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Members of the MVF Board of Directors, MVF staff, the Committee on the Environment and Brightview planted a Red Bud tree at North Creek Lake Park during the 2nd Annual Arbor Day Celebration. Other activities at North Creek Community Center included Persimmon tree sapling giveaways, seed planting and kids crafts, as well as informational display tables and representatives from Monarch Watch, the Montgomery Village Garden Club, Montgomery County Master Gardeners and Tree Montgomery.

Director of Recreation to retire after 41 years of service at MVF

by Mike Conroy

After 41 years of implementing and overseeing countless programs, classes and special events; facility installations and renovations; attending committee and board meetings; and connecting with residents of all ages, Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture Peggy Mark will finish the Montgomery Village chapter of her career. Mark is set to retire in mid-August.

Peggy started at the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) in the summer of 1976 as a seasonal employee—the Summer Center Director at Stedwick Community Center. She managed one of three drop-in centers which ran five days a week from 1 to 10 p.m.—quite a difference

from center hours today! After the season ended, Mark was hired full-time as a Recreation Specialist planning monthly meetings for various interest groups, working special events and managing the lawn theater concerts.

Shortly thereafter, a new director—and new mentor for Mark—was brought on board. Mark credits Josette Baker as having a huge impact on her career and development. Under Baker’s leadership, Peggy was able to take opportunities and find new experiences that

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Inclusive playground approved for Apple Ridge Recreation Area

by Mike Conroy

At the April 27 Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors meeting, the Board discussed and approved funds for the installation of a new, all abilities playground at the Apple Ridge Recreation Area, relocating it from behind the pool to near the pavilion, on North Creek Lake Park property.

The former location (on top of the hill behind the pool) was part of the original Apple Ridge Pool site plan and part of a designated user facility. During pool planning stages, it was determined that moving the playground would be better for accessibility by wheelchairs, walkers and strollers, leaving a larger greenspace near the pool. Putting the new playground next to the pavilion allows easy access and ample parking, and avoids other accessibility hurdles for other locations on the property. Building a new Village-wide facility at this proposed location makes it eligible to be funded by the Capital Contribution Fee.

The Action Item list was amended to include authoriz-

ing \$150,000 from the Capital Contribution Fund for the construction of a new, inclusive and accessible playground on the park property at Apple Ridge Recreation Area. Resident input on this new playground will be solicited in the near future.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

Board President Pete Young drew attention to several Information Items before turning to items on the discussion list. He noted Montgomery Village’s 29th consecutive Tree City Award and the work that goes into maintaining that status. Young also mentioned the 2018 Budget schedule, noting upcoming opportunity for proposed budget items, as well as the MVF Board Retreat, scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, June 2 and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 3 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

Director of Recreation, Parks and Culture Peggy Mark updated the Board on the Recreation Committee’s review of the Eastgate Homes Corporation’s request to remove

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Free Shredding Event and Donation Drive

Saturday, May 20
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

North Creek Community Center
20125 Arrowhead Road

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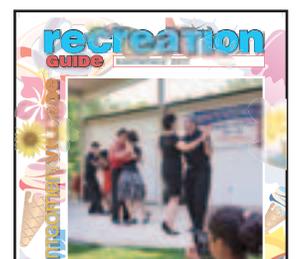


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“Flags for Our Heroes” Memorial comes back to Bohrer Park for Memorial Day weekend

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Summer Recreation Guide—sign up for classes, programs and camps today!



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MVF MEETING AGENDAS

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The monthly MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 25 in the North Creek Board Room. The annual MVF Board Retreat is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Friday, June 2 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road, and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, also in the North Creek Board Room.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, May 15 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Committee meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 11 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

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

MVF Board of Directors Retreat

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and

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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

CENTER COURT CONDOMINIUM

The Center Court Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23 in the Heron's Cove Office, 19101 Mills Choice Road. This meeting will include the Annual Meeting.

