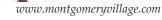
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MVF Board President Pete Young (left) thanks Dennis Clark for his years of service on the MVF Board of Directors and Vision 2030 and Long Range Facilities Planning committees at last Thursday's MVF Annual Meeting. Clark was recognized as instrumental in organizing and presenting collected community input that eventually laid the groundwork for the MV Master Plan, as well as having served two terms on the MVF Board.

New members installed, service awards given at MVF Annual Meeting

by Mike Conroy

The Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors held its Annual Meeting on Thursday, March 23 in North Creek Community Center. During the meeting, newly elected member to the Board, Tammy Holloway, and incumbents Peter Webb and Pete Young, were installed for their 2017-2020 term. Outgoing director Dennis Clark was thanked for his service to the Board and the community. Holloway, Webb and Young were announced as the winning candidates after the March 4 ballot counting.

Board President Pete Young opened the meeting with an address to the Village, reflecting on the highlights of the Village's 50th Anniversary. Young noted the celebration activities, souvenir giveaways, logo license plates and the involvement of the committee, MVF staff and community volunteers. He said that 2016 was a great time to recognize the Village's history, vision and journey so far, and reflect on how this generational refresh was an opportunity to reinvest in the community.

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Montgomery Village claims 29th Tree City USA title

Montgomery Village has been named a 2016 Tree City USA community by The National Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to community forestry. It is the 29th consecutive year Montgomery Village has received this national recognition.

According to the National Arbor Day Foundation, Montgomery Village has met four criteria to become a Tree City USA, including a tree board or department; a tree care ordinance; maintaining a community forestry budget; and holding an official Arbor Day observance.

Montgomery Village celebrated Arbor Day 2016 in grand

fashion for its 50th Anniversary. The North Creek Nature Center was opened for the celebration, which included including nature walks, tree plantings, Monarch Butterfly programs and demonstrations, lake cleanup and free seeds and seedlings.

For 2017, the Arbor Day celebration will be held again at North Creek Nature Center, 20300 Aspenwood Lane, and includes similar festivities. The program is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 22. For more information, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Montgomery Village is committed to effective urban forestry management. Maintaining this

importance resource is vital to our public infrastructure. Cleaner air, improved storm water management, energy savings and increased property values are among the benefits enjoyed by Tree City USA communities.

The Tree City USA program

is sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

For more information on The National Arbor Day Foundation, visit www.arborday.org.



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Annual Home Show helps residents nail down spring projects



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Senator Nancy King receives Maryland First Citizen Award

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Sign up for MVF Spring Break Camps with a coupon



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Economic and community development talk April 4

Village residents are invited for dinner and conversation about economic and community development with David Petr, President and CEO of the newly established Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC). Join Petr at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

Petr will discuss the goals of this new organization, a private entity that was established to promote and encourage economic development throughout Montgomery County after the county eliminated the Department of Economic Development last year. An update on all the development projects in the Village will also be provided during the session.

Please RSVP to Juana Hernandez at 240-243-2315 or e-mail *jhernandez@mvf.org* by Monday, April 3 so we can plan for food from local Montgomery Village restaurants.

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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, April 27 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5 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.

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

The Committee on the Environment (COE) meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

COMMERCIAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Commercial Architectural Review Committee (CARC) meeting is scheduled for 9:15 a.m. on Friday, April 7 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

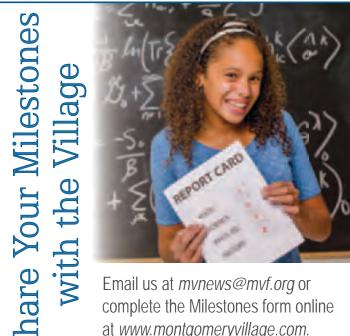
INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

The Investment Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, April 17 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 17 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

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.



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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

CENTER COURT CONDOMINIUM

The Center Court Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25 in the Heron's Cove Office, 19101 Mills Choice Road. This meeting will include the Annual Meeting.

CHRISTOPHER COURT LAND ASSOCIATION

The Christopher Court Land Association meeting is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

EAST VILLAGE

The East Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18 at the Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

HORIZON RUN CONDOMINIUM

The Horizon Run Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 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, April 25 at the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place. This meeting will include the Annual Meeting.

NORMANDIE-ON-THE-LAKE I CONDOMINIUM

The Normandie-on-the-Lake I (NOLI) Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26 at the NOLI Office, 18701 Walker's Choice Road #3. At this meeting, board members will be elected, and the quorum will be those present at the meeting in person or by proxy as required by Section 11-109(c)(8) of the Condominium Act.

NORTHGATE

The Northgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This meeting will include the Annual Meeting.

NORTH VILLAGE

The North Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 20 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, April 24 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

SOUTH VILLAGE

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

STEDWICK

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

THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

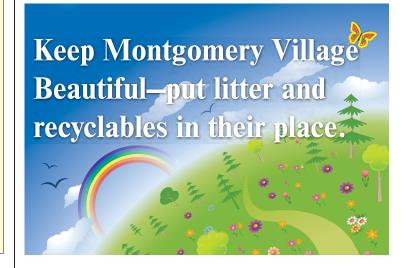
The Thomas Choice Condominium meeting is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Friday, April 21 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Gardens Condominium meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11 at the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

WHETSTONE

The Whetstone Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 13 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Appreciation



by Pete Young

I was so pleased to see many

People drive our community, and the great many achievements we experience are a result of many caring and dedicated folks. This meeting is an opportunity to recognize some of them, and I am always impressed by the efforts we are able to highlight. We were able to recognize volunteers for their community service, local business sponsors for their support, staff for service and work accomplishments and also a board member who has concluded his term of service. I am personally so grateful for the amazing efforts of so many, and it was truly an honor and privilege to recognize them.

Our community had a big year in 2016, as we celebrated our 50th anniversary last year! We have come a long way from the Kettler Brothers' original vision, and we had terrific events throughout the year to celebrate our rich history. We also saw the approval of the first ever Montgomery Village Master Plan by the countythis was a years-long process that our community led, and it resulted in a new vision for our next 50 years.

We also saw several major projects undertaken, including the opening of new restrooms and concession facilities in South Valley Park, the complete reconstruction of the Apple Ridge Pool (opening this summer!), the dredging of Lake Whetstone and repairs to the lake's outfall tower.

We welcomed a new Police Commander (Dinesh Patil) to our 6th District, and celebrated Village-wide in our July 4 festival and parade, fall festival and other Village events throughout the year. Whew!

I invite you to appreciate the many blessings we have - from the nature that surrounds us, to the dedicated staff that serves us, to the many residents that give so much of their time and talent to make our community better. I am forever grateful for your service and trust and hope that I can earn your support as we move the community forward.

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

Cheers, Pete

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MOTION LIST March 23, 2017

- Mr. Dyer moved to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Directors' meeting held February 23, 2017 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed with all in favor; Mr. Driscoll and Mr. Webb abstained.
- Mr. Clark moved to accept the Action List as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Marsh moved to accept the 2016 Audited Financial Report as presented. The motion was seconded and passed with all in favor; Mr. Webb abstained.
- Mr. Marsh moved to deny the parking request from the Patton Ridge Homes Corporation. The motion was seconded and passed (8-1); Ms. Franke was opposed.
- Mr. Dyer moved to appoint the 2017 Scholarship Committee and Chair as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Marsh moved to award the bid for bus rental services to Rills Bus Company. The motion was seconded and passed
- Mr. Gargan moved to accept the committee reports. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Gargan moved to adjourn to the Annual Meeting at $7{:}21\,p.m.$ The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Gargan moved to nominate Mr. Young to serve as President. The motion was seconded and Mr. Young was elected by acclamation.
- 10. Mr. Webb moved to nominate Mr. Gargan to serve as Vice President. The motion was seconded and Mr. Gargan was elected by acclamation.
- 11. Mr. Driscoll moved to nominate Mr. Webb to serve as the third member of the Executive Committee. The motion was seconded and Mr. Webb was elected by acclamation.
- Mr. Young moved to nominate Mr. Driscoll to serve as the alternate member of the Executive Committee. The motion was seconded and Mr. Driscoll was elected by acclamation.
- Mr. Marsh moved to approve the draft 2017-2018 Corporate Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 14. Mr. Marsh moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:21 p.m. pursuant to Section 11B Real Property, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Maryland Homeowners Association Act) to go into closed session for (viii) Discussion of individual owner assessment accounts. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Marsh moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:21 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.







MVF President

of you last week at our MVF Annual Meeting. This is such a nice event, and each year I look forward to seeing the many residents, Board members, committee members, volunteers and friends come together to take stock of where we are as a community. It is really important to reflect each year on our progress, our health as an organization and community and to recognize the many accomplishments achieved by so many talented people we are privileged to know, work with, live with and benefit from.

