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Former MVF Board President Pete Young (left) recognizes John Driscoll (right) for his years of service on MVF committees and the Board at the March 22 Annual Meeting. Driscoll served three terms (nine years) on the MVF Board, two years as President and was on several committees that helped keep Montgomery Village moving forward.

### New members installed, service awards given at MVF Annual Meeting

#### by Mike Conroy

The Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors held its annual meeting on Thursday, March 22 in North Creek Community Center. During the meeting, newly elected member to the Board, Jerome Leonard, and incumbents Pamela Bort and Glenn Gargan, were installed for their 2018-2021 term. Outgoing director John Driscoll was thanked for his service to the Board and the community. Leonard, Bort and Gargan were announced as the winning candidates after the March 3 ballot counting.

In addition, the Board's first Student Representative, Chioma Nwoye, was installed and seated. Nwoye is a junior at Watkins Mill High School and was selected by the Board to represent youth in the Village as a non-voting member. Her term will end in December and include a summer internship at MVF.

Board President Pete Young opened the meeting with an address to the Village, reflecting on the highlights of 2017, and hopes for the continued refresh we are seeing in the

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#### Inaugural MVF Student Representative takes seat on Board



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Stedwick Elementary School students "Let It Out"

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Sign up now for the MVF Lego Block Party



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### Help shape the future of Montgomery Village

The Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors declared at its March 22 business meeting that it has an immediate vacancy to fill the balance of Tammy Holloway's unexpired term, which concludes at the annual Board meeting in March 2020.

Holloway was elected in the 2017 Board election. She resigned from the Board effective December 7, 2017 in an e-mail to the Board, citing timing conflicts due to personal reasons.

Per MVF policy, the Board declared the position vacant during open session of its regular business meeting and will receive applications for a minimum of 10 working days from publication of the vacancy in the *Montgomery Village News*. Applications for the position are available

for pickup from the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, through Friday, April 20, or online at *www.montgomery village.com*. A signed original of the application is due to the MVF Corporate Secretary by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 20.

Completed applications will be reviewed by the Board at the Thursday, April 26 meeting, and applicants will be given the opportunity to address the Board during the meeting. A secret ballot will be cast, and the results will be tallied and announced at the April meeting; the newly appointed member will be seated in May.

For more information, contact Assistant Executive Vice President Mike Conroy at 240-243-2331 or e-mail *mconroy*@ *mvf.org*.

# MVF Summer Camp registration is underway!

Look for details about Camp Tiny Feet, Lake Marion Camp and North Creek Summer Club in each issue of the *Village News* as we approach camp season. Register your child online at *www.montgomeryvilalge.com* or at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. See page 19 for a Camp Tiny Feet Meet the Staff feature. parting available at North Creek Community Center More Room Parting Cen

- Volunteer shrub planting
- Annual MVF Board tree planting
- Nature crafts
- Self-guided lake tour
- Free tree seedling to plant in your own yard (while supplies last)!
- And more!

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#### **MVF MEETING AGENDAS**

#### **MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 26 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

#### **ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2 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 9:15 a.m. on Friday, April 6 and Friday, May 4 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

#### COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

The Committee on the Environment (COE) meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

The Communications Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

#### **INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

The Investment Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, April 16 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

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

### Coffee with a Cop at **Lake Marion Community** Center

Join the 6th District Montgomery County Police at the Lake Marion Community Center to meet and interact with officers you may see in your neighborhood. This is an informal gathering and a great opportunity to discuss community issues, chat or for the young or youngat-heart, an opportunity to play basketball.

at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

#### **CENTER COURT CONDOMINIUM**

The Center Court Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24 at the Heron's Cove Office, 19101 Mills Choice Road. This includes the Annual Meeting.

#### CHRISTOPHER COURT LAND ASSOCIATION

The Christopher Court Land Association (CCLA) meeting is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

#### EAST VILLAGE

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

#### HORIZON RUN CONDOMINIUM

The Horizon Run Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 23 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

#### MIDDLE VILLAGE

The Middle Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24 in the Thomas Choice Party Room. This includes the Annual Meeting.

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

The Normandie-on-the-Lake I (NOLI) Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17 at the NOLI Office, 18701 Walker's Choice Road, #3.

#### NORTHGATE

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

#### NORTH VILLAGE

The North Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 19 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

#### PATTON RIDGE

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

#### SOUTH VILLAGE

The South Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

#### **STEDWICK**

The Stedwick Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18 at the Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. This includes the Annual Meeting.

#### THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

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

#### THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Gardens Condominium meeting is sched-

7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 19 at the Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court.



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Arrowhead Road.

uled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

#### WHETSTONE

The Whetstone Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# Introduction from the new MVF President



#### by Glenn Gargan MVF President

As this is my first President's Message, I will start with a thank you to Montgomery Village residents for reelecting me, and to the Board for my election as President. I hope to continue the proven Board leadership examples that I follow. My wife Lynda and I truly enjoy the Village and our neighbors, as well as exploring the trails with our two pugs. It is an honor for me to serve the community.

Allow me to briefly look backwards, and then to current and future events.

It's been a decade since the Village was at a low point from a financial and management perspective. Since then, disciplined strategy, planning and execution resulted in our current robust situation by all measures. It took hard work over many years, and I would be remiss if I didn't recognize those who led us from then to now: EVP Dave Humpton has navigated us back to health, with a team that included CFO Greg Snellings and past Board Presidents Bob Hydorn, John Driscoll and Pete Young. Montgomery Village is far better off now due to their vision and stewardship. As two of those team members are stepping down from MVF, I would like to convey my best wishes and thanks to John and Greg for their stellar efforts as they move on.

Looking forward, ongoing activities include the former golf course development, the redevelopment of the Montgomery Village Center, the future of the Professional Center and the safety of our community.

We enjoy an excellent relationship with our county police, and we look forward to a continued alliance moving forward. While we are a non-partisan Board, I cannot hide my disappointment at the Montgomery County Council Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee's decision to defer all funding for the Goshen Road South project to "beyond six years" out, and my further disappointment that not one councilmember voted against that. Montgomery Village knows which elected officials have our best interests at the forefront of their agendas, and we will hold good thoughts for them as upcoming county, state and federal elections near. On the subject of elections,

as you will note in this issue of the Village News, we have started the process to fill an open seat on the Montgomery Village Foundation Board of Directors. This seat has just shy of two years remaining on its term. I would certainly encourage anyone interested and eligible to run to consider applying. Applications will be accepted through 5 p.m. on Friday, April 20 and are available at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road or online at www. montgomeryvillage.com.

Montgomery Village has been a Tree City for many years, and there is no better way to celebrate than to come and enjoy our Arbor Day activities beginning at noon on Saturday, April 21 at the North Creek Nature Center, 20300 Aspenwood Lane. By then, hopefully spring will have asserted itself a bit more definitively, and our festivities will put us in the mood for the Montgomery Village Community Band's Annual Spring Concert on Sunday, April 22. The band is one of Montgomery Village's gems, and I strongly encourage everybody to come and enjoy their talents at 3 p.m. at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Carrying that spring theme just a bit further, the Friends of Whetstone Lake (F.O.W.L.) Annual Rake the Lake event will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 28 at Lake Whetstone, 18701 Montgomery Village Avenue. The lake looks as good as it has in years, so come be a part of keeping it pristine.

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

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

Best regards,

Glenn

#### MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MOTION LIST March 22, 2018

- 1. Mr. Gargan moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 22, 2018 as approved. The motion was seconded and passed (4-0-2); Mr. Driscoll and Mr. Marsh abstained.
- 2. Mr. Driscoll moved to accept the Action List as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 3. Mr. Marsh moved to accept the 2017 audited financial statements. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 4. Mr. Gargan moved to appoint Mary Helen Amery, Jim Andary, Clare Conlon and Sharon Levine to serve as the 2018 Scholarship Committee, with Mary Helen Amery as Chair. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 5. Mr. Webb moved to declare the MVF Board vacancy and direct staff to advertise to fill the vacancy, in compliance with the Board approved MVF Procedures to Declare and Fill an Unexpired Term on the MVF Board of Directors. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 6. Mr. Marsh moved to authorize the additional \$21,464 to continue the Treeno homeowner files scanning process to completion, as well as retaining the original contingency (\$14,222) if needed to allow for any variance in the actual document scan count. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 7. Mr. Driscoll moved to approve the purchase of Microsoft Exchange Server Standard License, standard user licenses and engineering services at a cost not to exceed \$12,689.25 from The Dresner Group, with the funds to come from reserves. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 8. Mr. Marsh moved to accept the committee reports. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 9. Mr. Webb moved to adjourn the regular meeting for the Annual Meeting at 7:54 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 10. Mr. Young moved to nominate Glenn Gargan to serve as President. The motion was seconded and Mr. Gargan was elected by acclamation.
- 11. Mr. Gargan moved to nominate Peter Webb to serve as Vice President. The motion was seconded and Mr. Webb was elected by acclamation.
- 12. Mr. Webb moved to nominate Laura Franke to serve as alternate to the Executive Committee. The motion was seconded and Ms. Franke was elected by acclamation.
- 13. Mr. Young moved to approve the 2018-2019 Corporate Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 14. Mr. Young moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:27 p.m. pursuant to Section 11B Real Property, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Maryland Homeowners Association Act) to go into closed session for (viii) Discussion of individual owner assessment accounts. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

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E-mail letters to mvnews@mvf.org.

### Changes in MCPS schedule to affect pool schedule

Due to the change in the Montgomery County Public School (MCPS) 2017-2018 Schedule as a result of the winter storms, Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) has had to adjust the spring and summer swim schedules.

The weekday spring pool schedule will be extended through Friday, June 15, with the exception of Stedwick Pool, which will open from noon to 10 p.m. beginning Wednesday, June 13, as previously scheduled. The summer pool schedule will begin on Saturday, June 16; the last day of school is Friday, June 15.

For more information or the full pool schedule, call 301-948-0110 or visit *www. montgomryvillage.com*.

### Trees can help reduce energy costs

Trees keep us comfortable. They shade us in the summer, act as a windbreak in winter and help clean the air. The right tree in the right place can create a comfortable setting for outdoor living, reduce your heating and cooling bills and allow you to breathe clean fresh air.

#### **COOLTHE AIR**

Trees are extremely efficient at cooling the air. The combination of shade and transpiration can reduce temperatures by 5 to 10 degrees. By pumping water vapor from their leaves (transpiration), trees cool the air as the moisture evaporates. This is why it feels cool under a tree even on a hot day.