EASTGATE

The Eastgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9 at the Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

EAST VILLAGE

The East Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16 at the Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

MARYLAND PLACE

The Maryland Place Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17 at the Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court.

MIDDLE VILLAGE

The Middle Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23 at the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

NORMANDIE-ON-THE-LAKE I CONDOMINIUM

The Normandie-on-the-Lake I (NOLI) Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 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, May 9 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

PARK PLACE I CONDOMINIUM

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

PARK PLACE II CONDOMINIUM

The Park Place II Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10 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, May 24 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

STEDWICK

The Stedwick Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17 at the Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.

THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Gardens Condominium meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9 at the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

WHETSTONE

The Whetstone Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 11 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. A budget meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23 at Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court.

MVF SPRING/SUMMER HOURS

Beginning Thursday, May 11, the Montgomery Village Foundation Office will be open until 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings and on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., through Saturday, July 8.

Residents will be able to get Activity Cards, register for classes or programs, or make assessment payments.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sacrifice



by Pete Young
MVF President

Like so many residents, you may be asking yourself "why can't someone clean that up?", or "I wish that someone could fix that issue" or many other similar thoughts. I have had too many conversations to count, whether they be via e-mail, phone call or in person, where residents will voice a question or comment in the spirit of wanting someone to address a challenge that they see.

I want everyone to know that we have many generous, unselfish, tireless and caring residents in our community who do great work that is never recognized. Whether it is the residents who collect trash on their regular walks through the community, the volunteers who staff our many committees or the residents who help design new playgrounds and other community amenities — what they all have in common is sacrifice. They play a role, take part and give of their

time and talents to help do the important work of making our community better. Many of them will never be recognized, and we will never know about much of their efforts, but we all benefit from their contributions. We all see opportunities to improve Montgomery Village on a daily basis, and taking action is a deliberate act.

I would like to ask each of you to make a sacrifice — small or large — to help address a challenge that you see. I know you are busy, hope someone else will take care of it or simply just don't know how to get involved. I invite you to please dig in! Life in any community is an investment; we must give far more of ourselves than simply money. Each of us should consider what sacrifices we are willing to make to see the changes we seek. I am certain that you will reap far more benefits from your giving than you imagine. Investing in your community — investing in us — is a sacrifice worth making. Pick up that piece of trash. Come to the committee meeting. Volunteer in the schools. It really doesn't matter what the sacrifice is, but to give of yourself for the rest of us is an amazing gift.

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

Cheers,
Pete

District 39 Town Hall Meeting

The District 39 Legislative Team, Senator Nancy King and Delegates Charlie Barkley, Shane Robinson and Kirill Reznik, will be holding a post-legislative session wrap up meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16 at the Upcounty Regional Services Center, 12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown.

Residents are encouraged to attend, hear about what happened during session, what bills passed, what bills didn't and what plans the team has for the interim.

Please RSVP by emailing Delegate Reznik at delegate.reznik@gmail.com.