MVF BOARD MOTIONS

Calendar of Events



Tuesday Wednesday Saturday Sunday Monday Thursday Friday Village News 31 **April** Don't Miss It! Flashlight Egg Hunt 6:45 to 8:30 pm – SVP 1 Flashlight Egg Hunt (G.W. Bowie Music Pavilion) 4 Economic/Development Forum 10-13 Spring Break Camp 11-13 Youth Leadership Workshop 22 Arbor Day Event 3 5 2 6 8 Economic/Development Seniors in Action CARC Camera Club 10 am to noon - Free! 9:15 am - NCBR 6:30 pm - NCCC (pre-registration required) 5 pm - NCBR MV Community Band 7 pm - SCC 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 Spring Break Camp Spring Break Camp Spring Break Camp Good Friday Spring Break Camp 9 am to 4 pm - LMCC (Pre-registration required) (Pre-registration required) Youth Leadership Workshop Youth Leadership Workshop Youth Leadership Workshop 9 am to 4 pm - LMCC 9 am to 4 pm - LMCC Passover begins at sunset 9 am to 4 pm - LMCC Seniors in Action Whetstone HC Montgomery Village Thomas Choice Gardens 10 am to noon - SCC 6:30 pm - TCPR 7:30 pm - NCBR MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC 7:15 pm - WCC Northgate HC 7 pm - NCBR (Annual Mtg.) COE 7:30 pm - NCBR 17 19 22 16 18 Village News 21 Seniors in Action Easter Investment Committee East Village HC North Village HC Annual Report Arbor Day Event 10 am to noon - SCC 7 pm - NCBR 7:30 pm - LMCC 7 pm - NCBR 9 am to 1 pm Thomas Choice Condo North Creek Nature Center MV Community Band Recreation Committee 3:30 pm - MVF Office 7 pm - WMHS 7:30 pm - MVF Office Stedwick HC 7:30 pm - SCC 23 27 28 29 24 26 Middle Village HC 7 pm – TCPR (Annual Horizon Run Condo Seniors in Action MVF Board of Directors 10 am to noon - SCC 7:30 pm - NCBR 7:30 pm - NCBR Meeting) 4:30 pm - MVF Office Patton Ridge HC 7 pm - NCBR MV Community Band 7 pm - SCC Center Court Condo 7:30 pm – Heron's Cove Normandie-on-the-Lake I Office (Annual Meeting) 7 pm - NOL I Office South Village HC

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

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

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

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IN THE NEWS

Letters to Editor



Editor:

When I was a board member, I asked if proxy voting was allowed. I was told that each residence had one vote and that proxy voting was not allowed. Apparently, that interpretation/policy has changed and one person can now cast multiple ballots by proxy.

Voting by proxy allows someone to vote on behalf of another. This means a resident or board member could solicit ballots from others and vote for them. I could easily tell my neighbors that, as a former

board member, I would be in a position to vote in their best interest. If they signed the envelope and gave me a blank ballot, I could essentially capture their vote.

Do we really want one person to vote multiple ballots? Proxy voting, when combined with lower quorum requirements, would allow a minority of residents to change covenants. That would make it easier to change the rules on trucks, increase assessments, or make other changes. I think that such changes should re-

quire approval of a majority of residents and not just of a majority of ballots casts. If the amendment passes, a minority of residents could make changes that affect all of Whetstone.

Anyone that doesn't want amendment 2 to be approved should consider not voting as the most effective means to achieve that goal. This is the "flip side" of Bill Ott encouraging voter turn out.

Dick Perry Whetstone

Editor:

Thanks go to David Humpton, Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Executive Vice President (EVP), for hosting a meeting in which the county publicly confessed that they intend to willfully and knowledgably continue their nuisance in spite of overwhelming complaints by the community, as reported in the February 17 EVP's Message, "East Village meeting regarding siren noise from PSTA."

What I would like to suggest is that the county authorities, having now been told clearly and publicly that operation of their sirens for an extended period of time in the middle of a residential community when there is no emergency constitutes a nuisance, risk not only judgment for tort violation subject to compensatory damages, but also punitive damages and possibly worse for willful negligence if Captain Pallas now intentionally moves forward in disregard of the objections of the community, though personally "sympathetic to ...negative impacts...on the neighboring residents."

"Gross negligence. 2. A conscious, voluntary act or omission in reckless disregard of a legal duty and of the consequences to another party, who may typically recover exemplary damages."

A mistake was made by a project manager, county engineer, county planner, county executive or by a conspiracy of all of the above, in constructing a facility in a location incompatible with its design intent. The remedy is a "change order." The county will have to spend money to correct their design error, hopefully holding the incompetent project manager accountable, and not expect the affected communities to suffer damages from their wrongdoing. A neighboring resident should not have to "make another trip to the local hardware store, a movie or something else" for four hours while waiting for the sirens to cease before he can return to his neighborhood every time the PSTA decides to run their drills.

Brian Benhaim East Village

Activity Card Update 2017

Despite the snow earlier this week, summer is right around the corner. Before you head to the pool, make sure you have taken the necessary steps to ensure that you will receive your Activity Cards on time! You should be receiving an Information Letter and Rights Form (if needed) very soon. Even if there are no changes, we need a current Information Letter every year in order to process Activity Cards. If you haven't received the Information Letter/Rights Form by mid-week next week, please notify the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) as soon as possible.

Residents of Eastgate, Middle Village (Clubside) and North Village will be receiving new photo activity cards this year. Residents from communities that received photo activity cards in previous years—East Village, Maryland Place, Northgate, Patton Ridge, Poplar Spring, South Village (Dockside, Millrace, Nathan's Hill, Grover's Forge, Hamptons), Stedwick and Whetstone—who do not yet have their photo activity card, will need to come to the MVF Office to get one this year.

Starting Monday, May 1, photos will be taken at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Beginning Thursday, May 11, the office will remain open until 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings through July 6 and also be open on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. beginning May 13 through July 8 (closed July 4). Please remember to bring proof of residence, such as a driver's license, so that we may take your photo.

Please note, if an assessment account is not at a zero balance as of April 30 in any year, beginning May 1, payment of any prior balance, as well as the full assessment amount through the end of the current fiscal year, must be received as a condition for issuance of an activity card or validation sticker.

Residents will need a current validation sticker on their photo activity card for entry to all MVF, Inc. pools. Validation stickers for the residents who have received their photo activity card in previous years will be mailed in early May, to those residents who have returned their Information Letter and Rights Forms (if needed), if their assessment account is current, and there are no architectural violations on the property.

We look forward to a fun filled summer! Please call 301-948-0110 if you have any questions about the Activity Card process.

Editor:

I am concerned about the pruning around North Creek Lake. Pruning has gone from cutting back foliage to the complete ripping out of plants, bushes and trees. During the summer months, the extreme pruning has allowed invasive species of plants to choke out carefully planted wild flowers and other indigenous plants which were installed after the lake was restored.

Plantings are important for preventing soil erosion and fertilizer runoff, and for feeding wildlife. The plantings create a refuge to protect animals from predators. Last month, landscapers completely eviscerated the foliage around the lake. The results have been difficult for both plants and wildlife. For example, a beaver has invaded residents' yards, chewing through and therefore, destroying bushes and trees. The obliteration of milkweed plants which grew on the banks of the lake, are necessary for the propagation of monarch butterflies, an endangered species. A tree, which grew along the side of the lake, was completely ripped out, though it still had life in it and produced leaves during the summer. It wasn't dead!

We were told that once the North Creek Lake project was completed, trees, plants and grasses would be planted throughout the lake. While some trees have been planted, nothing else has been put in and the few plants that were put in, have been ripped out.

I wish the Foundation would spend better effort maintaining North Creek Lake for both residents and wildlife, alike.

Seamus T. Rose Northgate

Editor's Note:

MVF will continue to monitor its contractors who perform work around the lakes to make sure that the work complies with the Standards for Pruning Around Lakes, Ponds and Streams policy and is in keeping with safety and environmental guidelines.

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





FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2017

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE NEWS

IN THE NEWS

MVF Board deems no further action on parking proposal

by Mike Conroy

At the March 23 Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors meeting, the Board considered a request from the Patton Ridge Homes Corporation regarding use of parking spaces in the North Creek Community Center (NCCC) parking lot to provide parking relief to residents. The issue had previously been brought before the Recreation Committee, who noted a number of areas needing more research. This input was sent to the Board for discussion and direction.

The Board reviewed the concerns, including: administration/enforcement of parking agreement; adequacy of lighting; potential conflicts with events held at the center; responsibility and cost of snow plowing; program cost and revenue; and zoning requirements. The committee also raised the issue of an exclusive agreement with Patton Ridge

at a facility where repairs and maintenance were funded by all Designated Users.

After considerable discussion, the Board determined that implementing a program like this is not feasible at this time. Although the need for more parking is a common thread throughout the Village, various directors noted that the NCCC lot is the only potential location for a program of this kind, and the limited number of spaces that could be made available does not justify the administration, logistics and security concerns of implementation. The Board agreed to add the issue of parking (Village-wide) to its annual retreat agenda for further discussion.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

During the meeting, the Board appointed Mary Helen Amery, Jim Andary, Clare Conlon and Sharon Levine to the Scholarship Committee, naming Amery as the committee chair. They also awarded a bid for summer camp bus service to Rills Bus Company in Westminster. The \$4,229 contract provides bus service for eight field trips for various MVF camps. Finally, the Board accepted the 2016 Financial Statement Audit, which provided an unmodified opinion of MVF finances for 2016.

