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photo by Mike Conroy

Lake Marion shoreline restoration project

The Lake Marion shoreline has been slowly eroding over the years, to the point where there are locations with vertical banks, undercutting of the shoreline and encroachment up to the walking path. Funding was included in the 2018 MVF Reserve Budget for lake bank restoration. This project has been in the design, review and permitting stage for the last year.

At the January 23 Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors meeting, the Board awarded the construction contract for the shoreline stabilization project to Ecotone, Inc. Ecotone is an ecological restoration firm that provides

full delivery ecosystem restoration, mitigation, design and construction. They have done several stream and lake bank restoration projects for MVF in the past.

Ecotone has indicated that they will begin construction of the project around Monday, March 16. At that time, they will lower the lake level enough to expose the shoreline area in preparation for the repairs. The project should take approximately two weeks to complete.

For more information or questions, contact Scott Gole at 240-243-2336 or e-mail sgole@mof.org.

Don't miss Montgomery Village's 46th annual Art, Craft and Photography Show with all new family and adult sessions. See the details below or at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Watkins Mill Pool site moving forward as outdoor fitness space

by Mike Conroy

Since planning for the 2020 Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Budget, the Watkins Mill Pool has been slated to be repurposed, given its low use and high operating, maintenance and reserve costs. Throughout 2019, discussion and input opportunities were

held, with feedback coming before the Recreation Committee in January.

In February, the committee met to further discuss fitness-based concepts for the site before making a recom-

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Everything you need to know about the 2020 Census



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MVF Board candidates' interview transcripts

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Camps, adult fitness classes and more in the Spring Recreation Guide



See insert

Your **VOTE** is important!

Ballots were mailed on Friday, Feb. 7. Residents are reminded to fully complete and return their ballots for the MVF Board of Directors election to the MVF Office no later than **5 p.m. on Friday, March 20.**

If you have not received or have misplaced your ballot, call Assistant Executive Vice President Mike Conroy at 240-243-2331 or come to the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

See page 8 for more election information. Visit www.montgomeryvillage.com for video interviews with the candidates.

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MVF MEETING AGENDAS

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 26 in the North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for approximately 7:45 p.m.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road, to review residents' requests for exterior modifications. The board requests that homeowners contact the Foundation if they plan to attend and if their contractors will accompany them.

COMMERCIAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Commercial Architectural Review Committee (CARC) meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Friday, April 3 in the North Creek Board Room.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

The Election Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, March 20 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. The committee will verify MVF ballots received and review procedures for ballot counting.

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 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24 at the Heron's Cove Office, 19101 Mills Choice Road.

EASTGATE

The Eastgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10 at the Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

EAST VILLAGE

The East Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17 at the Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

MARYLAND PLACE

The Maryland Place Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18 at the Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

NORTHGATE

The Northgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

PATTON RIDGE

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

STEDWICK

The Stedwick Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18 at the Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, March 9 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Gardens Condominium meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17 at the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

WHETSTONE

The Whetstone Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 12 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

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ISSUE

Friday, April 3

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FRIDAY, MARCH 27 AT 5 P.M.

MVF Annual Meeting

Thursday, March 26

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

**NORTH CREEK COMMUNITY CENTER
20125 ARROWHEAD ROAD**

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

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



**Sunday,
March 8**

**Remember to set your
clocks ahead one hour
before you go to bed
Saturday night!**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you



by Glenn Gargan
MVF President

Have you purchased your Girl Scout Cookies yet? I am a long-standing customer of Troop 5849's top seller, Olivia Ormsby, but you can also find the scouts selling them at the door of area grocery stores most weekend days this month...don't miss out.

The election for the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors is underway, and ends at 5 p.m. on Friday, March 20. Please ensure that your signed ballot is submitted to the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, by the election deadline. While I have a year left on my Board term, I will not stand for another term as President after two years serving the same; as such, by this time next month, we will have a new MVF Board President. This will be my last column in the *Village News*.

I want to take a moment to thank our MVF staff for the exceptional job they perform. It is no easy feat to keep all necessary operations to run the Village moving smoothly, yet they do, and the Executive Vice President and his team are literally on call around the clock. Most of what they do is "behind the scenes" and not noticed, which is the mark of a well-run organization.

My fellow Board members, committee chairs, and HOA boards also deserve a "tip-of-the hat" as well, for all of the hard work they perform in their volunteer positions. A lot of energy and passion is invested by these folks, and their stepping up is greatly appreciated.

A nod to the Village's own State Senator Nancy King, who

has had our best interests at heart for a long time. Hopefully, Senator King will stay in the Senate and represent the Village for a long time to come.

Let me make mention of a fact: all of the above have their so-called "constituencies," which they assist or serve with various issues or problems, and each has their own "swim lane." You don't call the plumber if your house is on fire, or the fire department if you need a plumber.

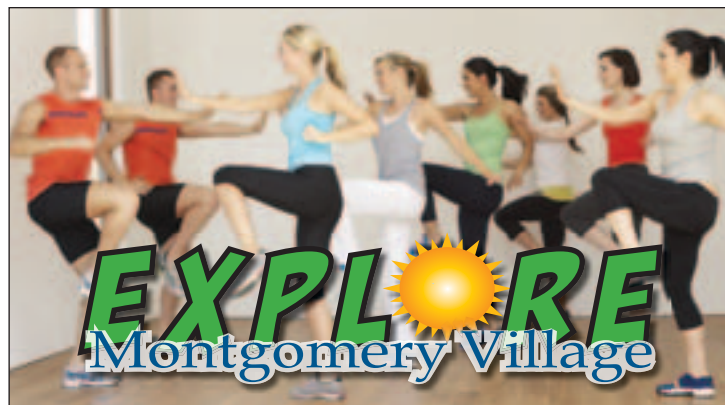
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Lastly, please remember that the *Montgomery Village News* print editions are now distributed monthly. The Montgomery Village Foundation includes pertinent information published online in the following print edition as well.

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

Your input and feedback to the Board is always welcome.

Best regards, and thanks.
Glenn



BOARD MOTIONS

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MOTION LIST February 27, 2020

1. Mr. Dyer moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 23, 2020 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed (5-0-2); Mr. Davis and Ms. Bort abstained.
2. Mr. Dyer moved to accept the Action List as submitted. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
3. Mr. Dyer moved to appoint Clare Conlon as Chair (North Village), David Cline (East Village) and Sharon Levine (Whetstone) as the 2020 Scholarship Committee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
4. Mr. Dyer moved to authorize proceeding with an RFP Phase I of engineering services for the repurpose of Watkins Mill pool to create the outdoor fitness space with exercise track and playground, including the developing of the concept plan, site plan, demolition plan and applying for any permits that the Department of Permitting Services requires. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
5. Mr. Young moved to award the bid to All Pro Recreational Surfaces for the repair and resurfacing of the Apple Ridge Recreation Area tennis court in the amount of \$22,400 with an additional 10% for any unforeseen expenses. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
6. Mr. Young moved to accept the proposed changes to the Procedures for the Private Use of Facilities to include adding Stedwick Community Center; increase in rental rates at specified facilities and allowance of light alcohol (as specified) at the North Creek Community Center with two (2) staff present and a certificate of insurance for the purchase of additional insurance naming MVF as an additional insured. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
7. Ms. Ayres moved to award the 2020 de-winterization of the MVF pools to High Sierra Pools, Inc for the total cost of \$18,000 plus time and materials. In addition, authorization is provided to contract with High Sierra Pools, Inc for the same pool maintenance services in the 2021 and 2022 if they perform favorably in 2020. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
8. Mr. Dyer moved to accept the committee reports. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
9. Mr. Dyer moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:55 p.m. pursuant to Section 11B Real Property, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Maryland Homeowners Association Act) to go into closed session for (i) Discussion of matters pertaining to employees and personnel and (iii) Consultation with legal counsel on legal matters. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

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MVF Office.....	10120 Apple Ridge Rd.	SVP
		TCPR.....
		WCC.....
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2. The *Montgomery Village News* will make every effort to publish all letters received during the weeks prior to publication that meet the criteria of this policy.

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9. Letters should be in reference to or contain information about topics relatable to all Montgomery Village residents. Letters addressed to or specifically about homes corporation or condominium association business and affairs will not be printed and may be directed to those association boards of directors when appropriate.

10. The Letters to the Editor section is not a forum for extensive debates; MVF encourages residents to use other avenues such as facebook and twitter for timely discussion.

11. MVF retains the right to respond to letters to the editor addressing specific issues involving it in the form of editor's notes or other methods at its discretion.

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

E-mail letters to mvnnews@mvf.org.

IN THE NEWS

Letters to the Editor

Editor:

The response to the February 7 MV News Letter to Editor by Ralph Colling, who wrote asking the MVF Board to change the current Condo Homeowner policy of paying MVF through their condo association, is telling. The EVP, (Editor's Note), stated that MVF staff had informed Mr. Colling and condo homeowners that the current practice stands, and "the MVF Board is fully aware" of the matter.

The condo homeowner governing regulation was written in 1973 when rental apartments were converted to homeowner condos. Rules, regulations and laws can change over time, with change in technology,

new developments or social mores. If the turnover occurred today, smart computer receivable programs would dictate that MVF collect its own fees. Importantly, only governing bodies can change formation documents and "laws," not the administrator.

The MVF Executive Committee, made up of select Board members, prepares the agenda the full Board will consider at its monthly meetings. The 2019 Board transferred that responsibility to the EVP, who chose topics and prepared the positions the Board would take. Certainly, that arrangement is more efficient, less time consuming and insulates the Board from having to deal

directly with homeowners. However, the result was that the 2019 Board became a rubber stamp for the EVP. The Board must do more than be "fully aware" of any issue that is its purview alone.

Hopefully, the 2020 MVF Board will take back its proscribed duties, and members will give their time and attention, directly, to homeowner concerns. The Board can rely on the staff to gather pertinent details of any issue, and will carry out the Board's determinations, efficiently.

Barbara St. John
Stedwick

Montgomery County Board of Elections Recruiting students for "Future Vote" Program

The Montgomery County Board of Elections is seeking 1,500 school-age students in grades 6 to 12 to participate in its "Future Vote" Program. Future Vote students will serve as Election Day student aides during the 2020 Presidential Primary Election and during Primary Early Voting.

Students and their guardians must attend mandatory training to participate in the Future Vote Program and, if applicable, students will receive Student Service Learning (SSL) credits. This initiative combines civic participation and the opportunity to

observe democracy in action. The Future Vote Program is available to all Montgomery County students within public, private, independent, religious or home-schools. Students with bilingual and American Sign Language skills are encouraged to apply.

Since 2004, over 43,600 students have participated in the Future Vote Initiative, including thousands of high school students who have served as election poll workers after their 16th birthday.

Students ages 16 or older are eligible to register to vote and serve as election poll

workers. Each minor must demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Maryland State Board of Elections, that they meet all qualifications for registration in the State.

Depending on the poll worker position selected, students may choose to earn up to 25 Student Service Learning (SSL) hours or up to \$210.

Interested parents/guardians may register their student(s) by texting "FV" to 77788 or online at www.777vote.org, select "Future Vote." For more information, e-mail future.vote@montgomerycountymd.gov.



