. The Coyotes for a Cure team is competing against other school groups in the Washington, D.C. area to see which team can raise the most money to support LLS' mission to cure blood cancers. The team with the most raised money will earn the honor of "Students of the Year" for the DC area.

Pope is currently a junior at Poolesville High School, where he is a varsity baseball player

and a member of the National Honor Society. He previously attended Stedwick Elementary and Neelsville Middle School. The rest of the Coyotes for a Cure team is comprised of other students from high schools across Montgomery County. The team met while playing for the Clarksburg Keys travel baseball team where they previously participated in charitable causes for Toys for Tots, Operation Second Chance and Fisher House and the Patrick Shifflett Foundation.

When asked by his teammates about participating on the team, Pope agreed to join the fight against various blood cancers. In addition to reaching out to family, friends and local

businesses, the team has also sponsored several fundraisers, including fitness events and even hosting a one-day baseball camp for younger children.

The Coyotes for a Cure team is also hosting a clothing donation drive from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8 at Clarksburg High School, 22508 Wims Road, Clarksburg.

For more information about LLS and the Students of the Year Campaign, please visit https://studentsoftheyear.org/students-years-Washington-dc. To donate to Pope's campaign, visit https://events.lls.org/nca/dcsoy20/apopef. All donations are welcomed and appreciated.

# **Election workers needed for 2020 Presidential Election**

Montgomery County's Board of Elections is seeking registered voters to serve as election workers at polling places for the Presidential Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, April 28.

- Individuals are needed to serve throughout the county; particularly in the areas of Bethesda, Cabin John, Chevy Chase, Darnestown, Potomac and Rockville.
- Due to the diversity within the county, voters who speak multiple languages, especially those who are fluent in both English and Spanish are needed in each polling place to meet the requirements of Section 203 of the 1975 Voting Rights Act which stipulates that bilingual Spanish speakers be available at the polling places.

• Students 16 years old or older are eligible to register to vote and serve as election workers. Each 16 or 17-year-old applicant must submit a signed permission slip from a parent or guardian. Students serving as election workers may choose to earn up to 25 Student Service Learning (SSL) credits or up to a \$210 stipend.

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

Training is required and will be provided to all election workers. Training includes an online quiz and classroom training. Volunteers will be paid for completing training and working the election. Information on several different positions, including full day and part day assignments, is advertised at www.777vote.org. To apply, text SERVE to 77788 or for more information, visit www.777vote.org and select "Election Workers."

For other election information, call 240-777-VOTE (8683); visit www.777vote.org or www.elections.maryland.gov; or follow the Montgomery County Board of Elections on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram @777vote.



#### AT YOUR LEISURE

# **February Camera Club meeting**

Join the MV Camera Club from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 15 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road for the February meeting with special guest, club founder Eric Long. Long will present "Getting the pictures you envisioned from your camera." Attendees are encouraged to bring pictures to share.

Eric Long is a professional photographer working for the Smithsonian Institution since 1983. He is currently a senior staff photographer for the National Air and Space Museum. He has been a resident of Montgomery Village since 1992 and began free photography lessons in his home in 2010, eventually starting the MV Camera Club in 2011.

Long's presentation will focus on understanding your equipment to take the best photos possible. If you've ever been frustrated that your camera isn't giving you the pictures that you had envisioned, or thought that it's probably the camera, or type of camera and not the user, you don't want to miss this presentation.

Camera manufacturers want you to take the best pictures possible, much of their sales rely on customer satisfaction with their product. Long has found that most people using cameras or camera phones know very little about how they function and the splitsecond decisions the camera makes to ensure a good shot.

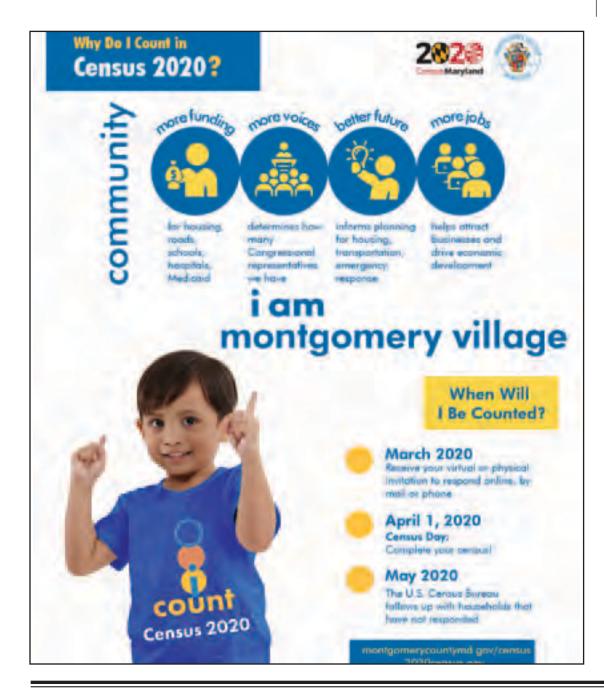
If you are in this category, come to the lecture and leave with an understanding of your