#### **CONTROL EROSION**

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#### REDUCE NOISE

Trees have an impressive

ability to muffle noise. Their leaves and branches absorb and deflect sound. The more leaves and branches, the better noise protection a tree can provide.

#### DEFLECT WIND

You can reduce your annual heating bill by up to 20 percent by planting (or keeping existing trees) on the north side of your home. Especially important in winter, trees act as a windbreak by absorbing wind shear and protecting your home from cold winter winds.



### 27<sup>th</sup> annual MVF 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 \$50,000.

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

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

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

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

## Scholarship Fund Contribution Form

Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc.

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

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

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#### IN THE NEWS

### MVF Board accepts 2017 Audit at March meeting

#### by Mike Conroy

Before the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors Annual Meeting on March 22, the Board met in regular session to approve a number of agenda items. Topping the list was accepting the 2017 Audited Financial Report, which was recently completed by the audit firm of DeLeon & Stang. The auditors presented MVF with an unmodified opinion, as well as found no lapses in internal controls.

The report shows MVF ended 2017 with a \$1,014,686 increase in Net Income, which was higher than increases seen in the last several years. The Operating Fund showed a slight increase of \$6,568; Treasurer Bob Carey gave a full report of the financials during the Annual Meeting.

**OTHER AGENDA ITEMS** The Board appointed the Scholarship Committee – Mary Helen Amery (Chair), Jim Andary, Clare Conlon and Sharon Levine – to conduct the annual review of applications for MVF scholarships for students pursuing higher education. The committee will meet in late April to determine the recipients.

In October 2017, the Board approved funds for the digitalization and scanning of homeowner records to MVF's electronic document management system. As the project has progressed, the initial estimate of records and files scanned was found to be lower than expected, and additional funds to finish the project with the end functionality needed by staff is necessary. The Board approved an additional \$21,464 to finish this project.

To maintain office technology, infrastructure equipment is scheduled to be replaced every four years. As such, MVF's e-mail server and user licenses are due for replacement. The Board approved replacement costs or \$12,689.25 from Reserves for this important communication tool.

Finally, the Board formally declared Tammy Holloway's seat on the Board vacant and enacted the process to fill the seat. Applications will be accepted through the website and at the MVF Office through Friday, April 20, with the hope of interviewing candidates and selecting a new member at the Thursday, April 26 Board meeting. See article on page 1 for full details.

#### EVP REPORT

Executive Vice President Dave Humpton relayed to the Board that there were a large number of proposed pieces of legislation being discussed in session this year. He and General Counsel Christopher Hitchens have been monitoring and reporting on the potential bills, noting that there are many seeing action in either the house or the senate.

Humpton also said that the Goshen Road project that was in the county's CIP has been delayed again. While a significant amount of money has already been spent studying and developing plans for the widening project, it has been pushed to the 2020 CIP, with an additional \$300,000 further study and adjustment of the scope of the project.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Carey reported that MVF's financial position remains strong, noting that a full report would be given during the Annual Meeting. For the month of February, he said the MVF's Revenue is favorable to the budget. The sale of the Cider Mill Apartments added \$134,075 to the Capital Contribution Fee, which was unexpected and very favorable to the budget. Expenses were reported as below budget as well, contributing to the overall positive track of the budget.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 26 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The meeting begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. with Residents Time. Residents are invited and encouraged to attend. The meeting agenda and information packet will be available online at *www. montgomeryvillage.com* the week of the meeting.

### **MVF Financial Reports - February 2018**

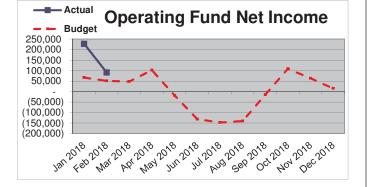
#### **OPERATING FUND - STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE**

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|                               | Actual        | Budget  | Variance  | Actual    | Budget       | Variance  |  |
|                               |               |         | (Unfav)   |           |              | (Unfav)   |  |
| Revenue:                      |               |         |           |           |              |           |  |
| Assessments                   | 527,587       | 527,548 | 38        | 1,055,193 | 1,055,097    | 97        |  |
| Assessment Fees               | 896           | 4,234   | (3,338)   | 50,050    | 44,392       | 5,658     |  |
| Transfer Fees                 | 1,650         | 1,666   | (16)      | 3,675     | 3,353        | 322       |  |
| Disclosure Fees               | 17,886        | 6,714   | 11,172    | 21,918    | 14,130       | 7,788     |  |
| Advertising revenue           | 4,089         | 6,477   | (2,388)   | 8,778     | 13,633       | (4,855)   |  |
| Pool Memberships/Rental Fees  | 5,158         | 2,296   | 2,861     | 14,469    | 9,287        | 5,182     |  |
| Camps & Classes               | 13,897        | 14,942  | (1,046)   | 39,543    | 35,402       | 4,141     |  |
| Management Fees               | 67,324        | 66,707  | 616       | 134,391   | 133,415      | 976       |  |
| Capital Contribution fee      | 153,395       | 5,956   | 147,439   | 165,061   | 11,713       | 153,347   |  |
| Other Income                  | 16,342        | 6,235   | 10,106    | 27,879    | 12,671       | 15,207    |  |
| Total Revenue                 | 808,221       | 642,776 | 165,446   | 1,520,956 | 1,333,093    | 187,862   |  |
| Personnel Costs:              |               |         |           |           |              |           |  |
| Salaries & Wages              | 244,867       | 256,563 | 11,696    | 454,389   | 511,105      | 56,716    |  |
| Payroll Taxes & Benefits      | 79,570        | 82,046  | 2,475     | 150,781   | 163,794      |           |  |
| ,                             | ,             | ,       | ,         |           | ,            | 13,013    |  |
| Personnel Costs               | 324,437       | 338,608 | 14,171    | 605,170   | 674,899      | 69,729    |  |
| Business Expenses             | 10,152        | 9,174   | (979)     | 20,131    | 21,594       | 1,463     |  |
| Office Supplies               | 3,774         | 4,613   | 839       | 11,212    | 7,936        | (3,276)   |  |
| Program/Maint Supplies        | 9,382         | 4,073   | (5,310)   | 11,912    | 6,996        | (4,916)   |  |
| Occupancy                     | 13,337        | 17,146  | 3,809     | 19,309    | 34,336       | 15,027    |  |
| Office Expenses/Svc Contracts | 21,526        | 20,485  | (1,040)   | 48,824    | 95,021       | 46,197    |  |
| Equip Maintenance             | 9,302         | 2,100   | (7,202)   | 9,353     | 6,100        | (3,253)   |  |
| Vehicle Expenses              | 1,130         | 2,494   | 1,364     | 2,239     | 4,758        | 2,519     |  |
| Financial & Legal             | 4,304         | 27,151  | 22,847    | 12,489    | 35,416       | 22,927    |  |
| Insurance                     | 11,908        | 12,085  | 177       | 1,228     | 752          | (476)     |  |
| Printing                      | 6,573         | 6,450   | (123)     | 11,451    | 12,145       | 694       |  |
| Landscape/Maintenance         | 51,238        | 45,505  | (5,733)   | 96,543    | 110,829      | 14,286    |  |
| Security                      | 106           | 106     | -         | (5,310)   | 413          | 5,723     |  |
| Other                         | -             | -       | -         | 99        | -            | (99)      |  |
| Operating Costs               | 142,735       | 151,383 | 8,648     | 239,480   | 336,295      | 96,815    |  |
| Contribution to Reserves      | 95,910        | 95,910  | 0         | 191,820   | 191,820      | 0         |  |
| Contribution to CCF           | 153,395       | 5,956   | (147,439) | 165,061   | 11,713       | (153,347) |  |
| Purchases of Assets           | 433           | 433     | -         | 866       | 866          | (100,047) |  |
| Restricted Expenses           | -             | 0       | -         | (21)      |              | 21        |  |
| Other Equity Transfers        | -             | -       | -         | (= - )    | -            | -         |  |
| Reserve/capital               | 249,738       | 102,298 | (147,439) | 357,725   | 204,399      | (153,326) |  |
| Operating Expenses            | 716,911       | 592,290 | (124,621) | 1,202,375 | 1,215,593    | 13,218    |  |
| Excess/Deficit Revenue        | 91,311        | 50,486  | 40,825    | 318,581   | 117,500      | 201,081   |  |
|                               |               |         | ·         | -         |              | ·         |  |

#### **MVF BALANCE SHEET**

#### For the Period Ended February 28, 2018

|                          | Current     | Prior Year  |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                          |             |             |
| ASSETS                   |             |             |
| Cash & Cash equiv        | 2,005,597   | 2,115,443   |
| Investments              | 6,150,126   | 5,996,769   |
| Due from Reserves        | 1,154,098   | 902,745     |
| Assessment Receivables   | 597,198     | 640,522     |
| Other Receivables        | 189,961     | 87,503      |
| Current Assets           | 10,096,980  | 9,742,983   |
|                          |             |             |
| Gross Fixed Assets       | 15,053,556  | 13,681,903  |
| Accumulated Depreciation | (6,576,194) | (6,095,922) |
| Fixed Assets             | 8,477,362   | 7,585,981   |
| Other Assets             | 61,247      | 71,226      |
| Assets                   | 18,635,588  | 17,400,190  |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY     |             |             |
| Due to Operating         | 1,154,098   | 902,745     |
| Payables                 | 367,003     | 404,415     |
| Sunstream Cap Lease      | 116,027     | 121,223     |
| Deferred Revenue Liab    | 860,758     | 849,640     |
| Liabilities              | 2,497,886   | 2,278,023   |
|                          |             |             |
| Undesignated Reserves    | 2,133,215   | 2,134,370   |
| Designated Reserves      | 14,004,483  | 12,987,791  |
| Equity                   | 16,137,698  | 15,122,162  |
| Liabilities & Equity     | 18,635,588  | 17,400,190  |



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

#### IN THE NEWS

### Inaugural MVF Student Representative takes seat on Board

#### by Mike Conroy

At the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Annual Meeting on March 22, Chioma Nwoye was installed as the first MVF Student Representative on the Board of Directors. The idea for the position came out of the 2017 Board Retreat, as part of the Board's strategic goal of working closer with youth and the schools that serve the Village.