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Park of the Month: Apple Ridge Ballfield

by Amy Roswurm

With spring just around the corner, it is time to think about dusting off those cleats and bats, and get ready to play ball! Located near North Creek Community Center and North Creek Lake Park at the corner of Apple Ridge Road and Montgomery Village Avenue you will find Apple Ridge Ballfield. Apple Ridge Ballfield, 20101 Swallow Point Road, features bleachers for spectators to cheer on their favorite players and a parking lot.

In addition, this park is home to the Montgomery Village Foundation's only cricket pitch. The cricket pitch was opened in 2017 to the public

and has been an extremely popular feature for this park. Cricket is the second most popular sport in the entire world, with around 2.5 billion fans of the sport. When the field is not in use for sports, you can often find residents walking their dogs, playing catch or jogging around the field.

The Montgomery Village Foundation has a variety of ballfields available for reservation for baseball, softball, soccer, football and cricket. Information on field permits can be found online at www.montgomeryvillage.com. Field use by organized groups is by permit only. We hope to see you on the fields this summer!



29th annual scholarship fund drive for Village high school seniors underway

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

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

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

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

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

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

Watkins Mill

Continued from page 1

mentation to the MVF Board of Directors. Staff presented information about the fitness-based concept, including what MVF would be able to include within the permitted budget the functionality of proposed equipment on the market; and participation trends collected by nearby locations with outdoor fitness amenities. Based on that information, the committee recommended the MVF Board move forward with the process to repurpose the site to outdoor fitness use including a 150-meter asphalt exercise track, outdoor fitness equipment and moving the current playground to the front of the site.

The concept turns the seasonal amenity into a year-round amenity open to all residents. Currently, it proposes approximately 13 pieces of fitness equipment, allowing for 13 different simultaneous uses. A 150-meter asphalt track circles the equipment, allowing for running and walking opportunities. The playground, which is currently at the rear of the site (nearest to the townhouses), would be moved adjacent to the fitness equipment, inside the track area, allowing for supervision of children while using the equipment.

At the February 27 MVF Board of Directors meeting, the Board authorized proceeding

with an RFP for engineering services to repurpose the site. This will break out into three phases: 1) RFP to develop concept plan, site plan and permitting application; 2) RFP for demolition of current facility; and 3) RFP for contractors to install components outlined in design plan. Each phase will seek Recreation Committee input and MVF Board approval.

Additional meetings, opportunities for input and updates will be announced as the project progresses. For more information, contact Director of Recreation and Parks Duncan Mullis at 240-243-2337 or e-mail dmullis@mvpf.org.

Proposed Track and Outdoor Fitness Zone
at Watkins Mill Recreation Area



Scholarship Fund Contribution Form

Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc.

Enclosed is my contribution of \$_____ for the
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Please make checks payable to either
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Gaithersburg High School PTSA Scholarship Fund.

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Please mail to:
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Scholarship Fund Drive
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IN THE NEWS

Board appoints Scholarship Committee at February meeting

by Mike Conroy

Each year, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) sponsors a scholarship through the Gaithersburg and Watkins Mill high school PTAs to help further Village residents' education. The scholarship relies on donations from residents and a volunteer committee who selects the recipients each year. At the February 27 MVF Board of Directors meeting, Clare Conlon, David Cline and Sharon Levine were appointed to the committee. For more information on scholarship, including donations and the application process, see article on page 6.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

A few key changes to the Procedures for Private Use of Facilities, recommended by the Recreation Committee, were approved to improve the offerings for residents. Changes include adding Stedwick Community Center to the list of available locations; a rate increase for higher occupancy locations; and a pilot program for the inclusion of light alcohol for functions at North Creek Community Center.

With the impending renovation of the North Creek Pool and Bathhouse, the addition

of Stedwick offers additional rental space for residents. Likewise, with a rate increase for the use of North Creek, offering Stedwick for smaller functions provides options for residents. The proposed rate increase would affect Lake Marion Gym and North Creek Community Center only; given their ability to accommodate larger groups, this is consistent with other local jurisdictions. Finally, as suggested in the Recreation Strategic Plan survey, under certain guidelines, residents will be able to have light alcohol (beer, wine, cider and champagne only) at functions approved in the North Creek Community Center.

These changes will be rolled out later this year, once staff is able to update the administrative portions of the procedures.

The Board also authorized bids to prepare some of its facilities for the spring and summer months. A bid of \$22,400 (with an additional 10% for unforeseen expenses) was awarded to All Pro Recreational Surfaces for the resurfacing, painting and striping of Apple Ridge Tennis Courts. All Pro Recreational Surfaces has done work for MVF in the past; they aim to complete the work by mid-April.

Additionally, High Sierra Pools, Inc. was selected to perform the de-winterization of MVF pools at a cost of \$18,000, plus time and materials work. High Sierra Pools, Inc. maintained their rate while other companies indicated a 3% increase. The Board also approved contracting with High Sierra Pools, Inc. for the 2021 and 2022 seasons if the perform favorably in 2020.

Finally, the Board approved moving forward with an RFP for engineering services for the repurpose of the Watkins Mill Pool to create and outdoor fitness space with an exercise track and playground. For more details on this change to the pool site, see the full article on page 1.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board President Glenn Gargan noted that the 2020 MVF Board election is underway. He reminded residents to return their signed ballots to the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, (either in person or by mail) no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, March 20. Ballots will be counted on Saturday, March 21 at 9 a.m. at the MVF Office.

Gargan also noted that recent questions regarding the

use of the new digital sign on East Village Avenue have started to come in. He asked that the Communications Committee discuss use cases and potential procedures at their next meeting.

EVP REPORT

Executive Vice President (EVP) Dave Humpton reported on HB1628 - Sales and Use Tax, saying the idea behind the bill is to lower the tax rate and broaden the taxable entities. However, the tax impact to MVF and the Village's HOAs/COAs (and many other associations in the state) would be significant. By way of example, he noted based on 2019 figures, the bill would impose an additional \$30,000+ on landscaping expenses alone, just for MVF. All local associations would also be hit with increases based on their service contracts. The MVF Board noted opposition to this bill and asked Humpton to relay the hardship this would impose on all Village residents to the bill sponsors.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Bob Carey noted that MVF ended January on a positive, with both Revenue and Expenses favorable to the

budget. He reported that the unfortunate recent downfall of the market would surely see a dip in Investment Income. Carey said that overall Cash and Investments were at \$9.7 million (up from December and this time last year), which showed MVF is still maintaining a strong financial position.

NEXT MEETING

The next MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The Annual Meeting is scheduled immediately following (approximately 7:45 p.m.). Residents are invited and encouraged to attend either or both meetings. The Annual Meeting will honor community volunteers and staff, as well as highlight 2019 accomplishments and financials. The meeting agenda and information packet will be available online at www.montgomeryvillage.com the week of the meeting.

MVF Financial Reports - January 2020

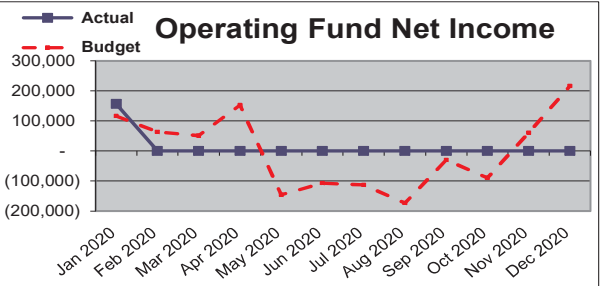
OPERATING FUND - STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE

	January 2020			YTD Jan 2020		
	Actual	Budget	Variance (Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Variance (Unfav)
Revenue:						
Assessments	556,259	556,259	-	556,259	556,259	-
Assessment Fees	49,698	41,699	8,000	49,698	41,699	8,000
Transfer Fees	2,550	1,992	558	2,550	1,992	558
Disclosure Fees	11,145	2,437	8,708	11,145	2,437	8,708
Advertising revenue	2,655	898	1,758	2,655	898	1,758
Pool Memberships/Rental Fees	12,757	7,705	5,052	12,757	7,705	5,052
Camps & Classes	18,248	24,085	(5,837)	18,248	24,085	(5,837)
Management Fees	70,165	67,919	2,246	70,165	67,919	2,246
Capital Contribution fee	10,332	5,956	4,376	10,332	5,956	4,376
Other Income	10,351	11,101	(750)	10,351	11,101	(750)
Total Revenue	744,161	720,051	24,110	744,161	720,051	24,110
Personnel Costs:						
Salaries & Wages	261,347	262,203	856	261,347	262,203	856
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	87,551	86,512	(1,039)	87,551	86,512	(1,039)
Personnel Costs	348,898	348,715	(183)	348,898	348,715	(183)
Business Expenses	12,288	7,690	(4,598)	12,288	7,690	(4,598)
Office Supplies	9,441	3,293	(6,148)	9,441	3,293	(6,148)
Program/Maint Supplies	2,795	3,313	518	2,795	3,313	518
Occupancy	16,202	20,169	3,967	16,202	20,169	3,967
Office Expenses/Svc Contracts	29,714	28,928	(786)	29,714	28,928	(786)
Equip Maintenance	137	2,623	2,485	137	2,623	2,485
Vehicle Expenses	1,198	1,627	428	1,198	1,627	428
Financial & Legal	17,983	21,655	3,673	17,983	21,655	3,673
Insurance	(11,702)	(11,925)	(223)	(11,702)	(11,925)	(223)
Printing	1,703	3,795	2,092	1,703	3,795	2,092
Landscape/Maintenance	39,252	58,936	19,684	39,252	58,936	19,684
Security	442	363	(79)	442	363	(79)
Other	103	-	(103)	103	-	(103)
Operating Costs	119,556	140,467	20,912	119,556	140,467	20,912
Contribution to Reserves	108,651	108,651	(0)	108,651	108,651	(0)
Contribution to CCF	10,332	5,956	(4,376)	10,332	5,956	(4,376)
Purchases of Assets	433	0	(433)	433	0	(433)
Restricted Expenses	-	0	-	-	0	-
Other Equity Transfers	-	0	-	-	0	-
Reserve/capital	119,416	114,607	(4,809)	119,416	114,607	(4,809)
Operating Expenses	587,870	603,790	15,920	587,870	603,790	15,920
Excess/Deficit Revenue	156,291	116,261	40,030	156,291	116,261	40,030

MVF BALANCE SHEET

For the Period Ended January 31, 2020

	Current	Prior Year
ASSETS		
Cash & Cash equiv	3,145,132	2,545,134
Investments	6,560,383	6,049,021
Due from Reserves	187,194	582,848
Assessment Receivables	842,095	725,280
Other Receivables	141,738	479,320
Current Assets	10,876,542	10,381,603
Gross Fixed Assets	16,108,406	15,534,055
Accumulated Depreciation	(7,276,026)	(6,994,729)
Fixed Assets	8,832,381	8,539,326
Other Assets	40,595	41,487
Assets	19,749,518	18,962,417
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Due to Operating	187,194	582,848
Payables	515,242	301,491
Sunstream Cap Lease	106,070	111,265
Deferred Revenue Liab	1,403,502	1,356,801
Liabilities	2,212,008	2,352,404
Undesignated Reserves	1,460,085	2,016,541
Designated Reserves	16,077,421	14,593,467
Equity	17,537,506	16,610,008
Liabilities & Equity	19,749,518	18,962,417



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

MVF ELECTION

Montgomery Village Foundation 2020 Board of Directors Election

Your ballot for the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors election should have arrived at your home. Your ballot should be completed promptly and dropped off at, or mailed to, the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

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

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

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

2020 VOTING INFORMATION FOR OWNERS OF PRIVATE DWELLING UNITS

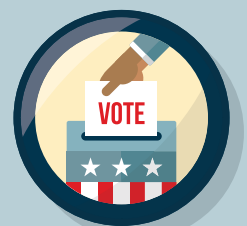
1. For your ballot to be valid, assessments (including late payment fees) must be current through Dec. 31, 2019 (paid by Feb. 29, 2020).
2. Vote for no more than three candidates including write-ins.
3. To keep your vote secret, please do not sign the face of the ballot.
4. Place the ballot inside the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

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



YOUR VOTE MATTERS!