equipment, and how you might ensure a good shot without relying on your camera making decisions alone. Bring your camera and some examples of pictures that didn't come out the way you had intended.

For more information, e-mail Derrick Tabor at *dtab221@yahoo.com*.



MV Camera Club founder Eric Long



# AAUW to host guest speaker at February 15 meeting

All are welcome to join the Gaithersburg American Association of University Women (AAUW) as they welcome Tazeen Ahmad, founder of Up2Us, a hunger

fighting non-profit organization. Ahmad is Vice President of Operations of Capitol Hill Consulting Group and a member of the Montgomery County Commission for Women. She will address the group at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15.



The meeting will be held in the Rosborough Community Room, Building 409 of Asbury Methodist Village, 301 Odendhal Avenue, Gaithersburg. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 301-840-5443.



# St. Patrick's Day Parade

The City of Gaithersbug in partnership with The Peterson Companies & Rio Washingtonian Center, will host the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade at Rio Washingtonian Center, on Saturday, March 14 beginning at 10 a.m. Free parking is available in three garages along Washingtonian Boulevard.

Community groups and other organizations are invited to march. It is a great way to be involved in the community and get your group noticed. Participant application forms are available at https://tinyurl.com/ rvw4svl. All registration forms submitted must have a parade participant agreement form attached.

Please note that participation in the St. Patrick's Day Parade by groups or organizations other than City of Gaithersburg officials, departments or committees does not constitute City of Gaithersburg endorsement.

If you are interested in participating at the parade as a vendor, e-mail Laurie Yankowski at lyankowski@petersoncos.com.

# **Lucky Dog 5k**

Come have fun with your favorite pet from 8:30 to 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 15 when you can run with your dog through Malcolm King Park, 1 School Drive, Gaithersburg.

Well behaved and socialized dogs are welcome, but please be considerate of your fellow runners. Retractable leashes are not recommended and should be set at six feet if used. All dogs must be leashed at all times.

Rabies, Distemper, and Bordetella vaccinations must be current on race day. Proof of current Rabies vaccine should be carried with you on race day and must be provided upon the request.

Dog owners are responsible for cleaning up after their dog—even if this must be attended to while on the race



course. Disposable bags will be available at packet pick up.

For more information or to register, visit https://runsignup.com/Race/MD/Gaithersburg/LuckyDog5k

#### **RECREATION**

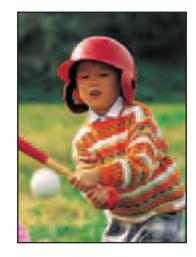
# **Montgomery Village T-ball**

Get ready to run, field and hit-sign your T-ball player up for league play! Practices are scheduled from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays or 5 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays at Patsy Huson Ballfield, 20300 Fulks Farm Road, beginning Wednesday, March 11.

Games will be played on Saturdays in April and May at Lakelands Park Middle School, 1200 Main Street, Gaithersburg. This league has opportunities for both boys and girls to play. Montgomery Village Teams will play in the Gaithersburg league.

Registration costs only \$65/ Resident or \$75/Non-resident; participants must be registered by Wednesday, Feb. 26.

For more information, or if you are interested in registering or coaching, contact Christian Hayes at 240-243-2367 or e-mail chayes@mvf.org. Parents who volunteer to be head coaches will receive a 15% discount on their child's registration.



# Dance programs

Are team sports not really your child's interest? If they lean more towards the arts, check out our variety of dance classes for ages 2½ to 16. Your child can work on their Ballet, Jazz and Tap skills with instructors from D'Amour Dance. Class times and days vary. Register today - space is filling up fast!