After an application process, review by the Nominating Committee and interview by the Board, Nwoye was chosen and will be present at meetings, serving actively in discussion. Although she will not be a voting member, she will bring to the table the voice and ideas of her peers for the Board to consider. In addition to the seat on the Board, Nwoye will serve as an intern in the MVF Office during the summer, gaining valuable insight on how the Board and staff work together to keep the community moving forward

Nwoye, a junior at Watkins Mill High School, has been a resident of Montgomery Village since 2010, when her family moved here seeking a larger house in a community that was surrounded by amenities. Now, she realizes the full beauty of the Village-both physical and conceptual – and why her parents chose to make a home here. "I love how inclusive the community is. There's something here for everyone. I love the lakes, trees and open spaces." Her favorite part of the Village? The trails. Chioma enjoys running and walking with her family,

spending time outdoors and being surrounded by the natural aspects of the community.

She appreciates the community opportunities that allow for more socialization beyond just seeing a friend or neighbor at a store. Events like the Pumpkin Race and July 4 Celebration are a great way to be active in the community. However, Chioma would like to see some other type of amenity come to the Village, like a roller skating rink, where people can go, be active, socialize and of course, listen to some great music (another one of her favorite pastimes).

She hopes to spend her time as Student Representative encouraging more Village youngsters to become involved and take pride in the community. Chiomoa says, "I feel if other youth have a better idea of what they can get out of the community — what it has to offer — they will have more pride in where they live and take better care of the community for the future."

After high school, Chioma plans to attend college and major in Political Science; she hopes to work in government, maybe becoming a law maker herself. She is excited to get a start in that process with this position, hoping to gain a better understanding of how the organization makes decisions for the betterment of the Village.

You can see Chioma in the upcoming "What's Your Story?" video in the next few weeks. Visit *www.montgomery village.com* or watch for the update on our Facebook page, *www.facebook.com/Mont VillageMD*.



Come enjoy a free cup of coffee and meet representatives from Montgomery County 6<sup>th</sup> District Police Department.



## Saturday, April 21 9:30 to 11 a.m.

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#### IN THE NEWS

### **Annual Meeting**

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community. Young noted some physical assets that received an update during the year, including the addition of the benches at the Lake Whetstone playground; new playgrounds in McKendree and at Whetstone Community Center; and the approval of funds for a new all-abilities playground at the Apple Ridge Recreation Area. Along with these projects, Young noted the enormous success of the Peggy Mark Pool-the renovation of this facility changed the way residents use the pools and boosted pool attendance to an all-time high.

In addition to projects that make a visual impact, Young talked about the Board's commitment to advocating for the residents on issues at the state and county levels. He said he had the opportunity to testify alongside other Board members and residents on a number of issues, including short-term rentals, M-83 and the Bloom Plan to develop on the former golf course property.

Young also mentioned new initiatives by staff to keep MVF moving forward in the technology arena, making it easier and more efficient for staff to maintain a high standard of customer service. He noted the use of the new mobile inspection software SmartWebs by both the Architectural Standards and Community Management departments. A new brand-ing initiative, "What's Your Story?" was launched by the Communications Department, using short video interviews to highlight residents.

Homeowner files previously only kept in paper format are now being scanned into an electronic document storage system, a process being managed by the Finance and Administration Department. And the Recreation and Parks Department refreshed the look of the seasonal recreation guides, including an interactive online version directing residents straight to registration links for classes and programs.

Young concluded his address by highlighting the work of outgoing CFO Greg Snellings, noting his many contributions to MVF as well as bringing financial stability back to the community. Young also mentioned that in 2017 MVF saw the departure of long time staff members Peggy Mark and Diane Stasiewicz, whose many years of service to the organization and community will not be forgotten. Young noted that he is encouraged by how residents and volunteers respond to the challenges of the Village, and enthusiastic about change on the horizon.

Board Treasurer Bob Carey reviewed the 2017 financials, following an unmodified opinion given in the 2017 MVF Audit by the audit firm DeLeon & Stang. Carey noted that in addition to the unmodified opinion, the auditors gave favorable review of MVF's internal control procedures. Carey commended CFO Greg Snellings and MVF staff for their efforts to maintain financial stability and accurate records.

2017 was another year of financial success. Net Income was reported as \$1,014,686, over \$264,000 ahead of the budget. The Operating Fund planned for a \$347,183 deficit, however ended the year favorable to the budget at \$6,568. Revenue significantly exceeded the budget by approximately \$280,000, with better than expected revenues from camps and classes and the Capital Contribution Fee, with an offset by a decrease in Advertising Revenue. Operating Costs remained favorable to the budget by nearly \$240,000 due to lower assessment collection fees and \$0 in bad debt expense.

Contributions to Reserves were made according to the budget, totaling \$1,089,959.

Carey said that \$1,726,883 was invested in MVF Assets, including the construction of the Peggy Mark Pool, which was a \$2.5 million investment over a 2-year period.

Carey also noted that Investment Income increased \$164,000, seeing major gains in equities at 17.7%. The Capital Contribution Fee also saw a significant increase over the budget due to the sale of the Walker House Apartments. He also reported that camps and class revenue exceeded the budget, which was an improvement over 2016.

Finally, Carey was pleased to report that due to the continued success of the MVF Collection Policy, delinquencies are at a 10-year low, at 7.5%. The Receivables balance decreased by over \$400,000 since 2014.

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

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS**

- MV MOMs Club for volunteer trash pickup and maintaining the community with their children.
- Dion Mulvihill for teaching and hosting boat safety programs at Lake Whetstone.
- Paula Brooks/MV Garden Club for volunteer work and maintaining a community herb garden at the North Creek Nature Center.
- Erica Guthrie for completing her Girl Scout Gold Award.
- Sawyer Conklin for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

#### **OUTGOING BOARD MEMBER**

John Driscoll

#### STAFF SERVICE AWARDS

- Linda Azoff, Community Management Staff Accountant 5 years
- Jo Banky, Community Management Administrative Assistant 5 years
- Karen Kodjanian, Director of Community Management 5 years
- Greg Korniloff, Park and Facility Assistant 5 years
- April Steward, Community Manager 5 years
- Dave Humpton, Executive Vice President 10 years
- Jana Serlo, Program Manager 15 years
- Ernesto Montano, Custodian 20 years
- Gonzalo Montes, Custodian Supervisor 20 years

#### EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS

- Greg Snellings, Chief Financial Officer
- Maria Pullifrone, Graphic Designer
- Alex Alcon, Recreation Specialist I
- Ron Schroers, Parks and Property Manager
- Scott Gole, Jason Nicklow & Petra Padilla, Aquatics Team
- Dee Wirth, Architectural Compliance Specialist
- Martha Cruz, Architectural Compliance Specialist
- Michelle Bentzel, Director of Human Resources



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

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#### FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2018 9

#### IN THE NEWS

### Activity Card Update 2018

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

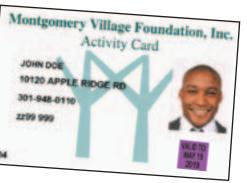
Residents of Stedwick will be receiving new photo Activity Cards this year. Residents from communities that received photo Activity Cards in previous years - East Village, Eastgate, Maryland Place, Middle Village (Clubside) Northgate, North Village, Patton Ridge, Poplar Spring, South Village (Dockside, Millrace, Nathan's Hill, Grover's Forge, Hamptons), and Whetstonewho do not yet have their photo Activity Card, will need

to come to the MVF Office to get one this year.

Starting Monday, May 1, photos will be taken at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.

to 5 p.m. (closed July 4). Beginning Thursday, May 10, the office will remain open until 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings through July 5 and also be open on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. beginning May 12 through July 7. Please bring proof of residence, such as a driver's license, so that we may take your photo.

Please note, if an assessment account is not at a zero balance as of May 1, payment of any prior balance, as well as the full assessment amount through the end of the current fiscal year, must be received as a condition for issuance of an Activity Card or Validation Sticker.



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

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

### Enjoy MVF pools this summer

Summer will be here soon. and it is time to start thinking about enjoying the MVF pools with your family and friends.

Here are a couple of important things to remember in order to get your Activity Cards or stickers so that you can enjoy the pools:

- The Montgomery Village Foundation assessment is an annual assessment due in full on January 1 of each
- year. Homeowners may choose to pay their assessment annually or quarterly (four payments per year).
- If a homeowner chooses to pay quarterly and has a balance on their account as of May 1, they will need to pay the full year's assessment (current outstanding balance as well as the remainder of the year), prior to receiving their Activity

Cards or Validation Stick-

- No architectural violations on the homeowner account.
- Be sure to update and return the Information Letter and/ or Rights Form that you
- receive in March. Follow instructions on the Information Letter for the photo taking process. Enjoy the pools often!

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**COMMUNITY SERVICE** 

### Election workers needed for **2018 Gubernatorial Election**

The Montgomery County Board of Elections is seeking registered voters to serve as election workers at polling places for the Gubernatorial Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, June 26.

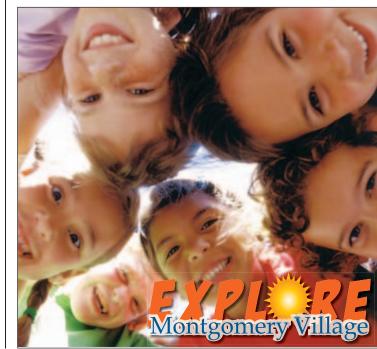
- Individuals are needed to serve throughout the county; particularly in the areas of Bethesda, Cabin John, Chevy Chase, Darnestown, Potomac and Rockville.
- Due to the diversity within the county, voters who speak multiple languages are also needed. Voters who are fluent in both English and Spanish are especially needed in each polling place to meet the requirements of Section 203 of the 1975 Voting Rights Act which stipulates that bilingual Spanish speakers be available at the polling places.
- Students 16 or older are eligible to register to vote and serve as election 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. Students serving as election workers may choose to earn 25 Student Service Learning (SSL

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

Training is required and will be provided to all election workers. This includes an online quiz and class room training. Volunteers will be paid for completing training and working the election. We offer several different positions, all-day and part-day, as advertised at www.777vote.org. To apply online, or for more information, visit www.777vote. org and select "Election Workers.'

For other election information, call 240-777-VOTE, visit www.777vote.org or the Maryland State Board of Elections' website, https://elections. maryland.gov, or follow the Montgomery County Board of Elections on Facebook, Twitter (@777vote) and Instagram @777vote.