MVF BOARD MOTIONS

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MOTION LIST April 27, 2017

1. Mr. Driscoll moved to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Directors' meeting held March 23, 2017 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
2. Mr. Driscoll moved to approve the minutes of the annual Board of Directors' meeting held March 23, 2017 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
3. Mr. Driscoll moved to amend the agenda to include consideration of the construction of an inclusive playground for Apple Ridge Recreation area as an action item. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
4. Ms. Franke moved to accept the Action List as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
5. Mr. Gargan moved to reappoint Lisa Lewis as Chair and Gary Miller as Vice Chair of the Architectural Review Board. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
6. Mr. Gargan moved to reappoint Keith Silliman as Vice Chair of the Audit Committee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
7. Mr. Marsh moved to reappoint Judi Kranz as Chair and Gary Unterberg as Vice Chair of the Commercial Architectural Review Committee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
8. Ms. Franke moved to reappoint Claudette Lease as Chair of the Committee on the Environment. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
9. Ms. Franke moved to reappoint Karen Neilson as Chair of the Recreation Committee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
10. Mr. Marsh moved to reaffirm the Architectural Review Board members as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
11. Mr. Driscoll moved to reaffirm the Audit Committee members as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
12. Ms. Holloway moved to reaffirm the Commercial Architectural Review Committee members as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
13. Mr. Marsh moved to reaffirm the Committee on the Environment members as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
14. Mr. Gargan moved to reaffirm the Communication Committee members as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
15. Mr. Marsh moved to reaffirm the Election Committee members as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
16. Mr. Webb moved to reaffirm the Nominating Committee members as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
17. Mr. Driscoll moved to reaffirm the Recreation Committee members as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
18. Mr. Gargan moved to reaffirm the Investment Committee members as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
19. Mr. Webb moved to appoint Chris Mead to serve on the Committee on the Environment. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
20. Mr. Gargan moved to reaffirm the unanimous e-mail vote of the MVF Board of Directors on April 6, 2017 for the new electricity rate. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
21. Ms. Franke moved to award the contract to purchase pool chemicals for 2017 to Amato Industries, Inc. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
22. Mr. Webb moved to authorize \$150,000 from the Capital Contribution Fund to be used for the construction of a new accessible playground on the park property located in the Apple Ridge Recreation Area. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
23. Mr. Gargan moved to accept the committee reports. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
24. Mr. Webb moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:33 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.

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE Calendar of Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%; text-align: center;"> </div> <div style="width: 35%; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Don't Miss It!</p> <p>May 5 Sangria and Succulents 6 Spring Flea Market LW Boat Dock Open 13 Family Tennis Play Day 20 Spring Shredding Event Stedwick Pool opens</p> </div> <div style="width: 30%; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Village News 5 Summer Recreation Guide Sangria and Succulents 7 to 9 pm – NCCC (pre-registration required)</p> </div> <div style="width: 30%; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>6 Spring Flea Market 8 am to 1 pm – NCCC LW Boat Dock Open 11 am to 7 pm</p> </div> </div>						
7 LW Boat Dock Open 11 am to 7 pm	8	9 Thomas Choice Gardens 6:30 pm – TCPR Northgate HC 7 pm – NCBR Eastgate HC 7:30 pm – LMCC	10 Seniors in Action 10 am to noon – SCC MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC Park Place II Condo 7 pm – NCBR	11 Scholarship Committee 2 pm – MVF Office MVF Office open until 7 pm Park Place I Condo 7 pm – Gaithersburg Library Whetstone HC 7:30 pm – NCBR	12	13 MVF Office open 9:30 am to 12:30 pm Camera Club 10 am – NCCC LW Boat Dock Open 11 am to 7 pm Family Tennis Play Day (free) 1 to 3 pm – NC Tennis Courts
14 Mother's Day LW Boat Dock Open 11 am to 7 pm	15 Personnel Committee 7 pm – NCBR	16 East Village HC 7:30 pm – LMCC	17 Seniors in Action 10 am to noon – SCC MV Community Band 7 pm – WMHS Maryland Place 7 pm – WCC NOLI 7 pm – NOLI Office	18 MVF Office open until 7 pm <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Stedwick HC 7:30 pm – SCC</div>	19 Village News Residents Guide	20 Spring Shredding Event 8:30 am to 12:30 pm – NCCC MVF Office open 9:30 am to 12:30 pm LW Boat Dock Open 11 am to 7 pm Stedwick Pool opens for season – 2 pm
21 LW Boat Dock Open 11 am to 7 pm Teddy Bear Picnic 2:30 to 4:30 pm – NCCC (pre-registration required)	22	23 Middle Village HC 7 pm – TCPR Whetstone HC Budget Mtg 7 pm – WCC Center Court Condo 7:30 pm – Heron's Cove Office	24 MV Community Band 7 pm – SCC South Village HC 7 pm – NCBR	25 MVF Office open until 7 pm MVF Board of Directors 7:30 pm – NCBR	26	27 MVF Office open 9:30 am to 12:30 pm Lake Whetstone Dock Open 11 am to 7 pm Apple Ridge, Lake Marion, North Creek and Whetstone pools open for season – Noon
28 Lake Whetstone Dock Open 11 am to 7 pm	29 Memorial Day Holiday MVF Office Closed Lake Whetstone Dock Open 11 am to 7 pm	30	31 MV Community Band 7 pm – WMHS	June 1 MVF Office open until 7 pm	2 MVF Board Retreat 6 pm – NCBR	3 MVF Board Retreat 8 am – NCBR Farmers' Market opens 9 am to 1 pm MVF Office open 9:30 am to 12:30 pm Lake Whetstone Dock Open 11 am to 7 pm