For more information or to register, call Christian Hayes at 240-243-2367, e-mail chayes@ *mvf.org* or visit www.montgomery village.com.



Montgomery Village is Hiring Lifeguards for the 2020 Summer Season



# **American Red Cross** Lifeguarding Course

The American Red Cross Lifeguard Training course will certify you in Lifeguard Training, CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer and First Aid. Students must be 15 years old by the last day of the course (proof of age required) and pass a pre-screen test (300-yard continuous swim with rhythmic breathing using front crawl or breast stroke; 10 lbs. brick retrieval within one minute forty seconds; and tread water using legs only for two minutes) on the first pool day in order to continue participation in class. Space is limited. Class sessions will be held at the Rockville Swim & Fitness Center, 355 Martins Lane. A detailed course schedule/syllabus will be provided on the first day of class. Students must attend all class sessions as scheduled. Class is co-taught with the City of Rockville; all classes are subject to change. If a student does not pass the pre-screen, a course fee refund minus \$15 administrative fee will be issued. For more information or winter break class schedule, e-mail Petra Padilla at ppadilla @mvf.org.

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

\$185/Resident, \$195/Non-resident

Registration closes Thursday, Feb. 20

Friday, Feb. 21 Saturday, Feb. 22 Friday, Feb. 28 Saturday, Feb. 29 Sunday, March 1 Saturday, March 7 6 to 10 p.m. 2:30 to 9:30 p.m. 6 to 9:30 p.m. 2:30 to 9:30 p.m. 5 to 9 p.m. 5 to 8 p.m.





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

\$185/Resident, \$195/Non-resident 4015.202

Registration closes Thursday, March 19

Friday, March 20 Saturday, March 21 Friday, March 27 Saturday, March 28 Friday, April 3 Saturday, April 4

6 to 10 p.m. 2:30 to 9:30 p.m. 6 to 9:30 p.m. 2:30 to 9:30 p.m. 6:30 to 10 p.m. 6 to 9 p.m.

## **Lifeguard Training Course (MCPS Spring Break)** (Includes CPR/AED and First Aid)

\$185/Resident, \$195/Non-resident

Registration closes Tuesday, April 2

Saturday, April 4 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 6 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 7 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 8 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, April 9 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 10 10 a.m. to 1 p.m







Successful Lifequard Class participants are encouraged to apply for lifeguard positions with MVF. Apply online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

IMPORTANT: If you plan to apply for a job opportunity with MVF, but register for a lifeguarding course with a different agency, make sure that it is American Red Cross training and that you will receive an actual American Red Cross Lifeguard Certificate. MVF follows American Red Cross standards and to be considered for a position with MVF, the American Red Cross Lifeguard Certificate is required.

# **MV Community Band** Winter Concert

Join the Montgomery Village Community Band on Sunday, March 1 at 3 p.m. at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, as they play contemporary music selections directed by Steven Wampler. Admission is free; attendees are encouraged to bring a canned good to be donated to Gaithersburg H.E.L.P.

# Adult Fitness

Need help finding your fit this winter?

There are plenty of opportunities right here in Montgomery Village. Classes include Aerobics, Tennis, Gentle Yoga, Open Gym Basketball, Pickleball, Beginner/Intermediate Yoga and Zumba. Reserve a

spot in your favorite classes early, because they fill up quickly!

For more information, call Christian Hayes at 240-243-2367, e-mail chayes@mvf.org or register online at www. montgomeryvillage.com.

# **Indoor Flea Market**

Are you looking to sell your unique belongings for cash? Sign up for a table at our Winter Indoor Flea Market at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, on Saturday, March 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Each space is  $6' \times 8'$  and includes a  $6' \times 2.5'$ table and chair. The cost is \$25/Resident per space and \$30/Non-residents. Sign up early! Spots are limited!

Looking to shop? No problem - admission and parking are free! Come for

the bargains, leave with some great new items!

For more information or questions, call Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2361 or e-mail toshea@mvf.org.



# Holiday Fun with Healthy Hands Cooking

Saturday, March 14 | 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Enjoy family-friendly games and nutritioncentered activities to celebrate all things green for St. Patrick's Day. This holiday-themed event will teach you how to make healthy and fun snacks to share. For ages 3 and up.