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

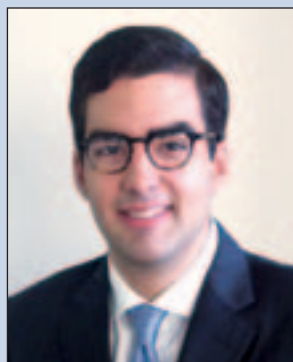


MEET THE CANDIDATES

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



DANIEL ANDERSON



RICARDO CAMACHO



ANDRES GUZMAN



PETER WEBB

See Candidate
Interview Transcripts
on the facing page
and videos
online at www.montgomeryvillage.com

Montgomery Village Foundation

2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Candidate Interviews published in
The Montgomery Village News

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 5 P.M.

Balloting closes

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 7 P.M.

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

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

Montgomery Village Foundation Office
10120 Apple Ridge Road

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1 P.M.

Ballot count results announced online
www.montgomeryvillage.com

MVF ELECTION

Montgomery Village Foundation 2020 Board of Directors election candidates



DANIEL ANDERSON



RICARDO CAMACHO



ANDRES GUZMAN



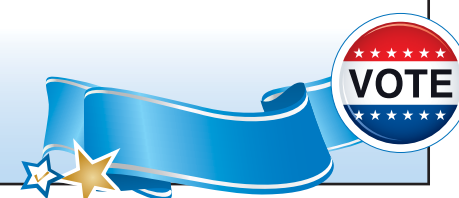
PETER WEBB

MVF CANDIDATES' INTERVIEWS—2020

Video interviews with each candidate were recorded between Monday, Feb. 10 and Friday, Feb. 14 at North Creek Board Room and the MVF Office by MVF Communications staff members.

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

Ballots are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 20.



In place of a Candidates' Forum, each MVF Board of Directors candidate was provided with the opportunity to respond to a set list of questions in a video interview format. Below is the transcript of those videos to help you make an informed decision about which candidates to vote for. Candidate Andres Guzman declined to participate in the video interview portion.

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

DANIEL ANDERSON

My name is Daniel Anderson. I have lived in this area for about two years. I'm living up in the Stedwick community.

RICARDO CAMACHO

My name is Ricardo Camacho. I've been born and raised in the Village, and then after college, I've been a homeowner since 2013. I previously served on the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors from 2014 to 2015.

PETER WEBB

My name is Peter Webb I live in Whetstone. We've been — my wife, Kate; my son, Will; and daughter, Marie — we've lived in Montgomery Village for 11 years.

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

DANIEL ANDERSON

I'm interested in serving on the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors because I think it's going to be a great opportunity to utilize my

problem-solving skills that I've developed both professionally and by living in a bunch of different areas across the country, bring it into a community that seems to be coming back into its own, and I think I'm going to have a positive impact on that.

RICARDO CAMACHO

Community involvement is very important to me. I'm a third-generation resident of my family in the Village, and I really want to be involved in, you know, helping they can make sure the community continues to be a great place to live for all of its residents.

PETER WEBB

I think the biggest thing is I've served six years on the Board of Directors, and I'm looking to kind of continue the momentum that we have going in the Village. We just have so much going on with the Village Center finally getting redeveloped, the Bloom project getting off the ground and the Professional Center coming along. There's so much activity, so many things they've been working on for years, that I'm just really looking forward to pushing that forward for generations to come to enjoy Montgomery Village.

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

DANIEL ANDERSON

I'm a pretty recent transplant to the area, but so far I've haven't had a lot of opportunities directly for this community. I've volunteered at some of the food banks in the area. I do volunteer through my work for

a couple of places in the area. I've enjoyed volunteering at the Montgomery County Fair; it's been a great opportunity, but nothing directly to the Foundation.

RICARDO CAMACHO

Previously, I was a member of the Stedwick Homes Corporation Board of Directors and I've also been a member of the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors, previously last in 2015.

PETER WEBB

When we initially moved to Eastgate, I served as the president of the HOA over there; which is one of the smaller parts of Montgomery Village, and from that I sort of learned about the overall community. My wife served on the Vision 2030 Committee, so that sort of got us in touch with what's going on overall, which drew my interest then just to run for the full Village Board of Directors. So, I initially ran six years ago for that and have served two terms serving that. In addition, I'm a member of the Whetstone PTA — and my son's in kindergarten there — and I'm also a business owner in the community, so I serve a couple thousand households as a financial advisor and a risk manager.

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

DANIEL ANDERSON

So, in my professional background, I spend a lot of time

interacting with people from this area, in a lot of diverse communities, getting to use some problem-solving skills to try to explain what could be impacting people and possible fixes for problems that you're experiencing. It definitely helped me come up with different ways of looking at problems and it's also given me a very acute interest in trying to find solutions that work within the constraints that we're given — whether that's budgetary or other availabilities of resources.

RICARDO CAMACHO

I work as an investment manager. You know every resident has to pay assessments every quarter, and so I'm keenly aware of, you know, the way the Montgomery Village Foundation manages the finances of the community. And they've done a great job of doing that in the past, and I'm committed to make sure that that continues in the future.

PETER WEBB

I think the one of my qualifications I think draws me most to serving is I started a young family in the Village, and we set down our roots here and took advantage of a lot of the opportunities that are unique to Montgomery Village. Whether it's the pools, whether it's the paths, walking to the Farmers' Market, my son plays t-ball through the Village, so being able to realize what the community offers kind of gives me a unique ability to come up with newer ideas and work within the structure to bring more to the community and help kind of develop newer, better or more modern programs.

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

DANIEL ANDERSON

I think a good priority item for this time, in this area, is going to be trying to capitalize on the sense of revitalization to build a better sense of community. There is a good sense of community in this area, and I think there's an opportunity to help that be stronger.

RICARDO CAMACHO

I don't necessarily see a priority item. I think that the community's really run well, and I'm looking forward to rejoining the Board and working with my fellow members of the Board to, you know, make sure that the community is managed in a responsible and sustainable way going forward. Especially as a lot of the new development and changes happen in our community. I think this the Village is a great place to live, and I'm committed to make sure that it continues to be that way.

PETER WEBB

I think the two biggest items I have moving forward are continuing to focus on the redevelopment of the Village — bringing newer amenities like I'm sure we've noticed our newer pools or newer playgrounds the new construction going on is just going to bring such a more up-to-date, more modern flair to the Village that I think is just real exciting to kind of refresh everything about it'll be a big trickle-down effect of that. Also, I think it's real important that we continue to focus on our fiscal responsibility. The Village

MVF ELECTION

Montgomery Village Foundation 2020 Board of Directors election candidates, cont.

is an incredibly strong position right now based on our investment structure and plans and savvy spending. Knowing what we are able to spend on or not puts the Village in a very excellent position that helps us keep assessments reasonable and also lets us upgrade with very unique and very state-of-the-art facilities that help separate us from other communities in the area.

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

DANIEL ANDERSON

I think that both an increased awareness of the community events that are already occurring, as well as I think a good low-cost item would be having somebody from the MVF Board or from the MVF employees getting on something like Next-Door and maybe once a week answering a couple of questions, maybe opening a thread where the residents can ask questions because there does seem to be a lack of communication sometimes. And I think that that could really help to grow the sense of community.

RICARDO CAMACHO

I don't have any specific proposals. I think the first thing as I rejoin the Board, I'd want to listen and see what the biggest challenges that are facing the Board are, and then work with the other members of the Board to solve those in a collaborative way.

PETER WEBB

I think the most important thing that we can focus on now is stability; maintaining our five-year visions; focusing on the strategic plans that we've worked out. And I think just being able to maintain that long view of our decisions now impact the community down the line for 10, 20 years, so just being responsible with what we do now. And also, I think it's important to focus on community engagement. In my six years on the board I've only recently started working with the Recreation Committee. Through them we were planning two local tot lots, and residents were able to come and pick the exact items they want. They say, "Hey we would like that" and it was different than what the committee had thought. So it was being able to see that actual engagement brought immediate results to what that community wanted. I think it's pretty exciting to try to educate residents on the whole that, hey, if you get involved, we've got the apparatus to listen. And so, I think just working with the community to try to get new or better ideas

and make sure we're tailoring our amenities to what the community wants.

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

DANIEL ANDERSON

I think a great way to get community members more engaged from the diverse communities would be to meet them where they are and go to their events as well, and try to increase the feeling that we're all in this together. Because we all are in the same area and the concerns kind of cross those boundaries.

RICARDO CAMACHO

I think it's important — Montgomery Village is definitely a very diverse community with a lot of residents from a lot of different backgrounds. I think it's important for residents to be involved in the community. I think that the Montgomery Village Foundation does a great job of having activities on the weekends or during the summer that cater to residents of all kinds of different backgrounds and I really look forward to seeing continued involvement from all the residents in the Village so that everyone feels like they have a part to play in Village affairs.

PETER WEBB

I think diversity in the Village is one of our strongest assets. Like I was saying about the Rec Committee drawing in feedback — they've also been working at length at updating one of our tennis courts to become a futsal court. We heard in the community that, "Hey, this isn't an amenity that's offered really anywhere in the county," so through — and I know the Recreation Department and committee worked doing various community engagements and surveys, things of that nature — identified this as an item that the community wanted it and not necessarily somebody would have heard of before without having engaged the community. I also think items like we've worked toward publishing a lot of our documents in multiple languages — so people can read information in the languages they speak at home — which I think fosters a comfort with working with the Village and working with the Board if they think, "Oh, they care about me as a person because they're communicating in the way I want to speak." So, I think recognizing the diversity (as opposed to trying to eradicate it — is a poor thing to do) I think focuses on the strengths we have and how can we en-

gage that to form a stronger community for everybody who lives here.

8. The Village is also home to many species of wildlife, and the MVF Board has adopted an Environmental Policy which includes the coexistence with wildlife in the community. Do you support this policy and how would you work to uphold it?

DANIEL ANDERSON

I think that coexistence with the wildlife is an important facet of especially a green area like this. I think that the best ways to support that coexistence is reminding residents of what things that they can do that are going to minimize their impact on the wildlife we're sharing the area with. Also keeping in mind and looking for ideas on ways we can minimize the habitat fragmentation as we grow and develop in the area.

RICARDO CAMACHO

One of the best things about the Village is the awesome environment and surroundings that we have here in our community, and I think it's important — especially through the Committee on the Environment that the Montgomery Village Foundation has — to continue to make sure that we coexist in a sustainable way with all the different species of wildlife that we enjoy and we like having part of our community. And so, I'm committed to, you know, continuing to support the Committee on the Environment in their efforts to make sure that the nature that we live among is well taken care of.