EVP REPORT

Executive Vice President Dave Humpton reported on two transportation issues affecting the Village. He said the Watkins Mill Interchange Project has been funded by the state, but would need to be continually monitored. This project is proposed to be coordinated with updates to I-270. He also noted that the Supplemental Report to the Midcounty Corridor Study was released by the county. The report, which can be found online at www.montgomeryvillage.com, states that no alternative by itself provides adequate relief to the area, but in conjunction with Bus Rapid Transit, some relief can be accomplished.

Humpton also noted that the current legislative session is coming to a close soon. He said the proposed legislation requiring homeowner associations to perform reserve studies had passed the House and would soon go to the Senate; MVF expressed support for this bill. Humpton also noted the proposed legislation regarding lowering the quorum requirements for passing bylaw amendments, saying that MVF was supportive of the lower percentage required for passing amendments, but was against the portion stating that owners could be up to 90 days delinquent and still vote; he noted the latter was still a part of the proposed legislation.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Board Treasurer Bob Carey gave a brief financial summary for the month of February and the year-to-date (YTD). Carey said the Balance Sheet reflects MVF's continued strong financial position, showing over \$8.1 million in Cash and Investments. He noted that the recent Return on Investments was very good. He also said that Expenses were favorable to the budget, noting that Landscaping expenses would be higher next month due to the recent snow event

NEXT MEETING

The next MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The meeting begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. with Residents Time. Residents are invited and encouraged to attend the Board meeting. The meeting agenda and information packet will be available online at www.montgomeryvillage. com the week of the meeting.

MVF Financial Reports - February 2017

YTD Feb 2017

OPERATING FUND - STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE

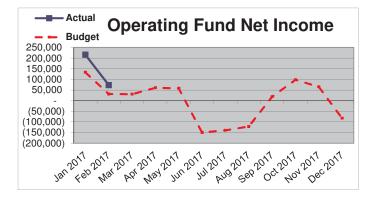
February 2017

	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
			(Unfav)			(Unfav)
Revenue:						
Assessments	518,290	518,251	38	1,036,558	1,036,503	55
Assessment Fees	3,263	7,406	(4,142)	49,695	49,026	669
Transfer Fees	3,300	2,348	952	5,100	4,763	337
Disclosure Fees	11,679	12,116	(437)	18,569	20,356	(1,787)
Advertising revenue	8,507	9,978	(1,471)	12,215	18,204	(5,989)
Pool Memberships/Rental Fees	6,077	2,036	4,040	13,852	9,736	4,116
Camps & Classes	20,701	8,220	12,481	46,680	25,887	20,794
Management Fees	67,422	65,934	1,488	133,358	131,867	1,490
Capital Contribution fee	18,698	7,219	11,479	26,030	15,177	10,853
Other Income	9,839	6,659	3,181	24,002	10,782	13,220
Total Revenue	667,776	640,166	27,610	1,366,059	1,322,300	43,759
Personnel Costs:						
Salaries & Wages	242,594	248,220	5,626	443,338	493,094	49,756
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	77,328	78,513	1,185	146,071	156,665	10,594
Personnel Costs	319,922	326,733	6,811	589,409	649,759	60,350
Business Expenses	12,418	9,349	(3,068)	17,997	16,446	(1,551)
Office Supplies	2,461	4,875	2,414	6,424	9,575	3,152
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Program/Maint Supplies	5,878	8,000	2,122	9,846	12,400	2,554
Occupancy Office Expenses/Svc Contracts	14,774	22,714	7,939	34,012	42,021	8,009
Equip Maintenance	21,297 200	26,915	5,618 (200)	47,116 1,327	52,545 1,750	5,429 423
Vehicle Expenses	783	1,817	1,033	1,998	3,633	1,635
Financial & Legal	26,900	19,414	(7,486)	35,372	34,006	(1,366)
Insurance	11,580	12,178	598	652	(4,039)	(4,691)
Printing	7,573	10,633	3,060	11,185	15,217	4,031
Landscape/Maintenance	54,889	60,570	5,681	101,726	112,890	11,163
Security	5,277	7,921	2,644	11,305	15,330	4,025
Other	(40)		40	(24)	-	24
Operating Costs	163,991	184,386	20,394	278,936	311,773	32,838
Contribution to Reserves	90,830	90,830	(0)	181,660	181,660	(0)
Contribution to CCF	18,698	7,219	(11,479)	26,030	15,177	(10,853)
Purchases of Assets	866	7,213	(866)	866	13,177	(866)
Other Equity Transfers	-	_	-	-	_	(555)
Restricted Donations	_	_	_	_	_	_
Reserve/capital	110,393	98,049	(12,345)	208,555	196,837	(11,718)
Operating Expenses	594,307	609,168	14,861	1,076,900	1,158,369	81,469
Excess/Deficit Revenue	73,469	30,998	42,470	289,158	163,931	125,228

MVF BALANCE SHEET

For the Period Ended February 28, 2017

	Current	Prior Year
ASSETS		
Cash & Cash equiv	2,115,443	2,383,748
Investments	5,996,769	5,494,950
Due from Reserves	902,745	8,435
Assessment Receivables	640,522	742,162
Other Receivables	87,503	79,911
Current Assets	9,742,983	8,709,206
Gross Fixed Assets	10.001.000	10 077 070
Accumulated Depreciation	13,681,903	13,877,272 (7,340,593)
Fixed Assets	(6,095,922) 7,585,981	6,536,679
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Other Assets	71,226	62,213
Assets	17,400,190	15,308,098
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Due to Operating	902,745	8,435
Payables	404,415	299,098
Sunstream Cap Lease	121,223	-
Deferred Revenue Liab	849,640	800,266
Liabilities	2,278,023	1,107,799
Undesignated Reserves	9,396,061	8,153,765
Designated Reserves	5,726,101	5,920,112
Equity	15,122,162	14,073,877
Liabilities & Equity	17,400,190	15,308,098
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For complete details and explanations, please refer to the Treasurer's Report in the MVF Board packet which can be found online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

IN THE NEWS

Residents and vendors collaborate on spring projects at the 2017 MVF Home Show























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Friday, March 31, 2017 MONTGOMERY VILLAGE NEWS

IN THE NEWS

Annual Meeting

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Young gave nod to the work of the Vision 2030 and Long Range Facilities Planning committees, whose planning helped in finalizing the MV Master Plan, approved in 2016 by Montgomery County. The master plan incorporates most of the recommendations from the community, and will help guide the community through the next 50 years. Young said this is exciting because, "as a community, we basically planned what we want to see for the future."

He also welcomed new Montgomery County 6th District Police Commander Dinesh Patil, noting the new partnership with a great leader, who has been committed to keeping community informed.

Young mentioned new programs, such as the Retail Forum, and the continued excellence of annual programs such as the July 4 Celebration and Fall Festival. He also talked about projects around the Village completed in 2016, including the Lake Whetstone Dredging and the South Valley Park Restroom and Concession Stand, noting the positive impact these will have on the community for years to come.

Young added to the list several current projects, including the Lake Whetstone Outfall Tower repair, and the Apple Ridge Pool renovation, which is set to be finished in time for the opening of the 2017 pool season. He said this is the second of MVF's pools to get a facelift, and he is looking forward to the use of the new pool features.

He concluded his address by highlighting MVF staff departmental accomplishments and thanking them for their hard work on behalf of the community.

Board Treasurer Bob Carey reviewed the 2016 financials, following an unmodified opinion given in the 2016 MVF Audit, by the audit firm Draper & McGinley, P.A. Carey noted that in addition to the unmodified opinion, the auditors noted no changes to MVF's internal control procedures. Carey commended CFO Greg Snelling and MVF staff for their efforts to maintain financial stability and accurate records.

2016 was another year of financial success. Net Income was reported as \$918,353, approximately \$168,000 ahead of the budget. The Operating Fund planned for a \$347,183 deficit, however ended the year favorable to the budget at \$171,287. Revenue significantly exceeded the budget by approximately \$270,000, with better than expected revenues from disclosures, camps and classes and the Capital Contribution Fee. Operating Costs remained favorable to the budget by almost \$240,000 due to lower technology costs and a new security contract.

Contributions to Reserves were made according to the budget, totaling \$1,025,212.

Carey said that \$1,514,258 was invested in MVF Assets, including the construction of the Apple Ridge Pool; the completion of the South Valley Park facility; and pool equipment and community center repairs.

Carey also noted that Investment Income increased \$253,148 (4.5% over 2015), seeing major gains in equities. He also reported that with over a full year of use of the Lake Marion solar panels, MVF saw \$21,865 in lower electrical costs in 2016.

Finally, Carey was pleased to report that due to continued success with the MVF Collection Policy, delinquencies are at a 9-year low, at 8.0%. The Receivables balance decreased by over \$330,000 since 2014.