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.

#### AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

An aggravated assault occurred in the 18200 block of Lost Knife Circle in the early morning hours of March 17. One suspect displayed a weapon. Suspects: 2 H/Ms, ages unknown

#### **STRONG-ARM ROBBERY**

A strong-arm robbery occurred in the 10000 block of Stedwick Road at approximately 6:40 p.m. on March 8. The suspects assaulted the adult male victim and took his cash and property.

Suspects: 2 B/Ms, ages unknown







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#### ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS

### Painting the exterior of your house

Spring is just around the corner, and you might be considering brightening up your home with a fresh coat of paint. Remember, before you rush off to the store to purchase your paint for the exterior of your home, please contact the Architectural Standards staff for all your recorded paint colors. In order to avoid costly mistakes, it is a good idea to verify the paint colors that you will be using before you purchase the paint. Once paint is purchased, it is generally not returnable or refundable.

If you are contemplating changing the paint colors on your house, you must apply to the Architectural Review Board (ARB) for approval before doing so. Color changes may include house siding or brick, house trim boards, shutters, front doors, storm doors, gutters and down spouts, windows, patio doors, garage doors and sheds. If you're unsure whether you need to apply, reach out to the Architectural Standards Department staff-we're happy to help answer your questions.

House trim boards include gutter boards (boards to which gutters are attached), fascia boards (horizontal boards under the roof eaves), corner boards (vertical boards at the corners of the house) or window and door trim (trim boards surrounding the windows and doors). Many communities have criteria that determine the trim color. Please check the MVF website, www. *montgomeryvillage.com*, for your community's architectural criteria; you will need to log into your dashboard, or sign up for a free website account. Shutters and front door color in some communities may be considered the accent color on homes.

The style of the house must be considered when choosing an exterior paint color. Architectural Standards staff can help you select a color that would be harmonious with the color scheme of your home and community – please don't hesitate to reach out before applying!

In communities where homes have garages that are shared with neighboring property owners, the garage paint colors must match. Garage doors and trim boards must have colors that match the recorded color on one of the two houses (typically, the recorded garage colors are the same as the house to the right of the garage).

Flat paint is generally used for rough wood surfaces, including garage doors; luster paint is generally used for hardboard surfaces including window and door trim boards. High gloss paint finishes are not permitted.

All original and MVF-approved paint colors are on record at the MVF Office. If changing brands of paint (paint manufacturers) when repainting, colors need to be blended to match the recorded colors.

Please contact the Architectural Standards staff for assistance with any questions or concerns regarding the exterior paint on your house. Call Heather Sharpless at 240-2432355 or e-mail hsharpless@mvf. org, or Erika Hottinger at 240-243-2351 or e-mail ehottinger @mvf.org. And remember to apply before making any modifications to the exterior of your home, including changes to your exterior paint colors. Residents can apply online at www. montgomeryvillage.com, contact Heather or Erika to receive an application via e-mail or come in-person to the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, to pick up and fill out an application.



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#### EAST VILLAGE ECHO

### East Village Annual Meeting

#### by David Cline

East Village Homes Corporation is a vibrant community of 1,389 homes located in the larger community of Montgomerv Village. Every effort by the board of directors and the officers has been made to ensure that East Village residents live in an attractive community with an abundant amount of resources for all members to enjoy

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that needed removal and replacement of trees. We planted trees that are well suited to thrive in the Mid-Atlantic. Additional trees were removed, as storms caused some to fall and they had to be removed to prevent damage to persons and property, as we all know from the strong windstorm from the first weekend of March 2018.

Monthly inspections were performed to keep pace with changing needs of the community. Feedback was provided to BrightView, our maintenance contractor, to increase the attractiveness of East Village. BrightView management was also involved in making sug-

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gestions for improvements to our community. Streets in The Reach were repaved as part of the year's long plan to keep streets at the highest level of service for future years.

As part of a team, East Village maintains its high standards thanks to the great teamwork of the individual board members, the professional staff with Montgomery Village management and the maintenance company of BrightView.

Speaking for the board of directors and residents, I want to thank Kevin Linck, a long-time board member currently serving as the board's Vice President. His advice on different

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Kevin has also given of his time as a representative to the UpCounty Advisory Board (UCAB). He has consistently brought back information from the UCAB meetings and shared it with the East Village board. Issues related to future transportation needs of the UpCounty region have been particularly helpful. Our newest board member,

items related to the community

has proven to be invaluable.

Jayant Shukla, has been using his financial expertise when he was appointed by the board to the position of Treasurer. His knowledge and desire to learn how the budget process works has made his efforts most appreciated by all board members. Thank you, Jayant, for your willingness to be a part of the board.

Terry O'Grady, Cynthia Bangali, Suzanne Jubert, Tammy Holloway and Jack Helenek have continued to serve the residents of East Village as board members, and their contributions are appreciated and necessary as they represent various parts of East Village.

Finally, even with all of our best efforts, we would be lost without the guidance of our wonderful Community Manager April Steward. She is the calm voice residents hear when they call with an emergency that a tree has toppled on their house or car during a storm. Hers is the voice of reason and patience when a resident might call with a suggestion or complaint about how the rules need to be enforced. April drives through our neighborhoods each and every day before or after she arrives at the office. She is to be commended for her quick response to the needs of the residents. She has been extremely easy to work with for me as President when I have questions or need to ask how we can do something better in the neighborhoods. She is a wealth of information, and we'd be poorer without her. Thank you, April!

I want to also thank Todd, the manager from BrightView, for his willingness to increase productivity and actively engage and listen to suggestions from board members and residents. It's their everyday work that keeps East Village looking spectacular.

Our recording secretary, Jennifer Thornett, has done a marvelous job of taking accurate notes that comprise the minutes of our monthly board meetings. Her expertise has helped us make a record of board actions that are important for residents and board members to help create a history of our community.

Our regularly scheduled meetings are used to listen to residents and make decisions affecting the short and longer term needs and goals of the community. Helping fulfill those goals are accurate minutes of the meetings. For the many hours spent here, we want to thank our recording secretary.

Finally, we want to thank the residents of East Village. We, as neighbors, voluntarily serve you. We appreciate your feedback throughout the year, and your communication is vital to keep East Village one of the best hometowns in Montgomery Village.

Looking forward, as East Village ages, we'll need to be mindful of the infrastructure and vegetation that need more attention. Our resources have been spent to maintain our Village, but we'll need to keep even more care to build up our reserves for the future. While financially strong, we should plan for the unexpected while continuing steady progress.

I hope we can improve our communication through the website and on Facebook, and increase community outreach through small picnics and gatherings with our neighbors where they live. As a board united with purpose to serve our neighbors, I feel confident we will serve out our terms successfully.

East Village Echo: for residents of The Downs, The Reach, The Estates, Essex Place II, Candle Ridge, Gablefield, Glenbrooke, Meadowgate, Ashford, Holly Pointe and Wethersfield.

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MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

### **Middle Village Annual Meeting**

### by the Middle Village Board of Directors

The Middle Village Homes Corporation Annual Meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24 in the Thomas Choice Clubhouse, 19401 Brassie Place.

#### BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Effective immediately, Middle Village board meetings will occur on the fourth Tuesday of every other month. The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 24 at 7 p.m. The meeting schedule for the remainder of 2018 is as follows: Tuesday, June 26, Tuesday, Aug. 28 and Tuesday, Oct. 23. One of the parking permit distribution dates will be Tuesday, Dec. 4 instead of a December meeting. All meetings are held 7 p.m. in the Thomas Choice Clubhouse, 19401 Brassie Place, unless otherwise stated.

#### TRASH

Placing bulk trash in the community is a violation that is subject to a fine; any resident caught dumping bulk trash on Middle Village property will be fined \$250. Homeowners will be fined if they or their tenants violate the trash policy. Trash policy violations include, but are not limited to:

 Placing trash out in plastic bags instead of a trash receptacle with a lid.
 Placing trash/recycling

out on inappropriate days/nonpickup days. 3. Trashcans that are over-

flowing. 4. Placing trash out on common area spaces instead of in

front of home. Trash includes loose trash, bagged trash and trash in cans.

### REMEMBER

- Do not place household trash or recycling out until the evening before pickup or the morning of pickup. Any other time is a violation of the community trash policy and is subject to fines.
- Place the lid firmly on the trash can.
- If you have more trash than what your trash can is able to hold, purchase an additional trash can!

Note: If it does not fit into the blue recycling container, it is not recycling. If it does not fit into a 35-gallon trashcan, it is not normal household trash. If it is yard waste, it must be in a paper bag or bundled and placed out with recycling.

Middle Village trash/recycling collection schedule:

- Tuesdays and Fridays household trash collection only
- Wednesdays recycling collection only

#### TRASH PICKUP MISSED?

Did Potomac Disposal neglect to pick up your trash on collection day? Call them immediately at 301-294-9700 to report the oversight, and leave your secured trash can in its regular pickup location. Call ComSource if your trash is still not collected after you report the missed pickup to Potomac Disposal.

#### STORM DRAINS

There are numerous storm drains located along the curbs throughout the community. Please do not dispose of any items in the storm drains other than water! Placing an item such as a water bottle in the drain may seem harmless, but it can be the start of a very costly problem, which can translate into increased assessment fees. Remember, no bottles; paint cans; or hazardous materials such as paint, oils, gasoline, etc. are ever to be placed in the storm drains. Help keep our community water system flowing efficiently and protect your property from flood damage.

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#### IMPORTANT CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS

Security on Demand: 877-241-1265 Big Tow: 301-424-4869 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 *dmatthews* @comsource.com or sumali @comsource.com.

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WHETSTONE WATCH

### Spring is here

#### by the Whetstone Board of Directors

Spring is finally here, although briefly interrupted by recent snowfall. It is the time that most Whetstone residents turn to spring cleaning and repairing/updating/improving the appearance of their homes. It's also a time of renewal as our spring flowers, cherry trees and other trees begin to brighten our lives with color.

The Whetstone board had a busy winter passing the 2018 budget, while dealing with a failed ballot initiative that sought an assessment increase. The board also made investment policy changes that will add more operating revenue to our budget to ease the strain the maintenance budget is experiencing with higher requirements and costs with no additional dollars to meet those demands. Every household must make these same types of belt-tightening decisions, and your board of directors is no different. We will continue to work to make Whetstone the best possible place to live within Montgomery Village and to fulfill our fiduciary responsibilities to the very best of our ability.