PETER WEBB

I don't see how anybody could buy a home in Montgomery Village and not realize how beautiful it is. And the unique nature elements that you just don't get in any other community in this area. So, anything we can do to protect and help that thrive, of course I'm in support of. I think we have a great organization of trails and parks and paths, and I think we do a great job of maintaining them so they're safe and can flourish, but at the same time respecting the creatures that live there. And I think our natural resources are second-to-none and anything we could do to strengthen that is definitely something I've been in support of.

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

DANIEL ANDERSON

I think I see the future of the Village being a growing, revitalizing area — an area that's coming together more as a community as we bring in new

members to the MVF. And to see these activities growing in scope and seeing higher attendance because it's great to get out and meet my neighbors and those of us that live close even if we aren't quite neighbors.

RICARDO CAMACHO

So, I think Montgomery Village has a really bright future. There's a lot of new development and a lot of changes happening in our community that I think will be for the better. And I think we as Village residents are really looking forward to welcoming some of the new changes that happen and I think it'll continue to be, you know, the best community to live in here in the DC area.

PETER WEBB

I think the future is going to come pretty quick. I think we already see the groundbreaking in the Village Center we're going to see the Professional Center develop in the next 12 months. The future is going to be here quicker and I know it's been a long time coming, but we've got a lot of momentum going on. I think we're going to see a fresh housing stock. We will see our Central Park with the dog park and community gardens. There's going to be a lot of exciting stuff and a lot of new amenities that will allow us to program new things that weren't possible in years past. We've had the Farmers' Market taking off. Community concerts, community movies, recreational leagues — t-ball, softball, soccer — there's just all sorts of things that are just coming off the ground and are only going to continue to grow and flourish if we give it the right atmosphere to do so.

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

DANIEL ANDERSON

I'm very happy to live in a green space that has as many trails and options for viewing wildlife — getting out and not being stifled in between walls. I think that this is a great community and it's going in great places. I'm very excited to be able to take what I've experienced in my past and the skills I've developed professionally, and see if I can help them or use them to help the community. I'm very excited for this opportunity.

RICARDO CAMACHO

So, I'm really looking forward to the opportunity to serve again on the Board of Directors and I'm looking forward to hearing from residents about what their what their concerns and what their priorities are for our community going forward as a whole. And I'm looking forward to be involved again.

PETER WEBB

I just look forward to trying to offer three more years of volunteering to keep this momentum going. I just can't stress enough how much great stuff we have going on. Our financial position is stronger than it's been as long as I've been in the Village. And at working with the Village Foundation to keep this momentum going, keep as many good things going and work with the county to try to improve our infrastructure as much as we can. I just think we're in a great spot and it's an exciting time to live in the Village and I'd like to see what the next few years bring us.

Do you have a noteworthy neighbor?

E-mail mvinfo@mvf.org



"What's Your Story?"

IN THE NEWS

Staying Aware in the Village

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

THEFT FROM VEHICLE

A theft from vehicle occurred in the 10300 block of Royal Woods Court between approximately 7 p.m. on January 15 and 10:45 a.m. on January 18. No force; money was taken. No suspect information available.

Three thefts from vehicles occurred between January 16 and January 24. Affected streets included Stedwick Road, Fern Hollow Way and Apple Ridge Road. No force; money and property were taken. No suspect information available.

A theft from vehicle occurred in the 9900 block of Ridge-line Drive between approximately 6 p.m. on January 29 and 9 a.m. on January 30. Force; vehicle parts were taken. No suspect information available.

Two thefts from vehicles occurred between February 5 and February 7. One theft occurred in the 18300 block of Lost Knife Circle and one theft occurred in the 9700 block of Hellingly Place. Force was reported in one event; property was taken. No suspect information available.

Two thefts from vehicles occurred between approximately 3:30 p.m. on February 7 and 6:30 a.m. on February 8. One theft occurred in the 10300 block of Watkins Mill Road and one theft occurred in the 20200 block of Harbor Tree Road. No force; property was taken. No suspect information available.

Three thefts from vehicles occurred between February 6 and February 13. Affected streets included Chatteroy Place, Apple Ridge Road and Swallow Point Road. Force was reported in two events; property was taken. No suspect information available.

VEHICLE THEFT

A vehicle theft occurred in the 9700 block of Breckenridge Place between approximately 1:40 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. on February 8. Unknown entry. No suspect information available.

Census 101: Everything you need to know about the 2020 Census

What is the Census?

The Census is a nationwide count of every single person living in the United States. The U.S. Constitution requires a Census every 10 years. The first one took place in 1790.

Why is the Census important?

- Our population determines how many seats Maryland has in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- The federal government distributes billions of dollars for government services and community programs based on census data. This includes things like school meals, pre-school programs, health-care access, road projects, affordable housing, and more.
- Census information helps to determine where we locate schools, immigrant resource facilities, hospitals, public safety facilities and other important services and resources.
- Businesses make important investment decisions based on census data.
- It is estimated that in the Maryland, every person not counted will cost the state \$18,250 in federal funding over a 10-year period.

Who gets counted?

Every person in your household must be counted, including newborns. It doesn't matter their age, relationship to you, ethnicity or immigration status. Count everyone in your household. If you have relatives or children that split time in your home, they should be counted where they live and sleep most of the time.

When does the counting start, and how do I respond?

Every household will receive a mailing from the Census Bureau in mid- to late

March 2020, inviting you to respond to the census online or by phone. You can use a smart phone, tablet or desktop computer. Note that residents who live in group homes, campus housing, shelters, etc. will be counted using a separate process. Only one person in the household has to respond, and should answer for all other people in the household.

What happens if I don't respond?

If the Census Bureau has not heard from you by late April, after several reminders by mail, you will be mailed a paper questionnaire. If you don't return the paper questionnaire, a census worker—called an enumerator—will knock on your door and ask you the questions in person. The enumeration efforts take place in May, June and July.

Is the Census available in other languages?

You can respond online or by phone in 13 different languages. While the Census questionnaire itself is available in 13 different languages, language guides to help respondents complete the Census are available in 59 languages.

How long does it take to respond to the Census?

For most households it will take 10 minutes or less to respond.

What questions are on the Census?

The Census asks certain questions in order to provide funding for programs that fit the needs of the community and to ensure that election districts are drawn fairly. You'll be asked for the name, age, date of birth, gender, relation, race, and ethnicity of every person in your home, and also whether your home is rented or owned. And that's it. Answer all questions as fully and honestly as possible.

What questions will not be asked?

The Census will not ask for your immigration status, social security number, e-mail address, ID, financial or banking information or your political party. Please note that if you are asked to respond to the Census via e-mail, the request is fake and should be reported to the Census Bureau at rumors@census.gov or 800-923-8282.

Will my information be shared?

By law, your personal data cannot be shared with any other government agency, court or law enforcement agency. In fact, Census workers take a lifetime oath to not share your information. They risk prison and a fine if they do so. Your responses are aggregated with others, and statistical information for a community is derived from that. Note that your data remains private for 72 years, so, for example, the information from the 1950 Census won't be available to those doing family research until 2022.

What does a Census worker look like?

If you do not respond in a timely manner, a Census worker—or enumerator—will visit your home. He or she will have a name badge and a bag with the Census logo on it. The badge will have their photo, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark and an expiration date. You can ask for their identification at any time, but they cannot ask for yours. Please call 800-923-8282 if you would like to verify that the person is a Census worker.

For more information or questions, visit www.2020census.gov.



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Architectural Standards

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

MVF DRAFT REVIEW OF REQUESTS ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD March 4, 2020

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AWMApproved w/modifications
DDenied
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EASTGATE

20225 YANKEE HARBOR
PL - Roof, AWM
7819 YANKEE HARBOR DR -
Fence and Gate, AWM
7928 OTTER COVE CT -
Front Door Replacement, D
7928 OTTER COVE CT -
Sidelight, D
7928 OTTER COVE CT -
Storm Door, D
7928 OTTER COVE CT -
Front Door Replacement, A
7928 OTTER COVE CT -
Sidelight, A

EAST VILLAGE

20000 GIANTSTEP TER -
Fountain, A
20020 GIANTSTEP TER -
Exterior Paint, A

8506 FOUNTAIN VALLEY
DR - Shed, A
19806 FAWN VISTA WAY -
Garage Door, A
8309 STEDMALL TER -
Fence and Gate, AWM
8748 RAVENGLASS WAY -
Front Door Replacement,
AWM
8511 HAWK RUN TER -
Solar Systems, AWM
20423 IVYBRIDGE CT -
Fence and Gate, D
8608 DELCRIS DR -
Exterior Paint, A
19923 DREXEL HILL CIR -
Downspout/Gutter, AWM
19923 DREXEL HILL CIR -
Gutter Guard, A
19923 DREXEL HILL CIR -
Trim, AWM

19953 DREXEL HILL CIR -
Shed Removal, A
6 IVORYTON CT -
Solar Systems, Withdrawn
8522 TINDALSPRINGS DR -
Trim, AWM
8503 IVORYTON WAY -
Replacement Windows, AWM
8503 TINDALSPRINGS DR -
Security Camera, AWM
8503 TINDALSPRINGS DR -
Patio, A
8503 TINDALSPRINGS DR -
Miscellaneous, A
8503 TINDALSPRINGS DR -
Exterior Light, AWM

HORIZON RUN CONDOMINIUM

9547 HORIZON RUN RD -
Front Door Replacement,
AWM

MARYLAND PLACE

19323 KEYMAR WAY -
Exterior Paint, AWM
9640 MARSTON LN -
Vinyl Siding and Trim, AWM

MIDDLE VILLAGE

10043 RIDGELINE DR -
Railing, D
10134 RIDGELINE DR -
Deck, A
9602 BRASSIE WAY -
Replacement Windows, AWM
19422 BRASSIE PL -
Replacement Windows, D
19442 BRASSIE PL -
Carpet, D
9773 BRASSIE WAY -
Vinyl Siding, AWM

NORTHGATE

20331 GENTLE WAY -
Downspout/Gutter, A
20331 GENTLE WAY -
Trim, A
9409 GENTLE CIR - Roof, A
20234 LEA POND PL -
Replacement Patio Door,
AWM
20234 LEA POND PL -
Replacement Siding, AWM
20234 LEA POND PL -
Replacement Windows, AWM
20311 GENTLE WAY -
Front Door Replacement,
AWM
20311 GENTLE WAY -
Storm Door, AWM
20428 ASPENWOOD LN -
House Numbers, W
20528 ASPENWOOD LN -
Front Door Replacement,
AWM
10042 FOREST VIEW PL -
Vinyl Siding and Trim, AWM
9923 MAPLE LEAF DR -
Roof, A