\$15/Resident family, \$20/Non-resident family



Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue







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

**RECREATION** 

# **Family Game Night**

Looking for activities for the whole family? Look no further, family game night is here! Join us as we play board games such as Battleship, Sorry, Clue, oversized Connect 4 or Jenga and basketball; also, get a look at our new Imagination Playground!

Family Game Night is scheduled from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 14 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. The cost is \$5/family before Thursday, March 12; \$10 at the door. Snow date: Saturday, March 21.

For more information or questions, call Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2361 or e-mail toshea@ mvf.org.







# Interactive Family Playtime on the new **Imagination Playground**

Have you heard about our new Imagination Playground? This structure allows kids to build their own play area, imagine the possibilities and guide their own adventures!

See what all the fun is about from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Saturdays as we read a story, make a craft or play a game and then see where the Imagination Playground takes us! Interactive Family Playtime is scheduled for Saturdays through March 21; no meeting on Feb. 22 or March 7.

For more information or questions, or story and craft ideas, call Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2361 or e-mail toshea@mvf. org. To register, visit www. montgomeryvillage.com.





Saturday, March 21

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Purchase discounted Bingo card booklets for only \$8 by 5 p.m., Friday, March 20! Each booklet contains 12 cards.

Prices at the door are \$10/booklet or \$1/card.











For more information or to register, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com or e-mail toshea@mvf.org.

#### **RECREATION**

# **Bingo Night**

Do you enjoy playing Bingo? Come to Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 21 and take a chance at winning prizes! Up for grabs are a variety of gift baskets and gift cards to local restaurants and activities!

All ages are welcome to participate in evening of fun – bring your family, friends and neighbors! Discounted Bingo cards can be purchased in advance. Call 301-948-0110 by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 20; each booklet contains 12 Bingo cards and costs \$8. Additional cards and booklets will be

available for purchase at the door (\$10/booklet or \$1/card).

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





# **Tiny Tot Play Time**

Come play at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, during these long winter days. Join neighbors or make new friends on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Enjoy letting your little one run around and play with ride-on toys, balls, scooters, large blocks and more!

Cost is \$4/Resident or \$5/ Non-resident to drop-in. Or, pay for the whole session in advance: once a week costs \$26/ Resident or \$32/Non-resident, and twice a week costs \$40/Resident or \$46/Non-resident.

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





Show off your creative side by displaying artwork at MVF's Annual Art Show! Check out original artwork, crafts and photography by local artists on Saturday, March 14 and Sunday, March 15 at the MVF Annual Art Show! This year's show is expected to be one of the best in the 46-year history of the event. The Art Show is scheduled from 1 to 5 p.m. on both days at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

Saturday, March 14 will offer two viewing sessions. Between 1 and 2:45 p.m. is a family session, with crafts for children to engage in. From 3 to 5 p.m. adults will have an opportunity to meet other art enthusi-

asts, listen to music and indulge in a glass of wine with hors d'oeuvres (adults only, please). On Sunday, March 15, the art show will be open to all from 1 to 5 p.m., with an artists' reception from 4 to 5 p.m.

Artists interested in displaying their work can download registration forms at www.montgomery village.com, pick them up at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, or e-mail Christian Hayes at chayes@mvf.org. Entries cost \$3 each; no entries will be accepted before registration Thursday, March 12.

For more information, call Christian Hayes at 240-243-2367 or e-mail *chayes@mvf.org*.





**MV SENIORS** 

# seniors action A look back...

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

No SiA programs on Monday, Feb. 17

# MONDAY

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

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

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

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

**Book Discussion Group** 10 to 11 a.m.

Meets the third Monday each month

Discuss your thoughts and opinions on books selected by the SiA Book Discussion Group.

Feb. 24 – "Matchmaker's List" by Sonya Lalli

March 16 – "Walking with the Wind: A Memoir of the Movement" by John Lewis

April 20 - "Out of Bounds" by Val McDermid

# **TUESDAY**

# **Light Cardio Workout**

9 to 10 a.m.

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

# Flow-Motion

11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Work the mind/body with controlled, flowing motions, range of motion improvement, balance and muscular strength. Moves are performed seated and/or standing.

## **SiA Member Meeting**

10:15 to 10:45 a.m.

Last Tuesday of each month

Join MVF staff to discuss new ideas, suggestions or

# WEDNESDAY

#### **SiA Games and Social Hour** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Potluck lunch on last Wednesday each month

Enjoy a variety of card and board games, conversation and refreshments. Check our monthly calendar for additional information about potlucks and guest speakers.