There are several specific issues we would like to bring to your attention.

First, is to remind and inform Whetstone residents that the costs associated with trash and recycling pickups, and snow removal/road treat-

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ment are "pass-thru" costs to our residents. So, your annual assessments are increased or decreased based on the actual costs incurred by the community. Our cost for trash and recycling removal went down slightly from 2017 to 2018. Our cost for snow removal/ road treatment went down substantially from 2017 to 2018. That is why you saw the approximately \$200 reduction in your assessment for 2018. Our winter expenses for snow removal/road treatment are higher for the current winter, so your 2019 assessments will rise, but not as substantially as you have seen in the past.

Second, the maintenance committee recommended, and the board approved, the milling and repaving of four streets in 2018. Bids are currently being evaluated for this work. Before we can select the winning bidder and issue a Notice to Proceed, we are working with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) which has notified the board of its intention to replace some of its aging, below ground infrastructure in Whetstone. We must assess the impact on our planned milling and repaving operations so as not to have WSSC digging up and patching our freshly paved streets. This will obviously delay our planned repaving project until that assessment can be completed.

Third, the board has voted

to increase the amount of funds that may be invested in the Standard and Poor's (S&P) 500 Index Exchange Traded Fund (ETF). Our treasurer is working with our accountant to increase our S&P ETF portfolio investment this spring. The board made this decision so that more operating funds would be available to better maintain our community that is now approaching 50 years of age.

At our March 8 board meeting, Sharon Cranford announced her retirement after faithfully serving our community as a member of the Whetstone board for over 28 years. Sharon has given selflessly of her time, and she will be missed by every board member. Her dedication to our community has been outstanding, and we would like to offer a heartfelt thank you for her service.

In an effort to communicate more effectively with our residents the WHC board would like to update our board e-mail list. This allow you to receive meeting notices, agendas, emergency information, etc. This is not a neighborhood discussion forum. If you are not on the current list or have changed your provider, just sent an e-mail to *vermillion*. *whc@gmail.com*.

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



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#### NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

### Late snow storms

### by the North Village Board of Directors

Well spring is finally here. It seemed like winter would just not let go. A surprise late snow storm blanketed our community a few weeks ago, and we were pleased with the performance of our snow removal team during that event. As of this writing, we had not received the bill, and we are hoping that we will still be within our snow removal budget because it has been a relatively light winter.

#### SPRING CLEANUP

Now that spring has finally arrived, we ask that all residents address any maintenance issues that may have resulted from this past winter. Such items as yard cleanup, painting, plant pruning and trash pickup will greatly enhance the overall appearance and appeal of our community. Let's keep our community always looking good.

With the advent of warmer weather, it is again time to review the details on trash pickup in North Village. It is important to keep in mind that pickups are handled by two different organizations working on two different schedules in North Village. Our trash contractor, Potomac Disposal, provides service as part of your assessments. Potomac Disposal picks up trash on Mondays and Thursdays each week. Please be aware that they will not accept recycling items.

The county provides for the recycling pickup on Friday for Picton and Wednesday for the rest of North Village. Recycling is required for metal objects such as cans, plastic and glass bottles, cardboard boxes, paper, etc. The county recycling truck also picks up tree limbs, but they must be bundled, no longer than 4-feet in length, be bound with twine and cannot weigh more than 45 lbs. or exceed 30-inches in diameter.

It is important that you do not put out your recycling over the weekend. Put your blue recycling boxes and other yard waste out the night before pickup or early on the morning of pickup. You also need to call Montgomery County at 240-777-6410 or 240-777-6400 if you have any large metal items for recycling. Call no later than Monday for a Wednesday pickup and in Picton no later than Wednesday for a Friday pickup. A list of what can and cannot be recycled is found online at www.montgomery countymd.gov/sws/programs.

Potomac Disposal will not pick up any trash placed in boxes. Residents should place their trash in plastic bags and place those inside covered trash cans. Potomac Disposal will not pick up any boxes or metal items. Also residents are required to store empty trash containers and recycling boxes in their garage or in their townhouse fenced yard out of sight from the street.

Large trash items (bulk trash) must be telephoned to Potomac Disposal for pickup, which they schedule for Thursdays only. You can call Potomac Disposal at 301-294-9700 to arrange for a bulk pickup. Potomac Disposal charges a fee for large bulk items such as anything with metal, sleeper sofas, recliners and televisions larger than 50-inches. Mirrors should be "duct-taped" to prevent any injuries. Please call Potomac Disposal for a Thursday pickup of such items and do not put them out on the curb until after 7 p.m. the night before.

#### APRIL ASSESSMENT DUE

If you have not already done so, please send in your assessment payment that was due on April 1. You can either mail it in or you can drive it to the Montgomery Village Foundation Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, and use the brown drop box in the parking lot. Remember that your Activity Cards will be renewed soon, but only to those who are current on their assessments.

#### NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the board of directors is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 19 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The corporate calendar is now posted on your Member Dashboard at www.montgomery village.com. On the dashboard, click "Board of Directors" where you will see a tab for the corporate calendar. If you have any questions or want to report any problems, call Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2327.

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

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#### HOMES CORPORATIONS

PATTON RIDGE REPORT

### Patton Ridge President's Message 2018

#### by Bill Evans, President

The following message was delivered at the Patton Ridge Annual Meeting on February 27.

I want to thank the residents seated here tonight as well as those many others who were unable to attend this meeting for your continued support and interest. It is from you that we receive our primary mandate and it is you who we constantly strive to serve. We will never be able to make every resident happy with our decisions. But we work hard to understand the priority issues and to address them in such a way that benefits the community at large and especially the affected residents.

I want to thank the board members for your continued dedication to this endeavor. This is a team effort and while you may not get the recognition you deserve, you are critical to the continued improvement of our community. This is a board populated by bright people who interact well together, and challenge each other to arrive at the best decisions for the most residents.

There are many people at MVF who play a role in serving Patton Ridge. I want to recognize four of them: Andrea Mandato our community manager; JoAnne Banky, administrative Assistant; Emily Wilberg, private property maintenance Inspector and board recording secretary; and Karen Kodjanian the director of community management. This board can develop programs and write policies, but it requires these four people to implement them. They have a tough job and our residents should keep that in mind in your interactions with this vital cog in our capacity to provide you with the services you desire.

One last thank you to our primary contractors BrightView Landscaping, Silver Horse Security Services and J&J Hauling.

Shakespeare wrote in his play "The Tempest" that "what is past is prologue." That line is particularly apropos to our 2017 and 2018 activities. We set many things in motion in 2017 that will come to fruition in 2018. I will list just a few:

- We contracted with the Vika Corporation to conduct a visual inspection of our nearly 11,000 linear feet of storm water management system. This was accomplished using robotic technology.
- BrightView conducted a visual inspection of all our storm drains.
- These two projects combined

are critical to understanding the condition of our storm water system as we prepare for the implications of the housing to be built on the former golf course.

- We authorized a contract with DMA to prepare a new reserve study that will prioritize and cost out our infrastructure requirements over the coming years.
- We authorized an agreement with Montgomery County to install and maintain multiple pest waste stations at no cost to Patton Ridge. If we find this to be a useful endeavor, Patton Ridge will assume responsibility for the stations after one year and determine if additional stations would be useful.
- We determined that our security service was not optimal and signed a new contract with Silver Horse Security Services for 2018 for the purpose of enforcing our parking regulation only.
- We asked BrightView to update our tree removal plan to include trees removed in 2017.

Now what are the implications of these decisions for 2018?
DMA has just finished its field work to prepare the new reserve study. We hope to have the report for our March meeting. We will then proceed to set our funding

priorities for 2018. Our reserve account has a current balance a bit over \$1.3 million. That may seem like a lot of money, but as we begin to repair our storm water management system, repave our parking lots and upgrade our light system to name just a few items, that money will disappear quickly. For that reason, we continue to add approximately \$165,000 to the reserve fund each year. Most of that fund is invested in various long and short-term securities.

- The storm water management study, storm drain study and tree plan will be incorporated into the reserve study.
- We have recently signed the agreement for the county to begin installing the pet waste stations.
- Silver Horse began patrolling our parking lots on January 1. To date they have stickered over 100 vehicles and authorized towing of 20-plus. We continue to look for alternatives to solve our parking shortfall.

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

#### **STEDWICK SIGNALS**

### Spring is finally here!

#### by Keith Silliman

The grass has turned green, trees are starting to flower and bulbs are blooming. Although we still have threats of wintery conditions, spring is probably here for good. Before we know it the hot weather will be with us.

Lauren Zack was appointed to a vacant seat on the board of directors in January. A big thank you to Lauren for her interest and willingness to serve her community in that important role.

Because of the snowy conditions on March 21, the day of our scheduled annual meeting, MVF facilities were closed and our meeting was postponed. It has been rescheduled to be held with the regularly scheduled Wednesday, April 18 meeting at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.

The results of the board of directors election are that Terry Henderson and Audrey Houser have been reelected. There were several write-ins for the third position. Those named individuals were contacted and all declined to serve.

The recent wind storm knocked down several trees throughout our community. Most of the downed trees and limbs have been removed. We are in the process of trying to find out whether the Tree Montgomery program will have trees that can be planted to make up for some of the losses. We are also in the planning stage for an additional rainscape/raingarden in the Worsham Court stream valley. Some rejuvenation of the plantings at the entryways of Clusters II and Forest Brooke are also being planned.

The next maintenance inspection is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10. 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 meeting of the Stedwick Homes Corporation Board of Directors is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Come join us for that meeting. The first item on the agenda is residents time, which provides an opportunity for you to ask questions or express concerns and opinions. In the meantime, if you have an issue, contact Stedwick Homes Corporation Community Manager Andrea Mandato at 240-243-2326, e-mail stedwickhc@mvf.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.

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#### HOMES CORPORATIONS

SOUTH VILLAGE SCENES

### South Village Annual Meeting

#### by Doniele Ayres

The South Village Homes Corporation held its annual meeting on Wednesday, March 28. Results of the election of officers are:

**Doniele Ayres - President** Nancy Farrar - Vice President Suzanne Wheeler - Treasurer Amani Jude - Secretary

South Village continues to operate in a positive financial position and we continue to plan for the improvement of our community.

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As the new president of the board, I am looking forward to collaborative partnerships and meaningful dialogue with the community. I am also looking forward to partnering with each of you in the community to make our neighborhoods the pride of the village. What does partnership look like?