During the meeting, the Board also honored several community members, organizations and staff members for their volunteer efforts, service to the community or years of dedicated employment.









COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

- Gary Miller and Richard Zeman for volunteer trash pickup and maintaining the community on a daily basis.
- 50th Anniversary Committee for their work in planning, organizing and implementing community-wide celebration activities.
- Dick Rabil for his contribution of the 50th Anniversary logo to the celebration activities of the committee and community.
- TD&PF Committee Members for their dedication and attention to transportation and development projects that affected Montgomery Village over decades of community changes.
- **Gary Stevens** for his service on the Architectural Review Board from 2014 to 2016.
- Steve Winegar for his 20-plus years of service on the Communications Committee. Robert Maxwell for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, and his project work on two pocket parks in Whetstone.

SUPER SPONSOR AWARDS

- Audrey Primozic for her support of the community and consistent advertising for over
- Montgomery Village Animal Hospital for their sponsorship and participation in MVF events and the Village News.

OUTGOING BOARD MEMBER

Dennis Clark

STAFF SERVICE AWARDS

- Courtney Haynes, Community Management Administrative Assistant 5 years
- Kris Campbell, Registration Manager 10 years
- Alice Morehouse, Receptionist 10 years
- Jason Nicklow, Facilities Manager 10 years
- Dee Wirth, Architectural Standards Compliance Specialist 10 years
- Peggy Mark, Director of Communications 40 years

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS

- Mike Conroy, Assistant Executive Vice President
- Peggy Mark, Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture
- Karen Kodjanian, Director of Community Management
- Juana Hernandez, Assistant to the EVP and CFO
- April Steward, Community Management Liana Roberts, Community Management
- Ernesto Montano, Recreation, Parks and Culture
- Kris Campbell, Recreation, Parks and Culture
- Trudi Gatons, Recreation, Parks and Culture
- Jana Serlo, Recreation, Parks and Culture
- Christian Hayes, Recreation, Parks and Culture
- Mirna Rivas, Finance and Administration
- **Roz Price**, Communications



IN THE NEWS

Staying Aware in the Village

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

ARMED ROBBERY

An armed robbery occurred in the area of Lost Knife Road and Contour Road at approximately 8:15 p.m. on March 13. One of the suspects displayed a weapon. The suspects took the juvenile male victim's property.

Suspects: 5 H/Ms, ages unknown

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

A residential burglary occurred in the 7800 block of Heritage Farm Drive between approximately 8 a.m. and approximately 3 p.m. on March 7. No signs of forced entry; property was taken.

SCHOOL BURGLARY

A school burglary occurred at Stedwick Elementary School located at 10631 Stedwick Road between approximately 5:30 p.m. and approximately 10:30 p.m. on March 3. Forced entry; property was taken.

A school burglary occurred at Watkins Mill Elementary School located at 19001 Watkins Mill Road between approximately 8 p.m. on March 10 and approximately 2:18 p.m. on March 11. Forced entry; property was taken.

THEFT FROM VEHICLES

Multiple thefts from vehicles occurred on March 1 and March 2. Affected streets included Duffer Way, Greenside Terrace, and Wedge Way. No force, unknown means of entry into the vehicles; cash and property were taken.

Multiple thefts from vehicles occurred in the early morning hours of March 7. Affected streets included Copps Hill Place, Sailfish Terrace, Dockside Terrace, Horizon Run Road, and Pier Point Place. No force; cash and property were taken.

Multiple thefts from vehicles occurred between approximately 5:30 p.m. on March 7 and approximately 11 a.m. on March 8. Affected streets included the 9400-9500 blocks of Fern Hollow Way and the 19600 block of Club Lake Road. No force; cash and property were taken.

VEHICLE THEFT

An attempted vehicle theft occurred in the 19900 block of Silverfield Drive between approximately 10:30 p.m. on March 10 and approximately 7:30 a.m. on March 11.



MVF seeks residents with financial background for committees

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The MVF Audit Committee is seeking new members. This important committee is chartered by the MVF By-Laws to "advise the Board of Directors regarding the financial affairs of the Foundation." The primary role of the committee is to review the Foundation's annual budget and year ending auditors' report and accompanying financial statements. The committee also has the responsibility of reviewing MVF's financial policies and making recommendations for changes to the annual budget format or to the audited financial statements.

When necessary, the committee also holds interviews of perspective auditors. The committee generally meets three times a year on Tuesdays, at 7 p.m. at the Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court, and once jointly with the MVF Board of Directors on a Thursday in August to review the budget.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

The Investment Committee advises the Board on matters related to the Foundation's investment activities. The committee meets

quarterly at 7 or 7:30 p.m. on Monday evenings (dates to be determined). Responsibilities include making recommendations to the Board on investment strategy and policy and approving investment transactions that are in line with the policy. Currently, MVF has approximately \$8 million invested. Certified Financial Advisors, Investment Advisors, Chief Financial Officers or others with expertise in investment management/banking are encouraged to apply.

Applicants for either committee should have a recent background, education or professional experience that includes accounting, auditing, finance, business and/or management.

Committee Membership Applications can be found online at www.montgomeryvillage.com under "About," "Committees," or you can obtain a hard copy at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

For questions or more information, contact MVF CFO Greg Snellings at 240-243-2323 or e-mail gsnellings@mvf.org.



MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION

Department of Recreation, Parks & Culture

Assistant Pool Manager*

Starting at \$12.62/hr.**

Must be at least 18 years of age, have at least two seasons of experience in a lifeguarding position and current Montgomery County pool operator license. American Red Cross lifeguarding, CPR/AED for lifeguards and first aid certificates required.



Senior Lifeguard*

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

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

Lifeguard*

Starting at \$11.15/hr.**

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

Desk Attendant*

Starting at \$8.60/hr.

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

Swim Instructors

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

For more information, contact Petra Padilla at 240-243-2363, or e-mail *ppadilla@mvf.org*. Applications are available at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886 or online at *www.montgomeryvillage.com* (go to *MVF* and click on *Job & Volunteer Opportunities*). *Contract completion bonus. **Salary based on experience. EOE

All positions open until filled.

IN THE NEWS

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

Since 1991, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF), in partnership with Gaithersburg and Watkins Mill high schools, has awarded scholarships to deserving Village high school seniors totaling more than \$48,000.

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

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

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

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

The MVF Scholarship

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

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.
Scholarship Fund Drive
10120 Apple Ridge Road
Montgomery Village, MD 20886

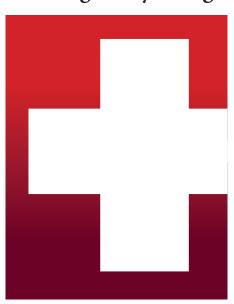


American Red Cross Lifeguarding Course

Lifeguard Training Course

(Includes CPR/AED and First Aid)

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



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

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

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

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

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(Registration closes on Wednesday, April 19)

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

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

ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS



Architectural Standards

The Architectural Standards Department is here to answer your questions about making changes to the exterior of your property. Architectural Standards is responsible for approving exterior changes—anything from replacing a door to building a deck or shed, to additions on your home. Call Heather Sharpless at 240-243-2355 or e-mail <code>hsharpless@mvf.org</code> or Erika Hottinger at 240-243-2351 or e-mail <code>ehottinger@mvf.org</code>. 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 <code>www.montgomeryvillage.com</code>.

What is a cupola?

A cupola is a small square or dome-like feature seen atop houses, garages, barns and other structures. Cupolas consist of a base, vent and cap. They have an aesthetic appeal, but are also used to aid in ventilation of the structure. They were originally used by farmers in the United States to assist in ventilation of barns to prevent hay from drying and allow manure gasses to escape.

Cupolas are available in

a wide variety of designs – square, round, octagonal and more. The most popular style is the square cupola with louvers. Louvers are a blind-like feature used to assist in ventilation. Some louvers are used as a faux feature to add appeal to the cupola.

The roof of the cupola is known as the cap. The caps are primarily constructed of aluminum or copper and may be chosen depending on your preference. The copper cap gives the cupola a high end appearance. Most individuals add a weathervane to the cupola at the cap to give it that original appearance.

When determining the size of the cupola that is required, the size is based on the slope and pitch of the roof. Cupolas are available in wood and vinyl, and either type can be approved for a cupola replacement in Montgomery

Village. Each type of construction can be painted to match the required house trim color. The vinyl-style cupola is more weather resistant and will require less maintenance. The wood-style cupola is the original material used for the cupolas in both the Fairidge subdivision of Patton Ridge and The Downs subdivision of East Village that feature cupolas.

If you are considering a cupola replacement, please apply for approval from the Architectural Review Board before purchasing and installing a replacement. Cupolas are available locally at Home Depot and Barron's Lumber or from a variety of websites.

For more information or questions, call the Architectural Standards Department at 301-948-0110.