9918 TAMBAY CT - Roof, A

NORTH VILLAGE

9485 CHADBURN PL -
Replacement Windows, AWM
20540 STRATHHAVEN DR -
Replacement Windows, AWM

PATTON RIDGE

9921 SHREWSBURY CT -
Roof, AWM
19905 MASTENBROOK PL -
Garage Door, A
20008 OCTAVIA CT -
Exterior Paint, AWM
20008 OCTAVIA CT -
Shutters, AWM
20008 OCTAVIA CT -
Pergola, AWM
9805 MEADOWCROFT LN -
Replacement Windows, AWM
20081 DOOLITTLE ST -
House Numbers, W
20050 DOOLITTLE ST -
Retaining Wall, A
9210 FROSTBURG WAY -
Solar Systems, AWM
19806 BILLINGS CT -
Railing, AWM
9306 FROSTBURG WAY -
Fence and Gate, AWM
19806 BAZZELLTON PL -
Deck Stain, AWM
9347 BREMERTON WAY -
Solar Systems, AWM
19936 SPUR HILL DR -
Replacement Patio Door,
AWM
19936 SPUR HILL DR -
Replacement Windows with
Capped Trim, AWM
9524 BRIAR GLENN WAY -
Roof, AWM
9524 BRIAR GLENN WAY -
Downspout/Gutter, AWM
9522 BRIAR GLENN WAY -
Downspout/Gutter, AWM
9522 BRIAR GLENN WAY -
Roof, AWM
20103 WARINGWOOD
WAY - Security Camera, AWM
9646 DUFFER WAY -
Garage Door, AWM
9646 DUFFER WAY -
Replacement Windows with
Capped Trim, AWM
9605 DUFFER WAY -
Storm Door, A
9633 DUFFER WAY -
Shutters, AWM
9731 DUFFER WAY -
Privacy Screen, AWM

SOUTH VILLAGE

9832 ISLANDSIDE DR -
Miscellaneous,
22 FIFESHIRE CT -
Solar Systems, AWM
18944 MONTGOMERY
VILLAGE AVE -
Miscellaneous, AWM

STEDWICK

10431 KARDWRIGHT CT -
Replacement Windows, AWM
10427 KARDWRIGHT CT -
Storm Door, A
10511 CAMBRIDGE CT -
Stones, AWM
19439 BATTLERIDGEWAY -
Storm Door, A
19439 BATTLERIDGEWAY -
Front Door Replacement, A
19439 BATTLERIDGEWAY -
Exterior Paint, A
19602 ENTERPRISE WAY -
Solar Systems, AWM
19320 DUNBRIDGE WAY -
Roof, AWM
19345 FRENCHTON PL -
Walkway, AWM
19233 DUNBRIDGE WAY -
Replacement Siding, AWM
10520 MERCADO WAY -
Skylight, A
19667 CLUB LAKE RD -
Roof, AWM
19667 CLUB LAKE RD -
Trim, D
19661 CLUB LAKE RD -
Vinyl Siding and Trim, A
10000 WEDGE WAY -
Front Door Replacement,
AWM
10000 WEDGE WAY -
Sidelight, AWM
10000 WEDGE WAY -
Storm Door, AWM
10346 ROYAL WOODS CT -
Roof,
10344 ROYAL WOODS CT -
Roof, AWM
10327 ROYAL WOODS CT -
Miscellaneous, AWM
10265 COVE LEDGE CT -
Replacement Patio Door,
AWM

THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

19528 BRASSIE PL -
Gutter, Withdrawn

WHETSTONE

9832 CANAL RD -
Solar Systems, AWM
9736 WHETSTONE DR -
Miscellaneous, AWM
19112 BROOKE GROVE CT -
Vinyl Siding and Trim, AWM
19112 BROOKE GROVE CT -
Trellis, D
19029 THRESHING PL -
Front Door Replacement,
AWM
19029 THRESHING PL -
Replacement Patio Door,
AWM
19029 THRESHING PL -
Mailbox, AWM
9301 JUDGE PL -
Replacement Windows, A

Deer fencing requirements in the Village

If you have deer jumping over your split rail fence, destroying that planting bed you worked so hard to build, or that garden that took lots of patience to grow, you may be interested in installing deer fencing.

Although hardware stores sell many different materials that can be used to build a deer fence, Montgomery Village has specific standards on what is allowed—check the website (www.montgomeryvillage.com/residents/architectural-standards/village-wide-guidelines) for guidelines and submit an application before buying or installing any deer fencing. MVF only approves black or dark green metal posts with black or dark green mesh. This type of fencing is sturdy and requires little-to-no maintenance (wood fences, chain linked fences, galvanized metal or light green mesh are prohibited).

Deer fences are permitted on the rear and side of the property only—not in the front yard—with a maximum height of 8 feet. Keep in mind that deer are excellent jumpers and anything less than 8 feet can still allow deer to jump over the fence.

A Property Improvement Request (PIR) must be completed and submitted by the property owner before installation. Deer fencing applications will be approved on individual basis. This application can be picked up at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, or can be found online at www.montgomeryvillage.com/pir. The following items should be included with your application.

- A house location plat with the deer fencing location drawn on it
- Specified dimensions of materials to be used
- Color and description of materials—photos or links are always helpful for the review staff

Deer fencing applications are typically reviewed in-house by the Architectural Standards Department Director, review staff and the MVF Design Consultant every Thursday, and the average turnaround time is 10 business days from the date of submission to when a decision letter is emailed to the homeowner. The more complete the application, the faster the review turnaround.

If you have questions or need any assistance, please don't hesitate to call the Architectural Standards Department staff at 240-243-2364—we are here to help.

HOMES CORPORATIONS

HOMES CORPORATIONS & CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS

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

MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

Annual Meeting and Call for Candidates

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

This serves as a Notice and Call for Candidates for the Middle Village Homes Corporation Annual Meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28.

Board membership is an important way to serve the community. The Middle Village 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 director positions open with expiring terms this year, each for a three-year term. If you are interested in serving on the board and accept fiduciary responsibility for the community, contact ComSource to obtain a Candidate Résumé Form. The completed form should be returned to the ComSource Office no later than Tuesday, March 31. Completed forms can be e-mailed to ekweti@comsource.com, faxed to 301-924-7340 or mailed to Middle Village HOA, c/o ComSource, 3414 Morningwood Drive, Olney, MD 20832.

Your résumé 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 annual meeting.

MOTORCYCLES

There have been numerous complaints regarding parking and storage of motorcycles on Middle Village property. Storing of all unlicensed motor vehicles, including motorcycles, is not allowed in accordance with the Middle Village Parking Policy: "The operation, parking, or storing of unlicensed motor vehicles (including "off-road" vehicles as defined in Article 27, Sec. 578 of the Maryland Code) is prohibited on the community-owned private streets or parking areas within Middle Village. The operation of motor vehicles by

unlicensed drivers is likewise prohibited within Middle Village. An unlicensed vehicle is one with no tags or one without current registration stickers. Unlicensed vehicles are subject to towing in accordance with state and county law, which permits towing within 72 hours after notice of violation is placed on the vehicle."

Covered motorcycles must be parked in the vehicle owner's reserved parking space, or they are subject to immediate towing: "Covered vehicles can only be parked in the vehicle owner's reserved parking space. Covered vehicles parked in open spaces are subject to immediate towing."

TOWING

The current Middle Village Parking policy states:

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

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

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

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

"Commercial vehicles include vehicles with any type

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

"No commercial vehicles (including commercial pickup trucks) shall be permitted to remain overnight in the community. Pickup trucks must not have ladder racks, truck-loaded tools or truck-loaded toolboxes. Further, pickup trucks may not park overnight in the community with any cargo, items or material of any kind in the truck bed (landscaping debris, tools, boxes, trash, equipment, etc.) that exceeds the height of the truck bed sides or that extends beyond the tailgate. Pickup trucks with cargo that meet this description will be considered commercial vehicles and are not permitted to park in the community overnight. Violations are subject to immediate towing."

DID YOU KNOW...

There's a pooper scooper law: Animal Defecation (Montgomery County Code, Sec. 5-203(a) (2))

An owner must not allow an animal to damage or defecate on property outside of the owner's property. An animal may defecate on public property or the common area of property in which the owner shares an interest if the owner immediately removes and disposes of the feces by a sanitary method approved by the director. Feces may be picked up in a plastic bag. If this bag is placed inside another plastic bag, it may be put out for disposal in your normal household trash. Penalty for Violation - \$100.

ASSESSMENTS

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

Reminder: Assessments are due to be paid monthly. Your payment must be received by ComSource on or before the 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 is contacting Edna Kweti at 301-924-7355 or e-mail ekweti@comsource.com.

IMPORTANT CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS

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Potomac Disposal 301-294-9700
Montgomery County Police
Non-emergency 301-279-8000
Emergency 911
Comsource 301-924-7355

CONTACTING COMSOURCE

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

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

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Middle Village Homes Corporation board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28 in the Thomas Choice Clubhouse, 19401 Brassie Place.

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

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MARYLAND PLACE MESSAGES

Spring is right around the corner!

by the Maryland Place Board of Directors

An issue that continues to be a problem, and the board receives constant complaints from residents about, is trash. Residents are seen placing plastic bags of trash, recycling bins, paper leaf bags, furniture, appliances, etc. on community property daily! Not only is this unsightly and unsanitary, it's also against Montgomery County law and the Maryland Place by-laws.

All trash and recycling is to be stored on your property in a sealed rat/vermin-proof container at all times. Trash or recycling should never be placed on community property. As a result of all the plastic bags of trash left on community property, we now have a major rat problem. We are providing them with a buffet of food, in easy to chew through plastic bags.

The board has contracted Orkin to place rat bait stations throughout the neighborhood. These stations are child and pet proof. This service is not cheap, and the board will monitor it to see if it is helping with the rat problem.

As a reminder, all trash is to be placed in a rat/vermin-proof container for collection on Sunday and Wednesday nights, after dark, at the rear of your property. Trash is picked up on Monday and Thursday mornings. Recycling is to be placed in the front of your property on Wednesday night after dark, for collection on Thursday morning. At no time should trash or recycling ever be placed on community property.

Maryland Place Messages: for residents of Maryland Place.

www.montgomeryvillage.com

NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

2019 financial highlights

by Tom Wills, Treasurer, North Village Homes Corporation

Our pre-audited financial statements for 2019 have just been completed, and our audit is underway. Our financial picture for the year ended December 31, 2019 as reported at our Annual Meeting February 20, 2020 is as follows.

2019 turned out to be a difficult year for us, with unexpected expenses leading to an operating deficit that we were not able to offset in other areas. Unlike private industry, we are not able to adjust our income to offset these unexpected expenses, and we ended 2019 with a pre-audit loss a tad over \$33,000. In 2018, we had a net income of \$34,000 for comparison purposes.

INCOME

We are fortunate that the overall investment economy had another strong year, which enabled us to see unbudgeted interest income above last year. We also saw contributions from the roadway reimbursement program and bad debt recovery. These categories can't be budgeted, but the cash inflow from them is a net positive for our investment accounts and goes straight into the capital reserves.

MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURES

2019 maintenance expenditures were budgeted at \$216,605, which was \$14,000 more than 2018. Yet we still ended up exceeding the maintenance budget by \$35,412. Much like all of us as individual homeowners, some maintenance expenditures have to occur regardless of whether you want them to or not. We faced the same situation in this category in 2019.

Attending to the landscape was the largest contributor to our deficit. Despite budgeting \$4,000 more than last year, our tree removal costs exceeded our budget by \$19,130. Our greenspace repair also exceeded budget by \$3,626, and storm damage earlier in 2019 was not budgeted or anticipated, leading to a \$4,125 deficit expenditure in this category as well. Tack on spending \$7,322 over budget in onsite maintenance. The slight savings in fence repair and fertilizer costs were not enough to avoid that \$35,412 maintenance deficit.