Sharing your talents on a committee. South Village has several standing committees where we need members outside of the board. Most committees require one to two hours of time bi-monthly. Please contact the management office for more information.

Keeping the covenants. Policies regarding trash, parking, fees and maintenance are available on the MVF website and by contacting the management office.

Paying fees and assessments. Maintenance of community property is why we pay an assessment. South Village has not increased its assessment in three years, and we have been able to operate within our budget. Unfortunately, the increase in delinquencies on assessments will lead to an increase to continue to provide the services we need.

Voting and attending board meetings. There are 1,010 homes in South Village. A total of 88 votes were received to elect board members. Members are elected each year to serve a three-year term. Board meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month to discuss the business of the community. At each meeting there is time for residents to share their concerns and opinions. While every issue may not or cannot be addressed during a meeting, that is the place for you to be heard.

Being a good neighbor. Placing your trash and recyclables out on the correct days and times. Sundays and Wednesdays after 7 p.m. is when trash can be place outside for pickup. Parking only in designated spaces. Yes, parking is limited and there are many reasons why. Our contractor is enforcing parking policies related to commercial vehicles, stored vehicles and designated fire lanes.

Clean up after pets. Montgomery County law requires that pets be leashed and that pet waste be disposed of. South Village will have pet waste stations installed this spring and summer, and we look forward to having your feedback on these stations.

Watch out for pedestrians. Our roadways are not speedways. Slow down and watch out for pedestrians, signs and landscaping.

I am looking forward to working with you during my term. More importantly, I am excited about what we can do together. #Ready, set, lead!

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

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



Homework Time

#### SCHOOL NEWS

### Stedwick Elementary School students "Let It Out"

This year, the third graders in Mary Ruth McGinn's Stedwick Elementary School class are facing a tough choice – keep it in or let it out. For the last several years, McGinn's class has created and performed its own original opera, giving students the opportunity to learn and come together in a unique way both in and out of the classroom, tackling real-life situations and how to solve problems.

From the first day of school, a common element of teamwork emerged, reminding students that they must work together to be successful. Of course, with many voices come many ideas, and a theme of letting out those ideas became apparent; and so was born the Let It Out Kids Opera Company. Taking on this theme, the students are producing their original opera"The Other Side of the Canvas," which focuses on the need to let out secrets, anger, sadness, fear, mistakes, kindness, joy and other things inside, in a positive manner.

The class studied various real life jobs that are needed to create a successful production, and applied for positions they desired to fill. Once each job was granted, the class took a field trip to the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. to study the setting for their opera, an art gallery. This setting is fitting, as the class is exploring emotions on both sides of canvas by studying the paintings and sketching ones they were moved by. They also watched "Aida" at the Kennedy Center as inspiration for their opera.

Throughout the process, the class has received help and guidance from many professionals and has worked hard to spread the positive message of their production. Students have worked hard to write songs and lyrics, make costumes and design sets and lighting. Along the way, they have also learned some valuable lessons, through success and failure. Teamwork, leadership, perseverance, decision making, responsibility and support are just a few of those lessons.

The production is scheduled for 2:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2, and for 2:15 and 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 3, at Stedwick Elementary School, 10631 Stedwick Road. Additionally, the classes' hard work is being rewarded with a special performance at the Kennedy Center Millennium Stage, scheduled for 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29.

For more information or volunteer opportunities, e-mail Mary Ruth McGinn at *Mary\_R\_McGinn@mcpsmd.org*. The efforts of McGinn's class are supported by and in partnership with the Washington National Opera at the Kennedy Center, Montgomery Community Media and the Foundation for the Advancement of Music and Education (FAME).

## South Lake Elementary School Kindergarten Orientation

Village students who will be entering kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year and their parents are invited to Kindergarten Orientation at South Lake Elementary School. Children must be 5 years old by Friday, Sept. 1, 2018 to be eligible to start school this year.

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

### **Preschoolers and chicks**

Covenant United Methodist Preschool children had an exciting last few weeks! At the end of February, the school received a delivery of seven eggs that remained in an incubator for 21 days. While the children waited for the chicks to hatch, they were learning how the chicks were growing and developing; the life cycle of a chicken; and many other interesting facts. Around day 21, the children were able to watch the chicks hatch from the eggs-what an amazing opportunity to see new life born! There is absolutely nothing like seeing that!

After the chicks became dry and fluffy, they were moved from the small incubator to a brooder that also housed a heating element to keep them warm. The brooder is much larger and also has food and water for them. It is so sweet to watch the chicks become excited when one of their "brothers" comes to join them! For the first few days, they all huddle under the heat lamp to keep warm but eventually they begin to venture out and move around. The brooder is in the classroom with the children at all times for all the children to enjoy. Parents and siblings have enjoyed stop-



ping by for a visit at drop off and pick up time!

The eggs came from local company Rent-A-Coop. The 4-week program includes seven fertilized eggs, an incubator, a brooder, food and everything else the chicks could need. After the chicks are ready to live outside the brooder, the farmer comes back to pick them up and takes them to live on his farm. What an amazing experience for all!

The preschool is located inside the Covenant United Methodist Church, 20301 Pleasant Ridge Drive. For more information about this or other preschool programs offered, visit www.covenantumpreschool. org or e-mail lisa.broadman@ covenant-umc.org.



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## County-based xMinds to host educational event for parents of autistic students

Partnership for Extraordinary Minds (xMinds), a Montgomery County-based non-profit group dedicated to improving the educational experiences and outcomes of students on the autism spectrum, will co-host its 10<sup>th</sup> annual "Extraordinary Minds in MCPS Forum" on Tuesday, April 10 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Tilden Middle School, 11211 Old Georgetown Road, Rockville, in conjunction with Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS).

The event will provide an opportunity for parents to learn about the resources available to autistic students attending MCPS and how these students can improve their educational outcomes. The evening will begin with introductions from MCPS and school board officials, followed by breakout sessions on topics including online safety, self-advocacy and programs and services for students on the autism spectrum such as executive function supports, reading comprehension strategies and behavior intervention plans.

Monica Martinez, President of xMinds, says she hopes the event will help to empower local parents in making more informed decisions about their children's education. "Navigating a school system as large as MCPS is a daunting challenge for many parents of students on the autism spectrum-but knowledge is power. The goal of our forum is to empower parents to become effective advocates for their children and to make the MCPS special education system more transparent," says Martinez.

The event is free to attend, though registration is recommended. Recreation for students over the age of 4 will be provided by Kids Being Kids. Spanish interpretation for all breakout sessions will also be provided for those who preregister. More information, including recreation and interpretation registration and a full agenda, can be found at *www. xminds.org/forum2018.* 

Founded in 2009, Partnership for Extraordinary Minds (xMinds) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that aims to improve the educational experiences and outcomes of students on the autism spectrum in Montgomery County, Maryland.

#### AT YOUR LEISURE

### Best Medicine Rep wraps season with "Derek Jeter Makes the Play"

Best Medicine Rep is proud to present Robin Rothstein's "Derek Jeter Makes the Play" to conclude their inaugural season. Directed by Linda Lombardi, the comedy will run Thursday, April 26 through Saturday, May 19 at the Best Medicine Rep Theater space at Lakeforest Mall. Appearing in the play will be Brooke Friday, Rebecca A. Herron, Eric Jones and Cristian Linares.

'Derek Jeter Makes the Play" is Rothstein's fun, romantic comedy about an unhealthy obsession with the New York Yankees' shortstop. Jackie, a young, salt of the earth dental hygienist, is at a crossroad. It's July 2011, and as her Yankee hero, Derek Jeter approaches his 3,000th hit milestone, Jackie realizes that her long-term relationship with fellow die-hard Jeter fan, Sal, is on the disabled list. Her commitment to Sal is tested when a charming, new patient appears in her life, offering the dreamy possibility of marriage, home and adventure. Is Jackie and Sal's mutual passion for Derek Jeter the only thing keeping them together? Can Derek help Jackie find her way back to love? What would Jeter do? "You don't need to know

anything about baseball to laugh at the ups and downs of the relationship," says Artistic Director John Morogiello, "But if we were to use a sports metaphor, I'd say, 'We're swinging for a home run with our final production of the spring!'"



Robin Rothstein is a produced and published playwright, commissioned book writer and lyricist, producer, arts advocate, arts journalist and longtime experienced business professional in the commercial theater. Linda Lombardi is a director and dramaturg attracted to work that shifts our perspective and broadens our understanding of the world – epic stories told in intimate ways that capture the resiliency of the human spirit, the extraordinary events of an ordinary life, the poetry of everyday language.

Performances run Thursday through Saturday evenings at 7 p.m., with Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each and are available through *www.best medicinerep.org*. Adds Morogiello, "We're giving a \$2 ticket discount to everyone who shows up wearing baseball gear. So break out your Nats and Orioles caps, and get ready to save!"

Best Medicine Rep is a nonprofit theater company that specializes in new comedies. It is dedicated to the artistic, educational and cultural development of the Gaithersburg/ Montgomery Village area. For more information, visit *www. bestmedicinerep.org*.

### National Black Memorabilia, Fine Art & Crafts Show

The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual National Black Memorabilia, Fine Art & Crafts Show is scheduled for Saturday, April 14 and Sunday, April 15 at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 501 Perry Parkway, Gaithersburg. The objectives of this show are to educate the public on African American History and Culture, and to provide the opportunity to purchase unique, rare and collectible pieces of black memorabilia, fine art and crafts. Admission is \$7 and students are admitted free. The show is all indoors and open Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Come see vendors from across the United States with black memorabilia, fine art and crafts for sale including slavery artifacts, historical documents, black dolls, books, autographs, stamps, coins, toys, kitchen collectibles, advertisements, paintings, prints, magazines, jewelry, textiles, political and civil rights memorabilia, sports and entertainment memorabilia and much more. Just browsing the items for sale is an education on the African American experience in itself.

There will be a seminar on "The Importance of Collecting Black Memorabilia" hosted by Jeannette Carson, co-founder of the first Black Memorabilia Show in 1984. Authors who will be participating in the book signings include Jeannette Carson, Ntozake Shange, Askia Muhammad, Col. Charles Mc-Gee and A. Peter Bailey.