# THURSDAY

## **Light Cardio Workout**

9 to 10 a.m.

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

Total Body Tune-up 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Fun and easy to follow seated and standing movements to tone and stretch gently and comfortably to lively music.

# **FRIDAY**

# **Bingo and Brown Bag Lunch**

Noon to 2 p.m.

Second Friday each month

Bring a lunch and play bingo with your SiA friends. Members are welcome to bring guests.

Members/Free, \$2/Non-member



Join the Seniors in Action group and participate in a wide variety of social activities each week!

# Up next...

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



# Living Well: Chronic Pain Self-Management Workshop

Fridays | 9:30 a.m. to noon Feb. 7 to Feb. 21 Stedwick Community Center 10401 Stedwick Road

Take control of your pain! Join this free community-based interactive workshop to help adults manage chronic pain, decrease discomfort and increase vitality by:

- Managing pain symptoms and challenges
- Exploring stress and relaxation techniques
- Evaluating treatment options
- Discussing medications and usage
- Practicing gentle exercise Setting goals and solving problems

For more information or to register, call 301-754-8800 or 703-534-5247, or visit www.holycrosshealth.

Be on the lookout for another Living Well health seminar, "The Road to Better Health." This 6-week series will be scheduled for Fridays in March and April. More details to come! Stop into Seniors in Action at Stedwick Community Center and pick up a flyer on these fabulous and informative classes from Holy Cross Health!



# **SIA E-MAIL LIST**

Not receiving the weekly SiA e-mails? Ask to be added to the list for updates and changes related to Seniors in Action.

# REGISTRATION

Sign up today at any SiA program, the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, or online at www.montgomeryvillage.com!

The Seniors in Action program offers convenient and affordable activities to seniors 55 years and older, Monday through Friday. For more details on any Seniors in Action activity, call 301-948-0110 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

#### **CLASSIFIEDS**

# **MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION IS SEEKING:**

## **CAMP DIRECTOR (SEASONAL)**

Full day (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) shifts available during the 8 to 9-week season, beginning early to mid-June. Approximately 25 to 40 hours per week. A great opportunity for teachers, college students and high school grads to have fun while making a difference! Salary: \$15/hour

#### Job summary:

Plans and leads recreational and cultural activities at a summer camp program for age groups K to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Assists with evaluating program activities. Manages, supervises and evaluates subordinate staff.

#### Requirements:

- Must be 21 years old
- High school diploma required; college preferred
- · Previous experience working with youth preferred
- CPR/First Aid certification required

#### ASSISTANT CAMP DIRECTOR (SEASONAL)

Full day (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and afternoon-only shifts available during the 8 to 9-week season, beginning early to mid-June. Approximately 20 to 35 hours per week. A great opportunity for teachers, college students and high school grads to have fun while making a difference! Salary: \$14.50/hour

#### Job summary:

Plans and leads recreational and cultural activities at a summer camp program for age groups K to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Assists with evaluating program activities. Manages, supervises and evaluates subordinate staff.

#### Requirements:

- Must be 18 years old
- · High school diploma required; college preferred
- Previous experience working with youth preferred
- CPR/First Aid certification required

## **CAMP COUNSELOR (SEASONAL)**

Full day (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and afternoon-only shifts available during the 8 to 9-week season, beginning early to mid-June. Approximately 20 to 35 hours per week. A great opportunity for teachers, college students and high school grads to have fun while making a difference! Salary: \$12.25/hour.

#### Job summary:

Implements and leads planned activities of the daily camp program for age groups K to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Ensures all supplies and program needs are available and that camp site is clean after activities. Responsible for the safety of campers and for following all day camp policies. Interacts with children at all times, taking part in the activities.

# Requirements:

- Must be 18 years old
- High school diploma required; college preferred
- Previous experience working with youth preferred
- CPR/First Aid certification required

For more information please contact Christian Hayes at 240-243-2367 or chayes @mvf.org.

Applications can be submitted online at *www.montgomeryvillage.com* or at the MVF Office at 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886. Montgomery Village Foundation is an EOE. M/F/D/V



# MONTGOMERY VILLAGE CONSERVATION CORPS SUPERVISOR

Candidate with strong leadership skills to direct crew of five teens for park and environmental projects. Typical work hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for 6 weeks from June 22 through July 31, with additional training hours during the week of June 15. Conservation Corps Supervisor will be required to work Friday, July 3. Additional hours may be available with other duties. Supervisory experience working with children/teens preferred.