TRASH AND SECURITY

These contracts are operating relatively smoothly. If you don't see security often, be aware that they devote more time to areas that seem to need it than to others. We did see a slight increase in the security contract, primarily related to the contractors' need to increase costs to meet new employee requirements enacted via the Montgomery County government. Overall, the two areas cost us 3% more than in 2018.

erty maintenance category, but at least there was an overall savings in this particular category as a whole. As our community ages, there are more violations of basic exterior home maintenance policy that need to be reported to homeowners and specific needs for repairs.

CONTRIBUTION TO RESERVES AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

We added more than \$195,903 to our capital reserves during 2019, including \$141,500 from assessments, plus \$47,754 from interest on our investments and \$6,649 received from the county's roadway reimbursement program. At the end of 2019, we had over \$2,000,000 invested for replacement reserves. These reserves are consistent with our reserve study and keep us in a position to address planned capital improvements.

THE YEAR AHEAD

As of February 6, we are still waiting to finalize the first month of 2020 financials, but we hope that some of the extra tree removals required in 2019 will be offset this year with some savings. True to our requirements, the budget doesn't exceed the allowable increases in the assessments. We will see the completion of the pathway lighting project in early 2020 as one of the capital expenditures that we are financially responsible for. The board also looks forward to having a positive financial position to end 2020.

	2019 Actual (pre-audit)	2019 Budget	2018 Actual
Income (Assessments and Other)	\$673,884	\$618,986	\$688,240
Operating Costs			
• Maintenance	\$252,017	\$216,605	\$202,602
• Security and Trash	\$105,391	\$104,652	\$102,085
• Non-Maintenance	\$153,585	\$156,229	\$148,222
Total Operating Costs	\$510,993	\$477,486	\$452,909
Net Income Before Contribution to Reserves	\$162,891	\$141,500	\$215,331
Contribution to Reserves (including interest and roadway reimbursement)	\$195,903	\$141,500	\$180,959
Net Income (Loss)	(\$33,013)	0	\$34,372.42

ADMINISTRATIVE (NON-MAINTENANCE) EXPENDITURES

In looking at this category of expenses, we actually saved over \$2,644, spending only \$153,584 compared to the \$156,229 in the budgeted items. We saved \$2,614 in electrical costs compared to the budget and another \$2,670 in legal costs versus the budget. These two could not completely offset the incursion of \$7,478 in costs on a \$5,000 budget for private prop-

If you have questions, contact Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2327, or e-mail asteward@mvf.org. The next meeting of the North Village Homes Corporation is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 16 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

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



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STEDWICK SIGNALS

Spring is here?

by Keith Silliman

Is it time to put the snow shovels and ice melt compounds away for the season? The early spring flowers are blooming and the Maple and Pear tree buds are popping. Spring must be close. Will we get into spring with no perceptible snowfall?

A big welcome to Erica Belavia who was appointed to the Stedwick Board of Directors during the February meeting. She is a 12-year resident of Stedwick and brings professional experience and enthusiasm to the board.

The deadline for the return of Stedwick Board member election ballots is 5 p.m. on Monday, March 9. If you have not yet voted in this election, please mark and return your ballot to the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, before the deadline. The winning candidates will be announced during the Stedwick Homes Corporation's Annual Meeting scheduled for 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18. The Stedwick Homes Corporation and Montgomery Village Foundation election ballots are for two different organizations and should be kept separate and returned in their own individual envelopes.

The Stedwick Homes Corporation website is being refurbished and expanded to include recent photos of activities in the Stedwick Community. Board member Dana Hollis has taken over the site's maintenance activity. More than 120 residents have subscribed to the website's automated distribution function. The Stedwick Homes Corporation website can be accessed at www.stedwickhc.com.

Earlier this month, the Clusters II community experienced significant wind damage. Several large White Pine trees were uprooted and blown over, blocked a street and damaged a car. A large limb broke out of another and fell onto a house causing some damage to the trim. Another large White Pine was similarly uprooted and fell in the green space in Club Hill causing some damage to a low retaining wall.

Tree Montgomery is planning to plant a mix of tree

species throughout the Stedwick community this spring. The proposed planting locations will be reviewed with the maintenance committee in March. This activity has been in the planning stage for several months and will continue our efforts to preserve and expand the tree cover in Stedwick.

The next maintenance inspection is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10. The inspection routinely includes a drive through the entire Stedwick community by the maintenance committee, our community manager and our landscape contractor. It allows us to follow up on any pending items from previous inspections; assess any items recently brought to our attention; and identify needs that might be seen during the drive. If you know of any items, situations or conditions that need the maintenance committee's attention, please let us know prior to that date.

The next regular meeting of the Stedwick Homes Corporation Board of Directors is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. The first item on the agenda is residents time, which provides an opportunity for you to ask questions or express concerns and opinions. The annual meeting will be held at 8 p.m. and will include the president's annual statement; introduction of newly elected members of the board of directors; the election of officers for the 2020/2021 fiscal year; and the opportunity to ask questions or express concerns. Come join us for both meetings. In the meantime, if you have an issue, concern or item to report, please contact our community manager at 240-243-2326, e-mail stedwickhc@mof.org or communicate via regular mail to the Stedwick Homes Corporation at 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

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

SOUTH VILLAGE SCENES

Parking permits are ready for pick up

by the South Village Board of Directors

On behalf of the board of directors, please be advised that community parking permits are ready for pick up at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. South Village residents may stop by between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday during March for their permits.

Please carefully review the instructions below in order to be issued your parking permit. South Village residents will need:

- ID and vehicle registration for no more than 2 vehicles, for verification on the day you come for your passes (permits will not be issued without it).
- Completed "Parking Permit Form." Signature is required.

- Tenants or landlords must also provide a copy of the "Current Lease Agreement" and "Owner Permit Release Form" (both required) with the Parking Permit Form.

Please note:

- Parking Permit and Owner Permit Release forms are available online at www.montgomeryvillage.com/communities/village-communities/south-village-homes-corporation.

Parking enforcement requiring the display of permits begins on Wednesday, April 1.

- If you are not in good standing with the association, you will not be issued a parking permit. If you have a parking spot on community asphalt it will be removed.

- Unauthorized vehicles per the parking policy are not eligible to be registered.

COMMUNITY LANDSCAPING

Residents will begin to see Brightview Landscaping trucks throughout the community performing spring cleanup. The South Village Board of Directors made the decision to switch landscaping contractors at the February 2020 board meeting.

The South Village Board of Directors appreciates your patience, cooperation and compliance while we work to improve the community.

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

PATTON RIDGE REPORT

Patton Ridge election results

by the Patton Ridge Board of Directors

The Patton Ridge by-laws require that we hold an annual meeting, at which time we announce the election results for the board of directors by the members of the community. This year's annual meeting was held on February 25 and achieved a quorum with 10.9% of the possible 1,072 ballots that can be submitted. Prior to the meeting, long-time board president William Evans resigned his position and the board would like to express our deep thanks to him for his many years of dedicated service to the community. Ralph Bally, Brandon Coffee-Borden and Brian Post were elected to board terms. The board voted to approve Allison Ewing as president, Ralph Bally as vice president and Brian Post as treasurer.

DOOLITTLE RETAINING WALL

The Patton Ridge Board of Directors reported previously that we will be replacing the

failing, wooden retaining wall along the path behind Doolittle Street. Recently, the contractor that will complete the project finished the project plan and the board voted to approve it. This will be perhaps the largest and most expensive project ever initiated by Patton Ridge. We do not yet have firm start or completion dates for the construction because there are still final planning steps and permitting to be completed before construction begins. In the interim, barrels, tape and signage has been placed around the wall area to discourage residents from traveling in that area.

GREENTEE II MILL AND OVERLAY PROJECT

Previously the board of directors reported that Greentee II is scheduled to have a curb and mill overlay project completed during spring 2020. The anticipated completion date for this work is early April. Once the schedule is finalized, all residents that will be impacted

by the work will be notified.

SPRING IS COMING

The board continues its commitment to maintain the appearance of our community grounds. The board recently approved a proposal for flowers to be installed at all community entrances, to install trees and top dressing on Billings Court, and to install screening trees along Green-side Terrace.

PET WASTE

A new pet waste station has been installed in the common area near 9755 Duffer Way. Please encourage your neighbors to use the pet waste stations that have been placed throughout our community. Remember that county law requires pet owners to clean up pet waste and doing so maintains the cleanliness and good appearance of our community.

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

Montgomery Village News

PAPER CARRIERS NEEDED

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



SCHOOL NEWS

Watkins Mill Mulch Madness

On Saturday, March 21, the Watkins Mill High School (WMHS) Booster Club will be selling 3 cubic-foot bags of shredded hardwood mulch at the school, 10301 Apple Ridge

Road. Bags cost \$4.50, and free delivery is available with purchases of 10 or more bags. Order by Saturday, March 14; fill out the order form at the right. For more information,

call Reggie Spears at 301-284-4480 or e-mail Reginald_L_Spears@mcpsmd.org.

Watkins Mill High School Booster Club
2020 Annual Mulch Madness Sale

Saturday, March 21st, 2020
8 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the WMHS parking lot**

Support the community and athletes by ordering your spring mulch NOW.

Complete the form below and mail along with your check (payable to **WMHS Boosters**) to:

WMHS Booster Club, 10301 Apple Ridge Rd, Gaithersburg MD, 20886

Or

Make payments directly through PayPal: wmhs_wolverines@yahoo.com (Watkins Mill Boosters)

Send order early – no orders accepted after March 14th

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
Email Address: _____
Specific directions to your home: _____

Of bags: _____ X \$4.50 per bag* = \$ _____

*3 cubic ft. of high quality landscapers' shredded hardwood mulch per bag = \$4.50 per bag

****Minimum 10-bag order** for **FREE** delivery within ten-mile radius of WMHS.

~OR~Contact the WMHS Athletic Department (leave message 24-hrs a day)

At 301-284-4480 or Reginald_L_Spears@mcpsmd.org

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CLS Takes Queues from Higher Ed

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

J-Term brings 32 deep-dive classes, 2 retreats, 1 international mission trip to the Dominican Republic, 12 field trips, and a week of internships to the upper school students. J-term for the Middle School meant adventures to the Spy Museum, Bible Museum, Aquarium, Air & Space, Natural History, African American Museum and Mt. Vernon as well as special classes like CSI Marine Biology, Lego Robotics, Drama, Photography, and more.

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

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



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MILESTONES

Village resident publishes new book about suffragist Alice Paul

Long-time Village resident and author Patricia Cuff has penned a new book, "Alice Paul, A Suffragist for Today," available now. The latest in Cuff's work continues her focus on historical pieces that bring the past to life for both young and adult readers; this one celebrates the 100th anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution, granting women the right to vote.