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HOMES CORPORATIONS & CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS

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WHETSTONE WATCH

Whetstone Annual Meeting 2016

by Brian Clark

On March 9, Whetstone Homes Corporation (WHC) held its annual meeting. The majority of meeting was devoted to reviewing the financial state of the community. Here is a summary of what was presented. The full report can be found on the Whetstone web page in the "Member Dashboard" under the "Financial" section.

The overall Whetstone assessment for 2017 increased by 12% to \$1216.15 from 2016. These increases were entirely due to increased snow and trash removal costs. Last year once again saw a record-setting snowfall for our community with snow removal costs topping \$100,000 for the year.

As a result, the 2016 budget was over by approximately \$60,000. This overage was covered by money the board sets aside each year to cover expenses that are hard to predict (like snow removal). If you exclude snow expenses, Whetstone was actually under budget by \$30,000 continuing the prudent expense management employed by the board. For 2018, the board expects the assessment amount will be reduced by \$180 unless the community voluntarily approves an assessment increase.

The total reserve fund as of December 31, 2016 stands at \$1.6 million and is slightly underfunded relative to what our reserve study indicates what is should be. The 2017 budget places extra funds in the reserve account to bring the reserves to the level recommended by the reserve study.

The 2017 budget saw a modest increase from last year. The biggest increase was to fund the every other year street crackfill program and the Personal Property Maintenance inspection program. All other categories maintain budgets close to their amounts from last year.

The community continues to have a very low delinquency rate of 3% (approximately \$15,000) against an assessment income of approximately \$485,000. The delinquencies are mostly the result of four specific accounts. The board of directors has initiated appropriate legal actions to place liens to eventually recover most of the delinquent amounts.

Whetstone also received a record amount of interest/dividends and equity growth on our reserve funds in the amount of approximately \$45,000. This was approximately \$11,000 more than our previous high amount for a year. The board continues to look for ways to increase the return on the reserve funds in order to minimize the need for future assessment increases.

The fixed portion of the Whetstone assessment has not been raised for 5 years now. Our recent financial experience indicates that this amount must be raised every 4 to 5 years to maintain the same level of operations. Otherwise normal inflationary increases in expenses will force the board to reduce maintenance throughout the community or to reduce recommended reserve savings/spending. The Whetstone Budget Committee will be meeting in the next 3 to 4 weeks to discuss what options are available to the community.

The typical options discussed are:

- Raise Assessments
- Increase return on investments
- Find alternative funding sources
- Spend less on maintenance
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- Delay/reduce funding of reserves
- Retire assets

Doing nothing is also a possibility, although that really means either spending less on maintenance or reducing reserves.

If you have thoughts on this topic, please either attend the budget committee meeting or send them to Community Manager Andrea Mandato.

VOTE FOR WHETSTONE

The vote for the Bylaw amendment is in full swing. All residents are urged to vote as soon as possible. Please return your ballot (even if do not wish to vote) so that the board knows not to follow up with you later in the voting window. This helps us keep costs down and saves you from being bothered unnecessarily.

By voting and returning your ballot, you will be letting your voice be heard and will help determine what the future direction of your community will be. If you have lost your ballot or have questions, contact Community Manager Andrea Mandato at 240-243-2326 or e-mail whetstonehc@mvf.org.

PEDESTRIANS AT NIGHT

The board of directors would like to remind all residents to wear bright reflective clothes when walking in the community at night. We are aware of multiple cases of near collisions between walkers and cars because the walkers were on the streets and wearing dark clothing.

WHETSTONE WEB PAGE

The Whetstone website is packed with lots of helpful information about our community. If you have any questions about our community, you can often find the information online. To get there, navigate to www.montgomeryvillage.com and click on the "Communities" "Village Communities" menu item. Then select "Whetstone" from the list of communities. For more in depth information, register for a free account by clicking the "Join/Login" icon in the upper right hand corner of the page.

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

NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

Spring is here

by the North Village Board of Directors

It may be hard to believe, but spring is finally here. Our new landscaping company, Level Green, is already at work. Level Green is also responsible for snow removal, and we are happy to report that they did an excellent job of clearing our streets after the March snow storm two weeks ago.

Now that we are in daylight savings time, please be careful when driving into North Village after work since children will be at play. Also keep an eye out for suspicious activity, and report anything you see to the police at 301-279-8000 and our security service, American Protective Services (APS) at 240-631-8383. Also, please make an effort to keep your exterior lights on when it gets dark.

ACTIVITY CARDS

Activity card forms have been mailed to all residents. They should be filled out and returned in order to obtain your new activity card. North Village will be one of the communities scheduled to receive new photo activity cards this year. In order to receive your activity card, you must go to the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, and have your picture taken beginning Monday, May 1. Please bring proof of residence, such as a driver's license.

SPRING CLEANING

As the weather gets warmer, let's get ready for spring by cleaning around our homes, picking up broken branches and litter. Let's keep North Village looking great and litter free. Also remember to pick up after your dogs - it is the law in Montgomery County. Your board of directors has been active in installing pet stations that provide bags and disposal cans for pet waste. These have been very successful in reducing the amount of pet waste on our common property. so please continue to use them.

Lately we see that some residents continue to dump construction material, mattresses and other large items onto the community property expecting our trash collector to pick them up. That does not happen. Such large items require that you call Potomac Disposal at 301-294-9700 for special trash pickup

on Thursday—and such items should not be put out until Wednesday night. You can also arrange pickup via their website, www.potomacdisposal.com/bulk-pickup. Potomac Disposal's normal trash pickup is on Monday and Thursday each week.

The county also uses Potomac Disposal for recycling pickup on Friday for Picton and Wednesday for the rest of North Village. Recycling is required for metal objects such as cans, plastic and glass bottles, cardboard boxes, paper, etc. The county sends a separate recycling truck for yard waste and tree limbs. Tree limbs must be bundled, no longer than 4 feet in length, the bundles have to be bound with twine and cannot be more than 45 pounds or exceed 30 inches in diameter.

Put your blue recycling boxes and other yard waste out after 7 p.m. the night before pickup or early on the morning of pickup. You also need to call Montgomery County at 240-777-6410 or 240-777-6400 if you have any large metal items for recycling. Call no later than Monday for a Wednesday pickup and in Picton, no later than Wednesday for a Friday pickup. A list of what can and cannot be recycled is found on the county website, www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ SWS/programs.

ASSESSMENTS DUE

Remember that our next assessments are due on Saturday, April 1 and are paid with a single check to MVF. There is no reminder notice sent out, since you were given a booklet for the entire year containing payment coupons for both MVF and NVHC quarterly assessments.

THE NEXT MEETING

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 20 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Residents time will precede the meeting at 7 p.m. If you have any questions, call Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2344 or e-mail asteward@mvf.org.

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

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HOMES CORPORATIONS

MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

Middle Village Annual Meeting and Final Call for Candidates

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

The Middle Village Homes Corporation Annual Meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25 at the Thomas Choice Clubhouse, 19401 Brassie Place.

Board membership is an important way to serve the community. The board is responsible for adopting the annual association budget, which is the basis for the association fees. Additionally, the board is responsible for enforcing the community's covenants and rules, and for ensuring that common areas are properly maintained.

There are three (3) director positions with expiring terms this year, each for a three-year term. Additionally, there is one vacant board seat with a one-year term. Candidates must complete and return the candidate résumé form if you are willing to serve on the board and accept fiduciary responsibility for the community. The completed form can be obtained by contacting Delphine Matthews at ComSource at *dmatthews*@ *comsource.com*.

The form should be returned to the ComSource Office no later than Friday, March 31. You can return the completed form to dmatthews@comsource.com, fax to 301-924-7340 or mail to Middle Village HOA, c/o ComSource, 3414 Morningwood Drive, Olney, MD 20832.

The candidates' résumés will be included (as submitted) with the official Annual Meeting Notice to all homeowners. The official notice will confirm the time, date and location of the meeting, and will include a proxy statement with the name of any candidates. Members can also be nominated from the floor the night of the meeting.

TOWING

The current Middle Village Parking policy states:

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

"Parking tag/permit must be clearly/properly displayed, on the driver's side, facing the front windshield, on vehicles parked in a reserved parking space, or parked in the community overnight. Tags/permits can be hung from the rear view mirror or taped to the driver's side dashboard or front windshield, front side facing toward the windshield." "Failure to properly display the current year's parking tag/ permit will lead to immediate towing – even if vehicle is parked in the appropriate reserved parking space. No warnings or notifications will be issued."

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

ASSESSMENTS

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

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

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

BULK TRASH COLLECTION AVAILABLE ONCE A WEEK

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

There is a \$25 reward for picture or video proof of violations to the trash policy that identifies the violators. Picture or video proof is required to collect a reward, and some restrictions apply. All reports will remain anonymous. Trash policy violations include, but are not limited to:

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

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

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

2017 PARKING TAGS

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

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

Parking tags will not be mailed to residents.

SOURCELINK/ ACCOUNT ACCESS

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

CONTACTING COMSOURCE

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

The next MVHC board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25 in the Thomas Choice Clubhouse, 19401 Brassie Place.