There will also be educational exhibits that give an in-depth look at important people and events in African American history. These exhibits include Slavery Artifacts, Jim Crow, Buffalo Soldiers, Marcus Garvey, Black Panther Party, Malcolm X, George Washington Carver, Negro League Baseball, Nannie Helen Burroughs, Tuskegee Airmen and others. Also, there will be celebrity autograph sessions with Negro League Baseball Players, Tuskegee Airman, Fred "The Hammer" Williamson (movie/ TV actor in "Black Caesar," "Hell Up In Harlem" and TV's "Julia") and Marc Copage ("Corey" in TV's "Julia").

This show is an excellent opportunity for all to be educated on African American history and culture. For more information, call 301-649-1915, e-mail *Ljohnsonshows@aol. com*, visit *www.johnsonshows. com* or *www.facebook.com/Black memorabiliashow.* 

### Living with Bipolar Disorder

"Let Me Tell You What It's Really Like," a one-act play by Jennifer and Kate Ives, will be presented at 11 a.m. on Sunday, April 8 at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 9801 Centerway Road. This free event is open to all and is a frank conversation on living with bipolar disorder, both for the person diagnosed and those in his or her life.

The audience is addressed directly by the actors as they share the emotions, thoughts and fears that are part of a bipolar existence. Based on a series of interviews, the intention of the work is to honestly present a broad range of experience for those who are living with an emotional and mental disability. The hope is to lead to greater understanding for everyone who has to deal with all forms of this illness and strengthen the support of a compassionate community. The play lasts approximately 30 minutes, which leaves time for discussion.

The church parking lot is located off of Club House Road (the same location as the MV Farmers' Market). All are welcome.



### Take the one-minute bird quiz

Can hummingbirds fly backwards? Can you attract birds with Peanut Butter? Which is "prettier," the male cardinal or its mate? Name a bird other than a parrot that can be taught to speak? Which almost extinct bird was saved by a girl? Name a bird that bullies other birds? Which bird can twist its head in a complete circle? And finally, do birds really matter? Well, of course, birds do

Well, of course, birds do matter, a lot. So build your

"birdlore" with the answers to these and other bird questions at the Montgomery Village Garden Club's monthly meeting scheduled for 7:15 p.m. on Monday, April 9 at Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court.

Guest speaker Pete Givan operates the Wild Bird Center of Rockville and is an authority on all things "bird." His life-long passion has always been feeding birds and fielding birds. So he goes out to where the birds are and guides regular birdwatching walks throughout the area. With Pete's eagle eye, walkers learn to observe birds up close and personal in their natural habitats.

If birds do really make a difference, how can we make sure they survive in a changing climate? That's a good question...let's ask Pete.

#### RECREATION

### **Spring Flea Market**

Clean out and recycle the "lost treasures" from your basement, garage or attic! The Annual Spring Flea Market at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road, draws large crowds of bargain hunters.

Sellers must register in ad-

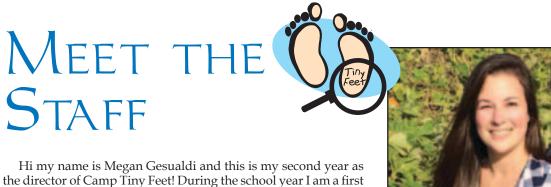
vance and provide all their

own display equipment. Spac-

ister, so don't delay! Support our local Scouts as they sell sweet treats and drinks. Reserve a parking spot-

sized space for \$23/Resident and \$28/Non-resident. Rain date is Sunday, May 6. For more information, call 301-948-0110 or visit www.montgomery village.com.

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the director of Camp Tiny Feet! During the school year I am a first grade teacher at Rosemary Hills Elementary School. Some exciting news for me this year is that I will be getting married at the end of the summer and traveling to Italy. Until then, I am excited to be back at Whetstone for the summer and am looking forward to a fun-filled camp season!





### **American Red Cross** Lifequarding Course

#### (Includes CPR/AED and First Aid) Montgomery Village Resident: \$185, Non-resident: \$195

The American Red Cross Lifeguard Training course will certify you in Lifeguard Training, CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer, and First Aid. Students must be 15 years old by the last day of the course (proof of age required) and pass a pre-screen test. Classes will be held at the Rockville Swim & Fitness Center (355 Martins Lane, Rockville). Students MUST attend all class sessions as scheduled. Class is co-taught with the City of Rockville; all classes subject to change.

REGISTRATION

Register online at www. montgomeryvillage.com, in person at the Montgomery Village Foundation Office (10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886), or by calling 301-948-

**INFORMATION:** 

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(Registration closes on Wednesday, April 19)

| DATE               | TIME              |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Friday, April 20   | 6 to 10 p.m.      |
| Saturday, April 21 | 2:30 to 9:30 p.m. |
| Sunday, April 22   | 5 to 9 p.m.       |
| Monday, April 23   | 6 to 9:30 p.m.    |
| Saturday, April 28 | 2:30 to 9:30 p.m. |
| Sunday, April 29   | 5 to 8 p.m.       |

For more information, call 240-243-2363 or e-mail ppadilla@mvf.org.



Hello! My name's Kevin Haeger and this is my second year as a counselor at Camp Tiny Feet. I've been a part of the MVF Summer Camp Program for countless years now, starting from my own days as a camper at Tiny Feet! I'm currently a senior at Richard Montgomery High School, and I'll be starting my freshman year of college in the fall studying engineering at the University of Maryland. I'm excited for camp and am looking forward to a great summer!



Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue

#### **Hev Parents!**

Enroll the same child in two End of Summer camps in the same session to make a full day of fun! Campers staying for the full day should bring a non-perishable lunch to eat during the supervised break between camps. Pricing is per camper

Half Day Rate Full Day Rate \$180/Resident, \$190/Non-resident \$328/Resident, \$348/Non-resident



Little Rembrandts – If You

School-age children will explore the world of Laura

Numeroff in this five-day workshop. Each day the

Campers will dive into a new discipline every day, al-

lowing them to illustrate different types of sciences,

new technologies, incredible feats of engineering

and striking math principles-all while creating

Give A Mouse A Cookie

**Drawing Workshop** 

crazy awesome art



### Around the World Intro to

STEM with **LEGO**<sup>®</sup>

Future engineers and LEGO<sup>®</sup> fanatics will build projects inspired by cool machines and real life structures Work to build catamarans helicopters, the Empire State Building, the Eiffel Tower, Bodium Castle and more!

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



#### Vietnamese, Mexican and French cuisine while learning about some of the cooking techniques and class will read a different Laura Numeroff book, and students will draw a Young Rembrandts lesson that incorporates one feature of the book ingredients that make them uniqu Tiny Chefs 2 – American STEAMin' Up Summer

**Diner Challenge** Three themes, presented as a 3-course meal for our campers at Tiny Chefs Camp this week. The campers will model their own restaurants after the diner theme and in a Chopped!-style twist, they will be challenged with a restauranteur's worst nightmare—the wrong ingredients delivered to their kitchen!

**Tiny Chefs – Cooking** 

Tiny and Gourmet Chefs will learn how to create

some of the fabulous flavors of Italian, Indian

Around the World

| Camp              | Active Number | Ages         | Session Dates      | Time           | Pair with |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Stem with Lego®   | 4007.301      | Ages 5 to 7  | Aug. 20 to Aug. 24 | 9 a.m. to noon | 4007.305  |
| Tiny Chefs        | 4007.305      | Ages 5 to 7  | Aug. 20 to Aug. 24 | 1 to 4 p.m.    | 4007.301  |
| Tiny Chefs        | 4007.304      | Ages 8 to 12 | Aug. 20 to Aug. 24 | 9 a.m. to noon | 4007.302  |
| Stem with Lego®   | 4007.302      | Ages 8 to 12 | Aug 20. to Aug. 24 | 1 to 4 p.m.    | 4007.304  |
| Little Rembrandts | 4004.309      | Ages 5 to 7  | Aug. 27 to Aug. 31 | 9 a.m. to noon | 4007.303  |
| Tiny Chefs 2      | 4007.303      | Ages 5 to 7  | Aug. 27 to Aug. 31 | 1 to 4 p.m.    | 4004.309  |
| Tiny Chefs 2      | 4007.306      | Ages 8 to 12 | Aug. 27 to Aug. 31 | 9 a.m. to noon | 4004.304  |
| STEAMin' Up       | 4004.304      | Ages 8 to 12 | Aug. 27 to Aug. 31 | 1 to 4 p.m.    | 4007.306  |

#### RECREATION



Despite some snow on the ground, more than 400 residents enjoyed searching for treasure inside colorful plastic eggs at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Flashlight Egg Hunt held at South Valley Park.



Rain Date: Sunday, May 6

### North Community Center Parking Lot 20125 Arrowhead Road

Sellers must register in advance and provide all their own display equipment. Spaces are filled on a first-come, first- served basis, so don't delay!

#### Cost per Space \$23/Resident \$28/Non-resident

Register at www.montgomeryvillage.com

Boy Scout Troop 1988 Fundraiser Snacks and drinks

Green Drop will provide a donation truck for lightly used clothing and household items for great American charities.



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Find inclement weather information by following MVF on twitter, facebook checking www.montgomeryvillage.com or by calling 240-243-2367.

### Lego Block Party

Get the whole family together for Lego fun from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, April. 13 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. In addition to tables of Legos for free-building, Play-Well TEKnologies will be leading a "Basketball" activity with Lego launchers and ping pong balls! We'll also build a giant tower – as tall we can get it!

This event is for children and adults ages 5 and older. Early registration is encouraged and costs \$10/Resident child and \$15/Non-resident child; adults are free with a paying participant.



# Tiny Tots Playtime for ages 5 and younger

Help your little one burn off energy this spring with play time in the gym. Have fun interacting with other moms and your little one while they play with balls, hula-hoops, scooters, parachutes, climbing mats and more! Parents must supervise children at all times.

Join the fun from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. on Fridays through May 25. Tiny Tots Playtime costs \$30/Resident, \$40/Nonresident and \$12/additional children in the same family. You can also just stay flexible with the Drop-In option for only \$3/Resident and \$4/Nonresident each week.

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



### Sangria & Succulents

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

Sangria & Succulents costs \$40/Resident or \$45/Non-resident and will be held at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

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

#### RECREATION

### **Creative Discovery 2018-**2019 School Year

Creative Discovery is for students ages 3 to 4 years old (entering kindergarten in 2019/2020). Through engaged learning students will develop strong cognitive, physical and social skills which are the foundation for academic success. Daily activities focus on themes such as colors, science, numbers, technology and of course, the alphabet! We plan our learning activities around MCPS kindergarten requirements in order to ensure that students are up to speed and ready to shine in elementary school.