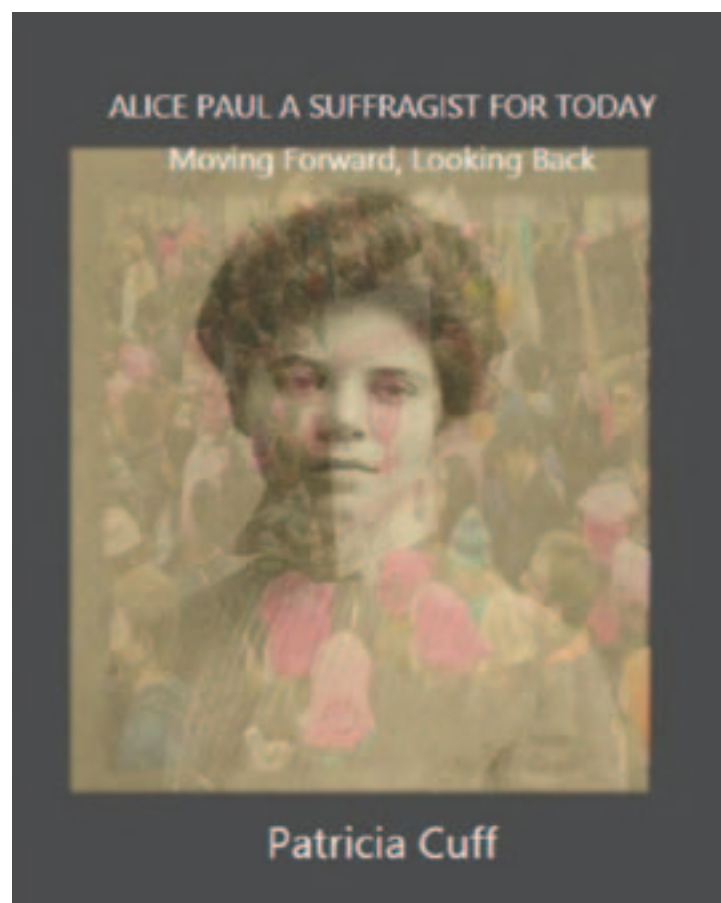
Cuff spent 30 years in the classroom, and now uses her writing to continue educating audiences. Her previous

published works have been published in *Scholastic Search* and *Highlights* magazines, *The Washington Flyer* and the *Washingtonian*. "Alice Paul, A Suffragist for Today" reflects Cuff's use of historical facts to inform modern day challenges that support women's issues and other relevant causes.

"Alice Paul, A Suffragist for Today" details Paul's journey in the fight to gain the right for women to vote. It follows the real, gritty and implacable resistance of women in the early 20th century, and their trials to overcome injustice

until the Anthony Amendment was ratified. Paul and others were repeatedly jailed for their demonstrations, but eventually won the support of 36 of the 48 states.

Residents can find the book online from www.amazon.com, on the Kindle or directly from Cuff by e-mailing pmcuff@aol.com. The Seniors in Action plan to read the book as part of their monthly book discussion later this year and will hopefully host Cuff to talk about the book in person. Watch the *Village News* for details!





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AT YOUR LEISURE

Life Line health screenings

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road, on Friday, April 17.

Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, which is a leading cause of stroke; ab-

dominal aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat, which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package, which includes

four vascular tests and osteoporosis screening, for \$149 (\$139 with the member discount). All five screenings take 60 to 90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive the \$10 discount (any package priced above \$129), call 1-888-653-6441, visit www.lifeline-screening.com/community-circle or text the word "Circle" to 797979.

Shady gardening magic

Can a barren piece of land — a shaded and neglected spot — a woebegone plot, blossom into a colorful garden delight? Yes, it can, but not quickly like by trick photography, but with a gradual transport into abundance. It can happen, gardeners, you just have to do the right thing.

The right thing? What might that be? The Montgomery Vil-

lage Garden Club has the answer. Experienced Master Gardener LeeAnne Gelletly will explain how to transform such a degraded area into a lush, woodland garden by using a variety of shade-loving small trees, shrubs, herbaceous perennials and bulbs. The result will be a healthy ecosystem that fosters clean water, biodiversity and a lovely landscape.

On Monday, March 9, at Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court, the Garden Club will socialize and snack at 7:15 p.m. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. with Gelletly's presentation.

For more information, e-mail MLHolleran624@gmail.com or GAMatise@netscape.net.

Valentine's Day may have come and gone, but the love for our pets continues

On February 15, the Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County (AWLMC) honored the work of their many volunteers by hosting a huge potluck party. For those who are not familiar with AWLMC, it's an all-volunteer (over 100 active members) organization of people who help unwanted or surrendered cats in Montgomery County.

The potluck itself was filled with great food, lots of laughs, and many new faces meeting some original volunteers who started the or-

ganization over 16 years ago. Additionally, Montgomery County Council President Sidney Katz dropped in and spoke about the importance of volunteerism — getting people working together for the betterment of our county.

There was also a contest to determine which cat would reign as the Valentine's Day King or Queen. It was a spirited contest with each cat in residence having his or her fans, but in the end, Streudel was selected as the Valentine's Day Queen. She is entertaining and very

smart! Come and visit her; this beautiful girl is available for adoption.

AWLMC, 12 Park Avenue, Gaithersburg, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that operates a no-kill shelter for adoptable cats and promotes responsible pet ownership. The shelter also operates a pet food bank called Chompers and a low-cost spay/neuter program; these programs serve both dogs and cats. For more information, including adoption visitation hours, visit www.awlmc.org.





Mother-Daughter Tea

Grab your girls and come for tea! Girl Scout Cadette Troop 493 is hosting a Fancy Mother-Daughter Tea from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 21 at Covenant United Methodist Church, 20301 Pleasant Ridge Drive.

Girls and their mother figures can enjoy games, activities, a photo booth and lots of fancy food for only \$25 per couple and \$5 for each additional girl. Cadette Troop 493 looks forward to seeing you at this super fancy tea party!

Registration ends on Sunday, March 15 — don't miss out! To register, send names, e-mail and phone number, along with a check payable to Troop 493 to: Jeanette Veiga, 7302 Rosewood Manor Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20882. For more information, call Lorraine Lennon at 301-367-2400.

Free jazz concert featuring Village resident

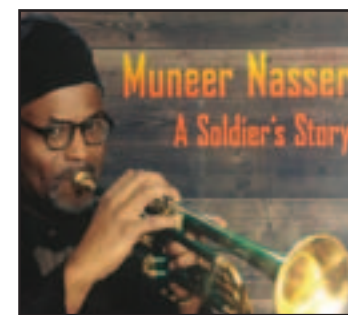
Longtime Montgomery Village resident Muneer Nasser is headlining a free jazz concert at Montgomery College Recital Hall, 51 Mannakee Street, Rockville. Nasser will highlight music from his newly released CD "A Soldier's Story" at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10. All residents are invited to enjoy the free concert. The music is a companion to his recently published book "The Musical Life & Legacy of Jamil Nasser," and a tribute to his famous father, jazz bassist Jamil Nasser.

The heartfelt zeal embodied in this music reflects not only his love and respect for his father's musical and humanitarian efforts, but those of musicians selected for this recording. The all-star cast of musicians consists of Muneer Nasser, trumpet; Allyn Johnson, piano; Elijah Easton, saxophone; James King, Jr., bass;

and John Lamkin III, drums.

Nasser will perform original music and some jazz standards. He says about recent presentations of his father's jazz history and the music inspired by the story, "We are bringing back fiery jazz with a touch of the blues."

For more information, or to listen to and purchase copies of the CD, visit www.jamilnasser.com and www.muneernasser.music.com. For concert information, call 240-567-5209.



AAUW March meeting

A Sherman tank, a \$100,000 Bethesda yard sale and a 75-fold value increase in an artist's work — all part of a presentation by Alvah Beander, president of Melanin Art Appraisers, on Saturday, March 21, sponsored by the Gaithersburg Branch of American Association of University Women (AAUW).

The meeting begins at 10 a.m. at the Rosborough Community Room, Building 409

of Asbury Methodist Village. Enter the Asbury campus at 301 Odendhal Avenue, Gaithersburg. After the gatehouse, proceed straight to the second stop sign where parking is on the left and the Rosborough building on the right. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

For more information, call 301-840-5443.

Kenwood Cherry Blossoms and Spring Flowers Seasonal Walk

The Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club is sponsoring a seasonal Kenwood Cherry Blossoms and Spring Flowers Seasonal Walk in Bethesda between Saturday, March 14 and Sunday, April 26. The 10km trail, rated 2A, is on the Capital Crescent Trail and on streets through the Kenwood neighborhood with beautiful cherry blossoms/spring flowers. This trail has some hills — it is suitable for strollers, but not for wheelchairs.

The 5km trail, rated 1A, requires driving 3.2 miles to a different start point; driving directions are on the walk instructions. The 5km trail is on the streets through the Kenwood neighborhood with beautiful cherry blossoms/spring flowers. It is suitable for strollers and wheelchairs.

Walkers must register and pick up walk instructions/map for the walk in the "Start Box" at Starbucks Coffee, 4611-E Sangamore Road (The Shops at Sumner Place), Bethesda. This walk is for daylight hours only. The fee for IVV Credit or Non-IVV Credit is \$3. Children 12 and under (IVV-Credit included) walk free courtesy of the Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club. Restrooms are available in the shopping center and along the 10km trail. Pets are allowed but must be leashed at all times; they are not allowed in Sumner Place stores, but can be leashed outside.

For more information, contact Alison Andrews at 301-828-5257 or e-mail alison.cellphone@gmail.com.



RECREATION

MV Camera Club

All residents are invited to the next MV Camera Club meeting featuring Ronald Beverly, fine art photographer/digital imagist and Gallery Director/Photography Program Coordinator for Montgomery College (MC). Beverly will speak about the transition from film to digital photography and his current roles at MC, as well as show examples of student work and discuss the future curriculum structure at MC.

This presentation is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 21 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. It is open to camera club members, Village residents and the general public. As per usual, time permitting, camera club members are invited to bring digital pictures on a flash drive for the share-and-tell portion of the meeting, which will start immediately following the invited presentation.

Beverly has been a fine art photographer/digital imagist residing in the DMV for over 30 years. His academic studies produced a BFA from Howard

University and an MFA from George Washington University. Inspired by the masters of large format film camera work, Beverly developed a sensibility towards texture and detail by emphasizing tactile quality of the elements within the photographic composition while possessing the need to capture and finesse the elusive quality of light as reoccurring characteristics in his work. Over time, Beverly pursued a commitment to the craftsmanship, aesthetics and philosophies of photography while bridging the gap between conventional film and digital imaging.

He has appeared on several panels, at annual conferences and presented papers

across the country, as well as produced commissioned pieces of art for MGM National Harbor (among others). In addition, Beverly has had a solo traveling exhibition, which was recently at The Black Rock Center for the Arts in Germantown.

For more about Beverly's photography, visit <https://boxlightstudios.com/>.

For more information about the MV Camera Club, or to RSVP for the meeting, e-mail Derrick Tabor at Dtab221@yahoo.com.



Adult Fitness

Ready to kickstart your new year fitness routine?

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

Zumba. Reserve a spot in your favorite classes early, because they fill up quickly!

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

12-week Fitness Challenge

Are you tired of winter because it is keeping you from your outdoor fitness? Well we have the solution! Come join the 12-week Fitness Challenge that will get you ready for summer and outdoor fun. This program will help you reach your fitness goals as you engage in a process that will not only transform your body but also your lifestyle.

This program is scheduled for 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays beginning Monday, March 30 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Register today for only \$200/Resident or \$210/Non-resident, or drop in for only \$15 per class.

Meal plans and fitness workouts are a part of this program.

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



American Red Cross Lifeguarding Course

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

AQUATICS



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

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

Registration closes Thursday, March 19

Friday, March 20	6 to 10 p.m.
Saturday, March 21	2:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Friday, March 27	6 to 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 28	2:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Friday, April 3	6:30 to 10 p.m.
Saturday, April 4	6 to 9 p.m.