<p>KEY: BMP..... Bowie Music Pavilion (See South Valley Park) CTS..... Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 9801 Centerway Rd. LMCC..... Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Ave. MVF Office..... 10120 Apple Ridge Rd.</p>	<p>NCBR..... North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Rd. NCCC..... North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Rd. SCC..... Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Rd. SVP..... South Valley Park, 19003 Watkins Mill Rd.</p>	<p>TCPR..... Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Pl. WCC..... Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Ct. WHPR..... Walker House Party Room, 18700 Walkers Choice Rd.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>All facilities are handicap accessible. All information tentative and subject to change.</i></p>
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IN THE NEWS

Letters to the Editor



Editor:

Breaking news! Those few who attended the Whetstone Town Hall on April 24, 2017 were met with a surprise.

The Maryland State legislature voted unanimously for HB789 to be effective on October 1 establishing the percentage of affirmative votes required to adopt an amendment to an HOA governing document as 60% of the votes of lot owners in good standing in the community.

How does this new law connect with the Whetstone quorum requirement and Amendment 2?

1. Originally set at 75% 50 years ago, the Whetstone quorum has been at 67% for 25 years.

2. Unhappy with the burden to obtain a solid majority of Whetstone resident support for changes, the Whetstone Board proposed to reset the quorum to 50% in the 2016 Amendment Ballot which failed to garner resident support.

3. Unwilling to accept the failed outcome of 2016, the Whetstone Board is attempting once again to force feed the 50% quorum in its 2017 Mother's Day Amendment Ballot.

4. The application of the Mother's Day Ballot Amendment 2 needs to be revised and harmonized with the requirements of HB789.

5. With overreaching HOA governance increasingly unpopular among home buyers, Whetstone would be wise to seek the most straightforward governance approach possible.

A vote for Amendment 2 is premature. Consequently, I urge residents not to vote for Amendment 2 until the impact of HB789 is fully digested by the Whetstone Board and explained to residents.

However, residents are urged to approve Amendment 1 in order to prohibit adult medical day care services in Whetstone.

Don O'Neill
Whetstone

Lake Whetstone Park update

Play equipment and pads are being installed this week at Lake Whetstone. The natural-themed equipment and new park benches will be a fun addition to the park and give visitors more play options. Residents are reminded that the equipment is not useable until the surfacing materials have been installed and the safety fencing removed.



Picnic Pavilion Rentals

Residents can now reserve picnic pavilions at Hurley Park and Apple Ridge Recreation Area for private functions. Permits will be required for use of the pavilions Friday through Sunday, and may be issued for weekday use through September 30 each year. Permits may be issued to residents who are in good standing, cost \$80 (with a \$100 refundable security deposit) and include access to a port-o-john.

Two time slots will be available: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. or 3 to 7:30 p.m. Permit applications are available at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, and online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.



Activity Card Update 2017

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

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

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

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

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

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

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IN THE NEWS

Board

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the basketball court at Martin P. Roy Park. Mark said the committee felt they needed more data on the use of the court before making a recommendation to the Board. It was agreed that as part of the security schedule, personnel would monitor use of the court during certain hours for a set period of time. Based on that information, the Recreation Committee would address a recommended course of action.