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

### Lake Marion Summer Camp

Get ready for a summer to remember at Lake Marion Summer Camp. Campers will have the opportunity to go on field trips, including The National Zoo, Uno Pizzeria & Grill, Washington Nationals stadium for a baseball tour and many other fun and exciting trips. Campers will enjoy swimming, sports, "stem-

ulating" activities, arts and crafts and play awesome indoor and outdoor games. All campers should bring a non-perishable lunch each day and dress for active play. Lake Marion Summer Camp is the place to be in Summer 2018!

For more information or to register, visit www. montgomeryvillage.com.



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### **POP Pilates**

Join Alysha Cunningham for a fusion of ab-chiseling, total-body-defining moves choreographed to everyone's favorite Top 40 hits! This intense mat-based work-out is for all fitness levels and ages. Fitness moves focus on developing a solid core and lean, strong muscles.

Classes are held from 7 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays or Thursdays at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Drop-in for \$7/ class, or register for the full session.

For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110 or visit https://apm.active communities.com/montgomery village. Stick around for BANG Power Dance<sup>™</sup> with Heidy from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. to take your Tuesday evening workout to a whole new level!

### North Creek Summer Club

Looking for a more flexible camp option for your kids this summer? Check out North Creek Summer Club for children ages 6 to 13! Each day participants will engage in a variety of activities including art projects, board games, playground play and group games both inside and outdoors. Additionally, the program now has four designated group swim days along with a midsummer field trip and end of summer special guest!

North Creek's extended hours offer a full-day program for only \$360/Resident for the entire summer. For more information or to regis-



ter, call 301-948-0110 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com/ recreation/camps.

### Whetstone Afterschool Club

Monday through Friday, 3:30 to 6 p.m. now through June!

Students in grades K to 5 have after school fun in a well supervised and friendly environment. Participants will enjoy social activities, group games, arts & crafts and homework help. MVF staff will pick up participants from Whetstone Elementary School immediately after school dismissal and walk them to Whetstone Community

Center (WCC), 19140 Brooke Grove Court. Students from Stedwick and Watkins Mill elementary schools are welcome to participate; parents/ guardians are responsible for transportation to WCC. Snacks will be provided for participants. Please note, there is no club when MCPS is closed for a full day.

Participants can attend every day or just occasionally. Each participant must purchase the minimum 20-day punch card. Punch cards expire on Tuesday, June 12.

Not sure if the program is right for you? Come and try it out! For a free one-day trial, or to add days to your registration, call 301-948-0110. Pre-registration required.

For more information, contact Alex Alcon at 240-243-2314 or e-mail aalcon@mvf.org.

### **Counselor-In-Training** program

Each summer MVF operates a Counselor-In-Training (CIT) program in conjunction with our day camps. Volunteering as a CIT is a great way for adolescents to develop new skills, make new friends and earn Student Service Learning (SSL) hours. Candidates must be 14 years old on the first day of the session to volunteer.

To be considered for a CIT position, submit an application by Friday, April 27. Applications are available at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, or online at www. montgomeryvillage.com. For information, contact Melanie Maggi at 240-243-2338 or e-mail mmaggi@mvf.org.





#### **MV SENIORS**

# seniors action Alook back...

Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road

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

SPRING Session now through May 25

### MONDAY

**SiA Social Games** 10 a.m. to noon Games, conversation and refreshments.

**Arts and Crafts** 10:15 a.m. to noon Various creative projects for all skill levels.

Pickleball 10 a.m. to noon This sport combines tennis, badminton and ping-pong! Limited equipment available for use.

10 to 11 a.m. **Book Discussion Group** third Monday each month April 16: "Mission to Paris" by Alan Furst May 21: Read a memoir of your choice to discuss

### TUESDAY

Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m. Light weights and resistance bands. Guided by an interactive exercise video.

Seated Tai Chi 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Marcy leads the class through the controlled and low impact movements of Tai Chi.

### WEDNESDAY

**SiA Social Games** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Games, conversation and refreshments.

THURSDAY

Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m. Light weights and resistance bands. Guided by an interactive exercise video.

**SiA Social Games** 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Games, conversation and refreshments.

**Total Body Tune-Up** 11 to 11:45 a.m. Fun and easy to follow exercise for all fitness levels.

### FRIDAY

Bingo & Brown Bag Lunch

Noon to 2 p.m.

second Friday each month Bring a lunch (beverages provided) and play bingo with friends. Free for members, \$2/Non-member Next Play Date: April 13





SiA Members had an opportunity to take an early spring field trip to the Museum of the Bible on Monday, March 26 to view the collection of Biblical artifacts and texts.



# Up next...

### FREE BY NOVA CARE REHABILITATION: FALL-RELATED RISK ASSESSMENT

Balance is a very important part of a healthy lifestyle. We are now living longer, however, fall-related injuries are the leading cause of disability and death in individuals over 65. The good news is we can reduce our fall risk.

Join us on Wednesday, April 18 as NovaCare Rehabilitation will offer a free Fall Risk Assessment program held at Stedwick Community Center from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Nova Care Rehabilitation staff will be available to answer questions during this time.

## Potluck and Guest Speaker

Join us on Wednesday, April 25 as Portfolio Management Director/Financial Advisor Carl W. Vail addresses the issue of personal finance and how you as an individual can control your personal financial situation. Our guest speaker will begin his presentation at 12:15 p.m.

### **Monthly Member Meeting**

Join us on the last Tuesday of every month to give staff your feedback about Seniors in Action! Members will have the opportunity to share any questions, comments or concerns related to SiA.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 24

## SIA FIELD TRIPS

Save the Date! The next SiA trip will be to MGM National Harbor on Wednesday, June 27. The bus will leave Stedwick Community Center at 9 a.m. and leave MGM National Harbor at 2 p.m. Registration will begin on Friday, May 4.

SiA Members: \$7, Non-SiA Members: \$27

#### 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, contact Alex Alcon at 240-243-2314 or e-mail aalcon@mvf.org.







#### **CLASSIFIEDS**

#### **HELP WANTED**

#### ASSISTANT CAMP **DIRECTOR (SEASONAL)**

Full day (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and afternoon-only shifts available during the 8 to 9-week season, beginning early to mid-June. Approximately 20 to 35 hours per week. A great opportunity for teachers, college students and high school grads to have fun while making a difference! Salary: \$11.50 to \$13/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 18 years old
- · High school diploma required; college preferred
- · Previous experience working with youth preferred
- CPR/First Aid certification required

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

#### **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: \$11.50/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

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

#### SEASONAL RECEPTIONIST

Are you detail-oriented, flexible and able to handle multiple tasks in our busy, friendly office? Temporary full-time receptionist needed Monday, April 23 through Saturday, Aug. 3, 40 to 43 hours per week, including 9 Thursday evenings, and 9 Saturday mornings. Strong customer service skills, MS Word, professional phone manner and appearance a must. Duties include receiving/greeting visitors, receiving incoming phone calls, providing appropriate information to callers, assisting the work of various departments with class registrations, amusement park ticket sales, activity card processing and distribution. Ability to perform accurate clerical work, handle cash and use cash register. English/Spanish bilingual preferred. Send résumé to Nicole Meads at nmeads@mvf.org.

For applications, visit the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886 or online at www.mont gomeryvillage.com. For more information call 301-948-0110. Montgomery Village Foundation is an EOE. M/F/D/V



#### **DOCK MANAGER**

Duties include supervision of 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. The Manager opens and closes the boat dock each business day, monitors and performs maintenance of boats and completes daily operating reports.

Salary starting at \$13.00 per hour.

#### **ASSISTANT DOCK MANAGER**

Assist in the supervision of 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.

Salary starting at \$12.50 per hour.

#### SUBSTITUTE ASST. DOCK MANAGER

Assist in the supervision of the Lake Whetstone boat rental program during hours of operation, on an as needed basis. 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.

Substitutes are called on an as-needed basis and there is no guarantee on the number hours offered.

Salary starting at \$12.50 per hour.

For more information please contact Amy Roswurm at 240-243-2303 or aroswurm@mvf.org.



#### SWIM INSTRUCTORS

If you are an experienced swimmer, have good command of the basic swim strokes and are interested in working with children and/or adults, this might be the summer job for you. Hours are limited, with weekday morning, evening and/or Sunday evening hours available. Minimum age to apply is 16. Red Cross certification is preferred but not required. Current and former competitive swimmers are encouraged to apply. Training is available.

For more information, contact Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2314 or e-mail toshea@mvf.org. EOE.

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#### **MOVING SALE**

#### **MOVING SALE!**

Furniture, Tools, Kitchen, Rugs, Decorating, Baby Items

April 14 – 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

20509 Highland Hall Drive, Montgomery Village

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Wonderfully improved with renovated kitchen, updated baths, Trex deck, custom finished walkout basement with wood floors, Murphy bed and full bath - 4 BR, 3.5 BA, family room fireplace, 1st floor laundry/mud room – excellent back yard for kids, pets or gardeniing.

### For Sale



### **PLEASANT RIDGE**

\$489,500

**BEAUTIFUL HOME!** 

Spacious colonial home in quiet neighborhood of Pleasant Ridge - 5 BR, 3.5 BA, FR w/fireplace & hardwood floors, separate DR & LR w/hardwood floors, renovated kitchen w/quartz counters, hardwood floors & stainless appliances - new

ceramic tile in fover & powder room - upstairs has 4 bedrooms w/wood & bamboo floors & 2 updated baths - finished walkout basement w/rec. room, bedroom, full bath, bonus room & large storage room.

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#### **NATHAN'S HILL FABULOUS STARTER HOME**

Charming 2 BR, 1 BA townhome with sitting room and master bedroom balcony - LR/DR combo renovated kitchen w/granite counters, stainless appliances, pretty light wood cabinets, tile floor.

## Sold.

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#### \$299,900

**TOTALLY UPDATED!** 3 BR, 2.5 BA TH - New windows and doors, granite and stainless appliances in the kitchen – backyard deck, MBR balcony.

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\$459,900



#### \$930.000

**EXCITING CITY LIFE!** 4 BR, 3.5 BA EYA Capital built townhome in Bethesda. New kitchen and baths. Beautiful hardwood floors. 2-car garage.

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

#### \$110,000

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