Pay rate begins at \$15 per hour

#### Requirements:

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

# MONTGOMERY VILLAGE CONSERVATION CORPS WORKERS

Motivated teens wanted to spend six weeks learning skills related to outdoor work at recreation and park facilities. Projects will include park cleanup, wildlife damage mitigation, routine playground maintenance, storm water management and more.

Candidates must have a work permit and be available to work from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, from Monday, June 22 through Friday, July 31. Conservation Corps Workers will be required to work Friday, July 3. There is a limited number of these positions available.

Pay rate: \$11.90 per hour or SSL hours

Application deadline is Wednesday, March 31. Interviews will be scheduled during the week of April 6-10.

# **DOCK MANAGER**

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

Work is performed outdoors in various weather conditions. The typical hours of work are 10:45 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays, Memorial Day and Labor Day on a rotating schedule. This seasonal opportunity runs from May 2 through September 27.

## Requirements:

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

Salary starting at \$15 per hour

# **ASSISTANT DOCK MANAGER**

Assist in the supervision of the Lake Whetstone boat rental program during hours of operation, on an as needed basis. See description above for responsibilities and details.

## Requirements:

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

Salary starting at \$14.25 per hour

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



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# Dede Burrell

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# New on the Market ——



# PLEASANT RIDGE \$510,000 STONE FRONT

This 4 BR, 2.5 BA SFH has sitting room, 1st floor office and FR w/ stone fireplace open to kitchen - fresh neutral decor - all new renovated kitchen with quartz, stainless, white cabinetry & luxury vinyl = GORGEOUS! New

paint throughout, 3 updated bathrooms with totally renovated master bath - main level laundry, finished basement with rec. room & huge storage area – this home is in the best condition possible with impeccable maintenance & design - excellent outdoor space with great landscaping, flagstone patio and front walkway.

# 2019 Sales

593 Whetstone Glen St. \$349,900 **7111** Woodmont Ave. \$350,900 12020 Saw Mill Ct. \$450,000 4104 Edgevale Ct. \$695,690 9363 Chadburn Pl. \$217,900 10328 Royal Woods Ct. \$275,000 9712 Digging Rd. \$513,000 9359 Chadburn Pl. \$226,000 20125 Waringwood Way \$365,000

19628 White Saddle Dr. \$220,000 19245 Dunbridge Way \$355,000 19112 Rhodes Way \$365,000 20117 Darlington Dr. \$477,000 19163 Roman Way \$450,000 8604 Bitterfield Ct. \$525,000 9833 Meadowcroft Ln. \$450,000 9229 Frostburg Way \$310,000

# Sold



#### **COURTS OF WHETSTONE** \$450,000 MOST POPULAR MODEL IN THE COURTS!

4 BR, 2.5 BA, hardwood floors, office, separate LR & DR - renovated kitchen w/breakfast room, moveable island, lots of counter space-front & back courtyards w/decks, gazebo and planting beds.



# FOREST BROOKE

\$275,000

3 BR, 2.5 BA, 3 level, garage townhome with wood floors, new appliances, gas fireplace in living room, tablespace kitchen, fresh paint, new light fixtures, excellent condition - garage enters into house priced well and below recent sales.



# WHETSTONE

\$513,000

5 BR, 3 Full Baths, hardwood floors, updated kitchen with stainless steel appliances, cherry cabinets - main level office (or bedroom) with full bath plus laundry room - HVAC updated with new 2 zone system – stunning master bath renovation!



## **3-LEVEL TOWNHOME**

\$217.900

3 BR, 2.5 BA townhome with wood floors, new carpet, fresh paint. Fenced patio in front with sliding glass doors from living room - huge master bedroom suite with master bath and ceiling fan - generous sized bedrooms - new dishwasher.



A donation from each sale goes directly to Children's Miracle Network local hospital - Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

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# Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors







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#### **MVF ELECTION**

# **Montgomery Village** Foundation 2020 **Board of Directors Election**

Your ballot for the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors election should arrive at your home shortly after Friday, Feb. 8. Your ballot should be completed promptly and dropped off at, or mailed to, the MVF Office, 10120 Apple

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.