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

STEDWICK SIGNALS

Stedwick Homes Corporation 2017 Annual Statement

by Keith Silliman, President

The 2016-2017 year has been relatively good for the Stedwick Homes Corporation (SHC). Overall expenses are down from 2016. Investments have been made to enhance the appearance and the environmental quality of our community, although we continue to be confronted with significant parking and trash problems.

The Stedwick Homes Corporation's 2016 financial audit indicates a slight decrease in overall expenses for 2016 compared with 2015. Snow removal, maintenance and repairs and trash removal costs all had increases while expenditures from designated reserves had a significant decrease.

In cooperation with the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection, we have planted more than 30 trees throughout our community and have built three rain gardens to slow the flow of water and improve its quality. The trees and the first year of their care are being provided by Montgomery County. The rain garden development costs were partially reimbursed by Montgomery County and the installation will reduce future Water Quality Protection Fees.

Parking, trash and dog poop are significant problems in our community. We are hearing more concerns about parking problems throughout our community and see the increased number of trucks, vans and cars parked along Stedwick and Watkins Mill roads. As a result of increased concerns about parking within our community, we have asked our security service to be more aggressive in stickering cars that are in violation of parking rules. Unfortunately, in a few cases, cars have been erroneously stickered for parking in front of individual homes, and we are sorry that those individuals have been inconvenienced by that action. We are working with our security contractor to improve their service to the community.

Pole-mounted trash cans have been installed throughout our community to address the growing trash problem. We are also having our landscape contractor do more frequent trash removal sweeps in some areas.

The Montgomery County Department of Environment Protection will be installing dog poop deposit stations throughout our community. The board of directors approved a one year trial to reduce the amount of dog droppings in our green spaces and along our paths.

The SHC Maintenance Committee is working to replace/upgrade the tot lot equipment in Forest Brooke North. Bids for that replacement have been received and are being reviewed. We hope it will be in place for the summer.

The maintenance committee is also continuing the process of identifying locations to plant trees which are to be provided by Pepco. They will replace trees cut down last year along the Pepco right-of-way. We expect the new trees to be planted starting in September.

We continue to monitor activities associated with properties neighboring our Stedwick community. The appearance of the former golf course property adjacent to Club Hill and Forest Brooke has deteriorated and has become a blight on the greater Montgomery Village community. A request to Monument Realty to improve the maintenance of that property has been declined.

The potential development of the M-83 highway is still a real concern. The right-of-way for that highway is on the western edge of Stedwick. The current concept is to have a two lane reversible highway constructed within the right-of-way.

The Montgomery Village Center has recently been purchased by Atlantic Realty Companies (ARC) and their plan is to redevelop that property with a mix of shops and housing units.

The smooth operation of the Stedwick Homes Corporation results from the cooperative efforts of our board of directors, our management team, our contractors and our residents. I want to thank all our board members for volunteering their time and efforts, our community manager, Andrea Mandato, and her team and all our contractors, especially the team from J.B. Kline Landscaping who take care of our landscaping and snow removal. Audrey Houser, our maintenance chair, deserves a special thank you.

It is with a great deal of pride and satisfaction that I have served as your board president. That job has been made easier through the efforts of the other board members and Ms. Mandato.

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

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RECREATION

Sangria & Succulents

Gather your friends and join us from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, May 5 for a Cinco de Mayo celebration like no other! Instructor Andrea Oliver will be leading participants step-by-step through the process of creating a small succulent garden. Each garden will include a variety of succulents along with potting soil and decorative stones. Price includes all necessary supplies and two servings of sangria. Participants must be 21 or older to attend.

Sangria & Succulents costs \$40/Resident or \$45/ Non-resident and will be held at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.



Creative Discovery Enrollment

Enrollment for Montgomery Village's recreational preschool program is underway! Creative Discovery is for students 3 and 4 years old (entering kindergarten in 2018/2019). Through engaged learning, students will develop strong cognitive, physical and social skills, which are the foundation for academic success. Daily activities focus on themes such as colors, science, numbers, technology and, of course, the alphabet! The curriculum is



based on MCPS kindergarten requirements in order to ensure that students are up to speed and ready to shine in elementary school.

For more information or to register, contact Melanie Maggi at 240-243-2338, e-mail mmaggi@mvf.org or visit www. montgomeryvillage.com.

Flashlight Egg Hunt

Bring your flashlight and a basket to fill; it's so exciting you can't sit still! A few special eggs hide in plain sight; pick one up it will make your

Join friends and neighbors on Saturday, April 1 from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. at the Gordon W. Bowie Music Pavilion in South Valley Park, 19003 Watkins Mill Road, for an evening of egg-cellent fun! Bring a flashlight and your own basket to collect plastic eggs filled with candy and prizes.

This fun children's activity costs \$3 before Thursday, March 30 or \$5 at the gate. For more information, call 301-948-0110. Rain date: Sunday, April 2.



Hunt times are based on age categories:

ages 2 to 4 6:45 to 7 p.m

7:20 to 7:35 p.m ages 5 to 7 ages 8 to 12 7:55 to 8:10 p.m.

Early hunt times for the younger set will not require a flashlight. Arrive at the pavilion 10 minutes before your age category start time.

Tots Programs

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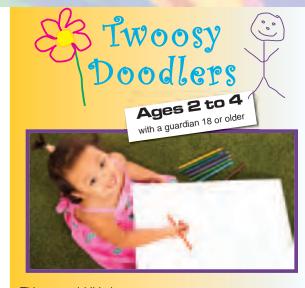
Thursdays | 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. April 6 to May 25

Lake Marion Community Center 8821 East Village Avenue

\$20/Resident, \$30/Non-resident \$8/additional child in the same family **NEW!** Drop-in option: \$3/Resident, \$4/Non-resident



Bring your tiny tot for playtime in the gym. Have fun interacting with your little one while you play with balls, hula-hoops and scooters, or bring your own riding toys. Note: Parents must supervise children at all times.



This parent/child class will help toddlers develop their sensory skills as well as fine and gross motor skills. Young artists get the chance to explore paints, modeling compounds, oil pastels, watercolors Saturdays roll, scribble, shake and pound as they learn about color, shape and form while building hand-eye coordination.

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10 to 11 a.m. April 18 to May 16 **Lake Marion Community Center**

8821 East Village Avenue

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and other materials 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and mediums. They April 22 to May 20

> Whetstone Community Center 19140 Brooke Grove Court

\$76/Resident \$86/Non-resident

Teddy Bear Picnic

Join family, friends neighbors and your favorite plush toy from 2:30 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 21 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road, for a bear-y exciting afternoon!

Furry friendly activities will include a themed craft, special story circle and an adventure through a children's story book come to life. Yummy treats and a photo station will only add to

this fun afternoon for kids 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 years old. Teddy Bear Picnic costs \$12/Resident child, \$17/Non-resident child and \$6/Adult. Free admission to Teddy Bears and other stuffed friends!

For more information or to register, contact Melanie Maggi at 240-243-2338, e-mail mmaggi@mvf.org or visit www. montgomeryvillage.com.



Camp Tiny Feet

Don't delay - register today! Campers ages 3 years 9 months to 6 years old love spending their summer mornings at Camp Tiny Feet!

Led by Montgomery County Public School 1st Grade Teacher Megan Gesualdi, activities will range from exciting group games and S.T.E.M. projects to arts and crafts! Each session also features one visiting performer or extra special activity,

along with daily swim lessons (weather permitting).

Camp Tiny Feet 2-week sessions, Monday, June 19 to Friday, Aug. 11, and is held at Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court, from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday.

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





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

RECREATION

Whetstone Afterschool Club

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

Not sure if the program is right for you? A free trial is available for new registrations only, Monday, April 3 to Thursday, April 6.

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

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

Counselor-In-Training Program

To be considered for a Counselor-In-Training (CIT) position at MVF Summer Camps, candidates must submit an application no later than Friday, April 28. The form can be obtained at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, between 8:30 and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Eligible candidates will be invited to a group interview

in May. If selected, CITs will attend a mandatory training prior to the start of our summer camp season. Participants must be 14 or older on the first day of each session to volunteer.

For more information or to register, contact Melanie Maggi at 240-243-2338, e-mail mmaggi@mvf.org or visit www. montgomeryvillage.com.

Argentine Tango Open House

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 7:30-8:30PM

North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Rd. All levels of dancers are invited to join us for a free Tango class led by instructors Viviana and Isidoro Levinson!



Whether you are new to the game or a seasoned player, bring the family out for an afternoon of fun on the courts! There will be something for everyone. Low-key tennis skill sessions and pressure-free competition opportunities will be offered throughout the day.

No racquet? No problem! There will be a limited supply of racquets available to lend.





For more information or to register, call Christian Hayes at 240-243-2338, email chayes@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



SPRING BREAK CAMP

IN MONTGOMERY VILLAGE

Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue





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

Children ages 5 to 12 will embark on a series of engineering adventures with Play-Well TEKnologies interactive and hands-on LEGO programs in the morning. Then action-packed afternoons filled with art activities, lively games and interactive play will round out the day.