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

4015.220 \$185/Resident, \$195/Non-resident

Registration closes Tuesday, April 2

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

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

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

Be Well Nutrition

Ever had questions on how to change your diet? Now you have the opportunity to learn healthy strategies right here in your community. Join Registered Dietician Laura Sullivan and her team for a 6-week interactive educational program designed to change health behaviors.

Classes will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. on Thursdays,

April 16 to May 21 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Get on a healthy nutrition path for \$200/Resident or \$210/Non-resident, or drop in for only \$35 per class.

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

Holiday Fun with Healthy Hands Cooking

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

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

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



Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue

RECREATION

Spring into Love Wine & Paint

It's date-night with a little wine and a lot of creativity! If you missed our Valentine Wine and Paint, Spring into Love on Friday, March 27 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Join an experienced instructor who will guide you step-by-step through this unique and easy painting with acrylics

on stretched canvas. No experience necessary!

This fun night is only \$32/Resident, or \$38/Non-resident; price includes all supplies and two glasses of wine. Participants must be 21 or older to attend.

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

Lil' Kickers Soccer

Looking for outdoor activities for your little athlete? Lil' Kickers Soccer is a great beginner program for child. Participants will have the opportunity to learn the basics of dribbling, passing and shooting. Each week instructors will review skills previously learned and introduce new skills. Sign your child up for this fun mid-day development program.

Classes run from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. for ages 2 and 3, and 11 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 4 and 5 on Saturdays from April 4 through June 20 at Patsy Huson Ballfield, 20300 Fulks Farm Road. Pre-registration is required. Make sure to reserve your spot early. This class costs \$90/Resident or \$100/Non-resident; all participants will receive a t-shirt.

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

Montgomery Village T-ball

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

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

Registration costs only \$65/Resident or \$75/Non-resident; participants must be registered by Wednesday, March 11.

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

Dance programs

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

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



Brunch with the Bunny

**Saturday, March 28
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

**\$12/Resident child
\$17/Non-resident child
\$6/Adult**

Pre-registration is required

For children 1 to 8 years
old accompanied by a
parent or guardian

Enjoy a
continental
brunch, meet
the bunny,
decorate your
own cupcake
and make a
springtime
craft!

**North Creek Community Center
20125 Arrowhead Road**

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

summer camp

OPEN HOUSE 2020

Thursday, June 18

Visit a Camp Open House to meet the staff and find out everything you want to know about awesome MVF Summer Camps.

Camp Tiny Feet
Ages 3 years, 9 months to 6
6:30 to 7 p.m.
Whitstone Community Center
19140 Brooke Grove Court

Lake Marion Camp
Ages 6 to 12
7:15 to 7:45 p.m.
Lake Marion Community Center
8821 East Village Avenue

North Creek Summer Club
Ages 6 to 13
7:15 to 7:45 p.m.
North Creek Community Center
20125 Arrowhead Road

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

Flashlight Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4 7 to 8:30 p.m.

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SOUTH VALLEY PARK – GORDON W. BOWIE MUSIC PAVILION
Parking available at 19003 Watkins Mill Road

Find a golden egg
to win a special prize!

Bring your own basket to collect plastic eggs filled with candy/prizes.
Bring your own flashlights as well!
Early hunt times for the younger set will not require a flashlight.

\$3 before Thursday, April 2; \$5 at the gate

Egg Hunt times are based on age group:

ages 2 to 4	7:10 to 7:20 p.m.
ages 5 to 7	7:30 to 7:40 p.m.
ages 8 to 12	7:50 to 8 p.m.
all ages	8:10 to 8:20 p.m.

Please arrive at the pavilion 10 minutes before your age group's start time.

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

RECREATION

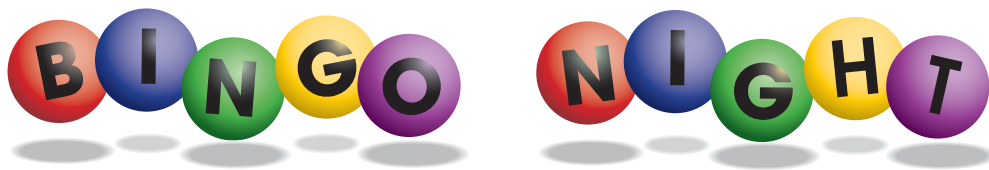
Bingo Night

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

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

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

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



Healthy Hands Cooking – St. Patrick's Day

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

Get your family seeing green from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 14 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. This great activity only costs \$15/Resident family or \$20/Non-resident family.

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



MVF Summer Camps

Now is the time to start thinking about summer plans! Get your children enrolled in Montgomery Village Summer Camps – the most fun they can have right in their own community!

CAMP TINY FEET

Newly expanded to include a full day option, this camp offers kids ages 3 years and 9 months to 6 an environment to explore their creativity. Indoor and outdoor play, pool time, nature activities, swimming lessons and reading round out each day. Special guests such as magicians, singers, animals and interactive entertainers will keep them engaged every session!

LAKE MARION CAMP

Show your 6 to 12-year-old the world on the exciting trips planned this year. From the air to the sea, and everything in between, your camper will love visiting the Maryland Zoo, Air & Space Museum, Museum of Natural History, U.S. Capitol Building and more! Add in sports, swimming, games and fun activities, and you've got their summer made!

For more information, questions or to register, call 301-948-0110, check out the Summer Camp Guide or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



SUMMER JOBS



MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION Department of Recreation and Parks

MVF CLASS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) is offering a

\$100
reimbursement

for new employees who complete the full Lifeguarding Class between September 2019 and the date they are hired by MVF, and work at least 320 hours during the 2020 season.

Assistant Pool Manager*

Starting at **\$14.75/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 **\$14.25/hr.**

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

Lifeguard*

Starting at **\$13.25/hr.****

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

Desk Attendant*

Starting at **\$11.05/hr.**

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

Swim Instructors

Swim Instructor positions available. For more information, contact Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2361 or e-mail toshea@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

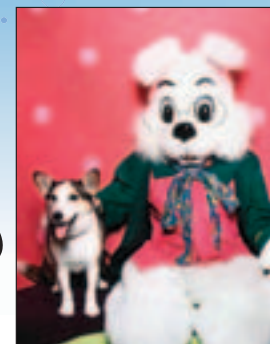
All positions open until filled.



For more information, contact Petra Padilla at 240-243-2363, e-mail ppadilla@mvf.org. visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Bunny Paws

PET PHOTOS



Saturday, March 28
12:30 to 2 p.m.

\$10/Resident pet, \$15/Non-resident pet

Pre-registration is required

North Creek Community Center
20125 Arrowhead Road



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

MV SENIORS

seniors in | action

Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road

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

Your first visit to one of our programs is free!

WINTER Session

through Friday, May 15

No SiA programs on Monday, Feb. 17

MONDAY

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

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

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

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

Book Discussion Group 10 to 11 a.m.

Meets the third Monday each month

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

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

April 20 – “Out of Bounds” by Val McDermid

TUESDAY

Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m.

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

Flow-Motion 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

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

SiA Member Meeting 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.

Last Tuesday of each month

Join MVF staff to discuss new ideas, suggestions or questions.

WEDNESDAY

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

Potluck lunch on last Wednesday each month

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

THURSDAY

Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

Second Friday each month

Bring a lunch and play bingo with your SiA friends.

Members are welcome to bring guests.

Members/Free, \$2/Non-member

A look back...



Seniors in Action celebrated winter birthdays with a party and dancing. Join in a wide variety of social activities each week!

Up next...

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

Seniors at the Movies

Join Seniors in Action for a movie and snacks on March 27. Enjoy a family friendly film and refreshments from noon and 2 p.m. Movies will be shown once per quarter. Stay tuned for the next movie date.



CDC Road to Health

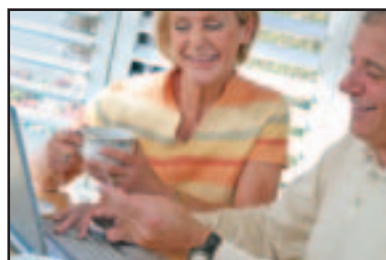
Join this free workshop from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Fridays through April 10 to learn how to prevent or delay Type 2 Diabetes. This workshop covers symptoms, risk factors and complications of diabetes; how to make small lifestyle changes that have a big health impact; read food labels to make better choices; plan meals; increase physical activity; and weight management (including weekly weigh-ins) to lead you on the road to health. Caregivers and family members welcome. Registration is required.

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



SIA E-MAIL LIST

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



REGISTRATION

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

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

CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION IS SEEKING:

ADVERTISING SALES & SPONSORSHIP COORDINATOR

Are you a dynamic individual who likes to connect with businesses and community organizations? Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc. (MVF) is seeking an Advertising Sales & Sponsorship Coordinator to join our communications team!

This position will recruit local businesses for new sponsorship and advertising sales opportunities, as well as maintain existing client relationships in the community. Develop sales relationships for print and website advertising, as well as sponsorship and vendor connections for well-attended community special events. Work with established communications team to engage local business community.

If you are personable, possess strong sales acumen, are highly organized, can meet monthly deadlines and goals, and work well with community organizations and businesses, we want to hear from you!

This position reports to the Director of Communications. Hiring salary range from \$45,000 to \$47,500 DOQ with an excellent benefits package.

A full job description and application process is available at www.montgomeryvillage.com. For consideration, submit résumé and cover letter to mconroy@mvf.org.

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE CONSERVATION CORPS SUPERVISOR

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

Pay rate begins at \$15 per hour

Requirements:

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

CAMP DIRECTOR / ASSISTANT CAMP DIRECTOR (SEASONAL)

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

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

Requirements:

- Must be 21/18 years old
- High school diploma required; college preferred
- Previous experience working with youth preferred
- CPR/First Aid certification required

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE CONSERVATION CORPS WORKERS

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

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

Pay rate: \$11.90 per hour or SSL hours

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

CAMP COUNSELOR (SEASONAL)

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

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

Requirements:

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

DOCK MANAGER/ ASSISTANT DOCK MANAGER

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

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

Requirements:

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

Salary starting at \$15 per hour

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

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

FOR SALE

Tuxedo for Sale

Jos. A. Bank Complete Tuxedo Package - \$300

Contact Robert

301-947-9470

ITEMS WANTED

The AAUW Gaithersburg chapter is looking for donations of children's books for its annual book sale, which occurs in April. Proceeds from the annual sale go toward scholarships for young women and girls. To arrange donations, call 301-840-1258 or e-mail booksale@meral.com.

CLASSIFIED AD DEADLINE

MONDAY, MARCH 30



Love
Where You Live

Dede Burrell

www.dedeburrell.com
e-mail: dedeburrell@gmail.com
301.502.4041

Under Contract



PLEASANT RIDGE \$510,000 STONE FRONT

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

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

Coming Soon

- 🏠 WILLIAMS RANGE 4/5 BR w/all hardwood floors
- 🏠 THE POINTS 4 BR w/upgrades and finished bsmt.

Have questions about real estate?

ASK DEDE! 301-502-4041

Sold



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

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



WHETSTONE \$513,000

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



FOREST BROOKE \$275,000

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



3-LEVEL TOWNHOME \$217,900

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



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

mobile **office**
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