# 2020 VOTING INFORMATION FOR OWNERS OF PRIVATE DWELLING UNITS

- For your ballot to be valid, assessments (including late payment fees) must be current through Dec. 31, 2019 (paid by Feb. 29, 2020).
- Vote for no more than three candidates including write-ins.
- To keep your vote secret, please do not sign the face of the ballot.
- Place the ballot inside the return envelope and seal it.
- In the upper left corner of the return envelope, print and sign your name. Write your Village address if it is different from the mailing address shown on the label. The printed name and signature must be from a person whose name appears on the deed as owner of record.
- Only one ballot may be submitted per private dwelling unit. If duplicate ballots arrive, the ballot with the earliest postmark will be considered valid unless it is personally withdrawn by the voter and another ballot is
- All ballots must be received at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, by 5 p.m., Friday, March 20, 2020.
- Ballots will be counted Saturday, March 21, 2020, beginning at 9 a.m. at the MVF office, with results announced at the Special Election meeting immediately following.
- The elected candidates will be introduced at the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Montgomery Village Foundation, Thursday, March 26, 2020 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road, at 8 p.m.
- 10. For Management Companies: Contact MVF to confirm you are the agent of record if owners designate the management company to vote on their

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.





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



**DANIEL ANDERSON** 



**RICARDO CAMACHO** 



PETER WEBB

Thursday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. in the North Creek **Board Room** 

**See Candidate Interviews** in the March 6 issue of the Village News

# **Montgomery Village**

# 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS **ELECTION CALENDAR**

FRIDAY, FEB. 7

Election ballots mailed to residents

FRIDAY, FEB. 21

Candidate Videos released online

#### THURSDAY, FEB. 27, 7 P.M. **MEET THE CANDIDATES**

North Creek Board Room 20125 Arrowhead Road

## FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Candidate Interviews published in The Montgomery Village News

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 5 P.M. Balloting closes

# FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 7 P.M. **ELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

# SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 9 A.M. OFFICIAL BALLOT COUNTING

Montgomery Village Foundation Office 10120 Apple Ridge Road

# SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1 P.M.

Ballot count results announced online www.montgomeryvillage.com



**ANDRES GUZMAN** 

# **Foundation**

#### **MVF ELECTION**

# Montgomery Village Foundation 2020 Board of Directors election candidates







**RICARDO CAMACHO** 



**ANDRES GUZMAN** 



**PETER WEBB** 

#### DANIEL ANDERSON

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

Being an Energy Engineer for an electrical utility for the past 5 years has provided me the unique insight into the direct impacts of local rules and regulations on residents. When advising Maryland residents on their most complex energy problems, I work with people daily to find solutions to unique/complex challenges within tight budgets, finding creative ways to address problems and incentivize behaviors for a positive impact on the residents and community. This problem-solving approach and ability to utilize selection criteria to make long-term beneficial decisions allows me to bring a fresh and new perspective to the MVF Board to address and solve the issues facing today's residents to better prepare the Village for tomorrow.

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

In conversations with residents and participation in local blogs and posts, one of the most common complaints is about parking in the Village. To address the needs of residents, the methods and rules for fair and reasonable parking enforcement is my first priority. In addition to parking, focusing on the appearance of the Village is the next priority to allow the Village to reflect externally the internal pride that its residents have in their community and houses.

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

To address the first priority, my proposal is to simplify and clearly communicate the rules regarding parking, as well as working with the enforcement contractor to focus energy and effort into pain areas for residents. In addition, my focus will be on creating evaluation tools to ensure that parking rules and enforcement are enabled to bring the outcomes that best fit the needs and reduces the impacts on the community.

## **ANDRES GUZMAN**

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

I currently work at the State's Attorney's Office as a Senior Legal Assistant, helping secure our county is my job. I am hoping, that I can bring some of my ideas to the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors and help the community where I currently live and have lived for several years now.

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

Community amenities, and smart, forward thinking planning for Montgomery Village. So that Montgomery Village does not lag behind other communities in the county when it comes to a desirable place to live

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

Reviewing and accepting different concepts for people

who are looking to face lift their property, the village has a unique look which at times can look dated, my aim is to be able to provide my input on how the village can combine both, old and new styles to keep the area of Montgomery Village unique and also to provide homeowners with a possibility to expand their property to meet their ever changing needs.