Wednesday afternoon campers will enjoy a special event. Children should bring a non-perishable lunch each day.

Pre-registration required. Register for the full-day session or half-day session. Children will be grouped by age for the afternoon portion of the day.

Full Day | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 4005.206 \$200/Resident, \$215/Non-resident Morning Only (Lego) | 9 a.m. to noon 4005.204 \$155/Resident, \$170/Non-resident

Afternoon Only (Activities) | 1 to 4 p.m. 4005.205 \$100/Resident, \$115/Non-resident





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

Discount Coupon

Montgomery Village Foundation Department of Recreation, Parks and Culture This coupon entitles bearer to one of the following registration discounts for

SPRING BREAK CAMP

\$10 Off Morning Only (SBM), \$10 Off Afternoon Only (SBA), \$20 Off Full Day (SBF)

Codes above must be used for registration. Limit 1 coupon per registration. MVF is not responsible for lost or misplaced coupons.

Must be redeemed by April 3, 2017 at noon. For details on classes and programs offered, Visit www.montgomeryvillage.com/

KIDS PAGE



Your ad here!
Call 240-243-2359
to sponsor the
MV Kids Page TODAY!

MV Kids Learn About Baseball

Baseball is a bat-and-ball game that has been played since the 1800s in the United States. Known as the Great American Pastime, people of all ages enjoy watching and playing baseball from Opening Day in early April to the World Series in October.

MLB Team Match

See if you can match the Major League Baseball (MLB) team name with its city.

Arizona _____ Atlanta _____ Baltimore _____ Boston Chicago _____ Chicago Cincinnati _____ Cleveland _____ Colorado _____ Detroit Houston_____ Kansas City_____ Los Angeles _____ Los Angeles _____ Miami Milwaukee _____ Minnesota_____ New York _____ New York _____ Oakland Philadelphia _____ Pittsburgh_____ San Diego _____ San Francisco_____ Seattle St. Louis Tampa Bay _____ Texas Toronto

Washington

Angels Astros **Athletics** Blue Jays Braves **Brewers Cardinals** Cubs Diamondbacks Dodgers Giants **Indians** Mariners Marlins Mets **Nationals Orioles Padres Phillies Pirates** Rangers Rays Red Sox Reds Rockies Royals **Tigers**

Twins

White Sox

Yankees

Fun Facts

- The first professional baseball league was started in 1871. Most
 of the big cities in the eastern parts of the United States had a
 professional team representing them by the beginning of 20th
 century.
- The longest game in Major League Baseball history was played between the Boston Braves and the Brooklyn Robins on May 1, 1920. The game ran for 26 innings and took 8 hours and 22 minutes. The game was called off as a draw with a score of 1-1.
- The first World Series was played in 1903 between Pittsburgh and Boston. The nine-game series was won by Boston 5-3.
- Many baseball players have superstitions; legendary baseball player Babe Ruth would wear a cabbage leaf under his cap while playing, which he would change after every two innings.
- The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum is located in Cooperstown, New York. The museum was built to mark the 100th anniversary of baseball in 1935.

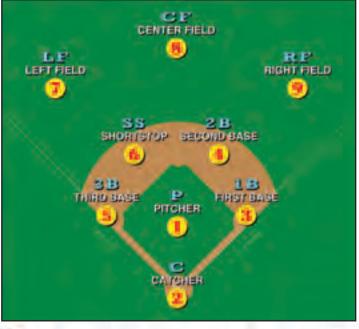
The Field

- Baseball and softball are the only major sports that are played on fields that have both turf and exposed soil.
- A regulation pitcher's mound is 10 ½ inches high.
- A baseball diamond is actually a 90-foot square.



The first baseball stadium built in the United States was Forbes Field, built in Pittsburgh in 1909.







MV SENIORS

seniors action

New Member pricing for current session

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and select Fridays!

Stedwick Community Center 10401 Stedwick Road

\$10/Resident \$20/Non-resident

WINTER / SPRING Session

Now through May 19



2017 Active Aging Expo

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

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



SiA Caring Hands

Thank you to all the members who donated to the book drive for the Whetstone Afterschool program this past February. Please stay tuned for our next project!

Seniors in Action will be hosting various drives throughout 2017 to benefit at risk families and community members. Meetings will be held as needed.

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



Jewelry Workshop

Make your own original jewelry on Monday, April 17 from 10 a.m. to noon during Arts & Crafts. Participants learn the secrets to beautiful jewelry patterns, finishing details and some jewelry repair. Jewelry equipment/material is limited. Participants are encouraged to bring own material/equipment. Registration is limited. Please sign up at Stedwick Community Center during SiA programs.





Take a look at our Jewelry Workshop that was led by our own SiA member Edna!

Calendar

MONDAY



Arts and Crafts 10 a.m. to noon

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



Pickleball 10 a.m. to noon

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



Book Discussion Group

10 to 11 a.m. - third Monday each month

April 17: "My Song" by Harry Belafonte

TUESDAY



Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m.

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



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

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

WEDNESDAY



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

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

THURSDAY



Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m.

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



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

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

FRIDAY



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

second Friday each month

Bring a lunch (beverages will be provided) and play bingo with friends. Members may bring friends and family to join in the fun. Free for members, \$2/Non-member

Next date: April 14

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

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

SCHOOL NEWS



South Lake Elementary School Kindergarten Orientation

Village students who will be entering kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year and their parents are invited to Kindergarten Orientation at South Lake Elementary School. Children must be 5 years old by Friday, Sept. 1, 2017 to be eligible to start school this year.

Orientation is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2 and Wednesday, May 3 at South Lake Elementary School, 18201 Contour Road. For more information and to schedule an appointment time, call 301-337-3450.

LGCS students excel at ACSI Math Olympics



On March 9, 20 students from grades 3 through 8 represented Living Grace Christian School (LGCS) in the Association of Christian Schools International (ASCI) Math Olympics contest conducted by the Southern Maryland Christian Academy in White Plains, Md.

After four 11-minute rounds of working either 48 Computation problems or 20 Reasoning problems, the LGCS team found they had placed 14 of their 20 contestants in the top five categories in either Computation or Reasoning. The LGCS contestants by grade and award were the following:

In the 3rd grade computation section, Benjamin Jimenez placed fifth, Eden Campbell placed fourth and Lia Wong placed second.

In the 4th grade computation section, Brandon Martinez placed fifth, Godwin Johnson placed third, and Celeste Rauda-Andrade placed third. In the fourth grade reasoning section, Joshua Switzer placed third.

In the 5th grade computation section, Nathaniel Fitsum placed fifth and Andrew Wong fourth.

In the 7th grade computation section, Josue Escalante placed

fifth and Lidia Michael fourth. In the 7th grade reasoning section, Jose Camacho placed third.

In the 8th grade computation section, Emily Parr placed third and Nehemiah Switzer placed first. For Nehemiah's six years from 3rd grade to 8th grade, he placed first in five competitions and second in one competition—an outstanding run!

LGCS thanks all of our teachers from kindergarten on up for their instruction, the parents for their diligence and Mrs. Perdomo and Mrs. Diaz and their parent volunteers for the daily math checking at the school.

Living Grace Christian School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies and other school-administered programs. The school is located at 20300 Pleasant Ridge Drive; for more information, visit www.lgcs.northgatecc.org.

MILESTONES

Senator Nancy King receives Maryland First Citizen Award

Earlier this week, Maryland State Senator and Montgomery Village resident Nancy King was presented the Maryland Senate First Citizen Award. The award, established in 1992, recognizes individuals who have committed themselves to public service and civic engagement through debate, legislation and governance.

Senator King began her public service volunteering in public schools in Montgomery Village. She later became president of the Montgomery County Council of PTAs while simultaneously working for several organizations, often as a leader. King spent 10 years as president of the Gaithersburg Meals on Wheels program, providing hot meals for lunch and dinner to many homebound area residents. She took various leadership roles

within the Montgomery County Board of Education and joined the House of Delegates in 2003 representing District 39, and her hometown, Montgomery Village.

King continued her commitment to public education serving as Chair of the Education sub-committee until joining the Senate in 2007, where she has been an active leader on many committees, serving continuously on the Budget and Tax Committee, as well as the Chair of the Joint Committee on Children, Youth and Families. Since 2015, she has chaired the Senate Education, Business and Administration subcommittee.

Congratulations to Senator Nancy King, a deserving recipient of the First Citizen Award. We are grateful for all you do for the state and your community!