#### **RICARDO CAMACHO**

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

I feel my past service on the Stedwick Homes Corporation Board as well as the MVF Board of Directors qualifies me for a position on the MVF Board. My personal experience as a long time resident as well as my professional experience in institutional investment management will allow me to serve the MVF board well in its financial decisions as well as its long term planning for the future

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

I think it is critical for the Board to continue to serve its residents well by maintaining and investing in the services and amenities offered to residents, and to ensure our community is managed in a way that will position it to become the first choice community for families settling in the Maryland area. It is important that the MVF Board continues to manage its finances and capital project investments in a way that ensures that residents re-

ceive the most value for their assessment dollars over the long term.

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

Having been away from day-to-day management on the MVF Board for several years, I do not currently have any proposals. I look forward to working with current members of the MVF Board of Directors to ensure that the best days of Montgomery Village are yet to come.

#### **PETER WEBB**

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

My family has resided in Montgomery Village for the past 11 years, and in that time we have come to love our neighborhood for what it is, what it has been, and most importantly, what it can be. As a small business owner, operating a State Farm Insurance agency in Rockville, I serve as a counselor and advisor to over 2,100 households to help them plan for the future and protect them from life's inevitable challenges. I pride myself on working with each individual to seek the best path forward. I believe my professional background will continue to be a true asset to the Foundation as we work with new partners in the Village. I look forward to continuing to create a community that I will be proud to call home with my wife Kate and children Will and Marie for years to come.

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

During my time on the Board in the past six years, we have been implementing plans to refresh and enhance our parks, facilities and pools. We worked with Montgomery County to adopt a new master plan that will encourage community and economic development while protecting the character of the Village. I am excited that construction is slated to start on the Bloom site shortly. The plan to update the Village Center will help build community and bring in a new grocery store and other retail. I believe it will be important to continue to be supportive of these projects while making sure the Village is protected from unwanted changes. It's going to be an exciting time to live in the Village!

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

I think it is important to review MVF's strategic goals on an annual basis to make sure that they meet the short term and long term needs of the community and that they mesh with the budget and 5 Year Plan. Seeking continued resident input on major projects via forums such as the meetings regarding facility updates for pickle ball and Watkins Mill pool and other avenues of direct participation will be key as the Village continues to move forward.

# Village News

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Village residents ages 10 to 18 can visit the carriers page online at www.montgomeryvillage. com or call 240-243-2342 for information.



# MVF ELECTION

Candidate	DANIEL ANDERSON	RICARDO CAMACHO	ANDRES GUZMAN	PETER WEBB
Address	19700 Crested Iris Way	20081 Doolittle Street	19413 Faber Court	9505 Whetstone Drive
Village Community	Stedwick	Patton Ridge	Stedwick	Whetstone
Resident	Resident	Resident Homeowner	Resident Homeowner	Resident Homeowner
Length of Residency	2 years	20+ years	3 years, 2 Months	11 years
Occupation	Engineer	Investment Professional	Senior Legal Assistant	Business Owner - State Farm Insurance Agent, Rockville, MD
Assessments Current	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Architectural Violations	Yes	Yes	No	No
Participation in Village Affairs	Being relatively new to the Village, my experience to date has been limited to interacting with the community through living and working here.	I grew up in Montgomery Village, and attended Watkins Mill High School. I've served on the Stedwick Homes Corporation Board of Directors and the MVF Board of Directors until 2015.	At the moment, none, my family and myself are very new to the community, but would very much like to help with the decisions that are being made in our community.	Member of MVF Board of Directors (6 years)
Participation in Community Affairs	Participation in Energy Assistance Summit, Volunteering at Maryland Food bank.	Living abroad, I have been absent from community affairs for the past few years and am looking to rejoin the MVF Board.	At the moment, none, my family and myself are very new to the community, but would very much like to help with the decisions that are being made in our community.	Assist in the launching of dozens of small business in the area by serving as an advisor. I serve over 2,100 households as a risk manager and financial planner.
Other, including educational background, awards, etc.	Bachelor of Energy Systems Engineering	I manage an investment fund and prior to that worked in corporate investment roles for 7 years.	I am constantly on the lookout to make sure our property lives up to the standard of The Heights community.	Native of Montgomery County. B.A. and M.B.A from American University  - Washington, DC focusing on Finance. Fully licensed with the Maryland Insurance Administration and Series 6 licensed with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) for the marketing and sales of securities products.

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