St. Martin's School teacher named National Finalist in science competition

St. Martin's School in Gaithersburg is proud to announce that science teacher Maria-Rose Cain has been named a National Finalist in the Shell Oil Science Lab Challenge. This competition, sponsored by Shell Oil Company and the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), encouraged teachers (grades 6-12) in the U.S. and Canada, who have found innovative ways to deliver quality lab experiences with limited school and laboratory resources, to share their approaches. As one of four national finalists, Cain will receive a science lab makeover support package for St. Martin's valued at \$8,500. The prize package includes:

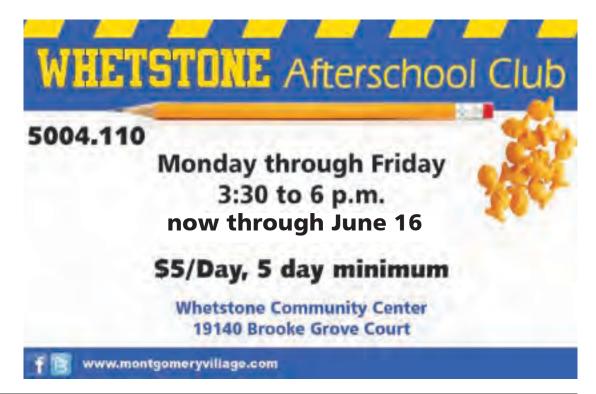
- \$3,000 Shell cash grant to purchase science/lab equipment and science education resources;
- \$3,000 gift certificate outfitted by Carolina Bio-

logical Supply Company, to purchase science/lab equipment and science education resource books through their company;

- \$1,000 in NSTA prizes to include an NSTA bookstore gift certificate and NSTA conference registrations, NSTA memberships and NSTA Learning Center subscriptions for two teachers; and
- Expense-paid trip to attend the NSTA National Conference on Science Education.

"We're proud to support and recognize these educators who work tirelessly every day to engage and motivate their students," said Dr. David Evans, NSTA executive director. Even with limited equipment and resources, Cain provides her students with multiple inquiry activities for each topic to engage them in the discovery of science. When there is not enough lab equipment, she increases the size of the lab teams, creates team demos, or has students rotate through a lab station in small groups. Funding for renovation of the room will allow the school to purchase lab stations, which are much more conducive for lab work than desks and gives students space for labs. In addition, having enough equipment for teams of two students is preferable to the current larger groups and engages more students in discovery.

St. Martin's School is extremely proud of this national recognition and thrilled about the science lab grant and equipment that they will be receiving. They are excited that their students continuously benefit from Cain's innovative and tireless efforts.



AT YOUR LEISURE

Rockville – Pinneberg 60th Sister City Anniversary Walk

The Seneca Valley Sugar-loafers Volksmarch Club is sponsoring a walk in Rockville on Saturday, April 22. The 10km walk, with a 5km option, is rated 1A for both the 10km trail and for the 5km option. The walk is on sidewalks and asphalt trails with no significant hills. It goes through the Historic District of Rockville and passes many landmarks of historical importance. The instructions provide commentary about the history of the city.

The Start/Finish point is at the Rockville Outdoor Municipal Swim Center, 355 Martins Lane, Rockville. Parking is available in the swim center parking lot. The walk is free; Volksmarch credit is \$3. The start time is between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Participants must finish by 2 p.m. Restrooms are available at the Start/Finish point. Trails are accessible to wheelchairs and strollers. Pets are allowed on the walk but must be leashed at all times during the walk. Water and candy will be available at the start point.

For more information, contact Anna Nevius at 301-258-0565 or e-mail nevius@comcast.

Holy Week at Covenant United Methodist Church

Covenant United Methodist Church invites residents, and their families and friends for Holy Week services.

- Palm/Passion Sunday, April 9: 8:30 and 10 a.m. Palms given out at service times. Nursery care provided at both services for infants and toddlers.
- Maundy Thursday, April 13: 7:30 p.m.
 Passion service remembering the Last Supper.
- Good Friday, April 14: 7:30 p.m.
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- Easter Sunday, April 16: 6:30 a.m.
 Sunrise service at the cross on the hill beyond the parking area.
- Easter Sunday, March 27: 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.: Worship inside the sanctuary with beautiful music and relevant preaching. Nursery care provided at both services for infants and toddlers.

Covenant United Methodist Church is located at 20301 Pleasant Ridge Drive. For more information, call 301-926-8920 or visit *www.covenant-umc.org*.

Easter Sunday Service and **Egg Hunt**

Montgomery Village residents and their families are invited to the Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene's Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Sunday Service, scheduled for 10:45 a.m. on Sunday. April 16.

During the church's Easter service, children in preschool through 5th grade will hear the Easter story, participate in an egg hunt, eat snacks and make crafts. A nursery is available for younger children as well.

Bring the whole family to celebrate the unforgettable message of Easter!

Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene is located at 8921 Warfield Road, Gaithersburg. For more information, call 301-330-0366 or visit www. gaithersburgnazarene.org.



National Black Memorabilia, Fine Art & Crafts Show and Sale

The 33rd annual National Black Memorabilia, Fine Art & Crafts Show and Sale will be is scheduled for Saturday, April 8 and Sunday, April 9 at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 501 Perry Parkway, Gaithersburg. The objectives of this event are to educate the public on African American History and Culture, and provide an opportunity to purchase unique, rare and collectible pieces of black memorabilia, fine art and crafts. Admission is only \$7 and students are admitted free. There is free parking and the show is all indoors. Show hours are Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

At the show there will be many vendors from across

the United States with black memorabilia, fine art and crafts for sale. Items for sale include historical documents and artifacts, black dolls, books, autographs, stamps, coins, toys, advertisements, paintings, prints, jewelry, political and civil rights memorabilia, sports and entertainment memorabilia and much more. Just browsing the items for sale is an education on the African American experience in itself.

Also at this event there will be educational exhibits that give an in-depth look at important people and events in African American history. These educational exhibits include Slavery Artifacts, Jim Crow, Buffalo Soldiers, Marcus Garvey, Black Panther Party,

Dorothy Dandridge, Malcolm X, George Washington Carver, Nannie Helen Burroughs, Tuskegee Airmen and others.

Bern Nadette Stanis and Ralph Carter, who played "Thelma" and "Michael" in the popular TV series "Good Times" will be at the show talking with fans and signing autographs. Attendees will also be able to meet Negro League Baseball Players and Tuskegee Airmen and obtain their autographs.

This event is an excellent opportunity for all to be educated on African American history and culture. For more information, call 301-649-1915 or visit www.johnsonshows.com.

3rd Annual Montgomery County GreenFest

Mark your calendar for the 3rd Annual Montgomery County GreenFest, the largest one-day environmental festival in the county! This year's GreenFest is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 6 at Bohrer Park, 506 South Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg. GreenFest is a free, family-friendly festival dedicated to celebrating the people and environment of Montgomery County with a fun-filled day of music, films, speakers, exhibitors and workshops.

For the latest info and updates on the schedule, visit montgomerycountygreenfest.

org. Sign language interpreters and other auxiliary aids or services are available upon request. To request services, contact Jessica Jones at 240-777-7753 or e-mail askdep@montgomerycounty md.gov.

The Montgomery County GreenFest is sponsored by Montgomery County Government, Montgomery Parks, the City of Gaithersburg, WSSC, GreenWheaton, Poolesville Green, Silver Spring Green, Bethesda Green, the City of Takoma Park, Montgomery College, the City of Rockville, the University of Maryland Extension, and MCPS Outdoor Environmental Education.



Montgomery Village Garden Club celebrates Earth Day on April 22

The Montgomery Village Garden Club (MVGC) will observe Earth Day by participating in MVF's Arbor Day event on Saturday, April 22, where we will create a community herb garden at the North Creek Nature Center, 20300 Aspenwood Lane. A parking lot is available on Shadow Oak Road; visitors take a short walk along the path to the Nature Center, a small building alongside the lake. Between 10 and 11 a.m., while setting up the herb garden, the members of the Garden Club will demonstrate a gardening technique that uses buried water-filled soda bottles to keep plants watered.

During the entire Earth Day event, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., members will hand out seeds, cups and soil to the first 50 families who wish to start their own planting projects at home. Also, MVGC members will discuss gardening in Montgomery Village. Visitors will take home printouts of recipes and information on the various uses of herbs. Adding to the day's enrichment, the Montgomery County Master Gardeners will be available to answer questions about sustainable gardening techniques.

The Montgomery Village Garden Club welcomes all. Meetings are held every second Monday of the month, September through June, at Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court. The monthly lectures are open to everyone, but additional benefits are available to members for a small \$25/year membership fee (\$20/per year if over 62).

On Monday, April 10 join MVGC at 7:15 p.m. to hear a presentation, "Integrated Pest Management and Environmentally Friendly Gardening," by Eric Wenger, Montgomery County Master Gardener and President, Complete Lawn Care and Complete Plant Heath Care, Inc. Refreshments are served at 7:15 p.m.; lecture at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, contact NinaGC@comcast.net or visit www.ncagardenclubs.org/d4montgomeryvillage.html.



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Salary range: \$12 to 14/hour. Position open until filled.

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Salary: \$12 to \$14/hour

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For more information or to apply for Youth Corps or Dock positions, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com, or contact Amy Roswurm at 240-243-2303 or e-mail aroswurm@mvf.org. EOE.

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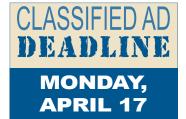
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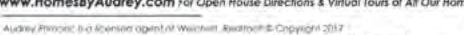
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