Following the discussion, the Board reaffirmed all recommended committee members, as well as approved committee chairs for most MVF committees; the committee members and chairs can be found online at www.montgomeryvillage.com. In other committee news, Village resident Chris Mead was appointed to the Committee on the Environment.

The Board reaffirmed an earlier e-mail vote for a

46-month agreement with NextEra Energy Services (upon recommendation from electricity broker APPI Energy) to reduce the current electricity rate for both MVF and homes corporation street light accounts. Over the 46 months, MVF expects savings of \$56,352 and an additional \$5,654 for the street light accounts.

A sole source bid for purchasing pool chemicals from Amato Industries was also approved.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Young thanked staff, the Board, volunteers and residents for their participation in the Arbor Day Celebration. He noted the tree planting and new herb garden installed at the Nature Center. Young also mentioned the play features being installed at Lake Whetstone, saying he was looking

forward to the new addition which should be finished later this month.

EVP REPORT

Executive Vice President (EVP) Dave Humpton addressed resident concerns about recent work by the landscaping contractor at North Creek Lake. He noted that future work would be better monitored to ensure that proper pruning takes place.

In development news, he relayed that Monument Realty would be submitting a formal site plan for the former golf course property in early May, and that per county processes, a public hearing would follow. This would be the time for MVF's comments relating to parks and amenities proposed for the site. Humpton also said that he expects Atlantic Realty Companies, the owners of the Village Center, to file their

plans with the county sometime this summer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

MVF Treasurer Bob Carey gave a brief overview of the year-to-date (YTD) financial health of the organization. Carey noted that Operating Revenue is favorable to the budget by 2.6% for the month and 3.1% YTD due mostly to revenue from camp registrations. He said Operating Expenses were also favorable to the budget by 1.2% for the month and 5% YTD.

The Balance Sheet shows that MVF's cash and investments make up 45% of the total assets, which are listed at over \$15.2 million, up \$900,000 from 2016. Carey also said that Investment returns are positive at 1.6%, but below the 1.9% benchmark. The returns are fueled by equities, but the

investment advisors noted that the high returns experienced last year would most likely even out in 2017.

Carey also noted that this was the fourth consecutive quarter that delinquencies were below 8%. This is mainly due to an improving real estate market and previous collection policy changes.

NEXT MEETING

The next MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 25, in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The meeting begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. with Residents Time. Residents are invited and encouraged to attend the Board meeting. The meeting agenda and information packet will be available online at www.montgomeryvillage.com the week of the meeting.

MVF Financial Reports - March 2017

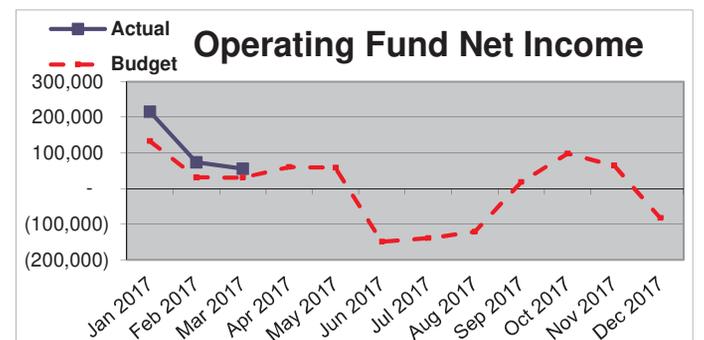
OPERATING FUND - STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE

	March 2017			YTD Mar 2017		
	Actual	Budget	Variance (Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Variance (Unfav)
Revenue:						
Assessments	518,290	518,251	38	1,554,848	1,554,754	94
Assessment Fees	(3,034)	8,561	(11,595)	46,661	57,587	(10,926)
Transfer Fees	2,925	2,056	869	8,025	6,818	1,207
Disclosure Fees	13,002	9,682	3,320	31,571	30,038	1,533
Advertising revenue	15,994	20,727	(4,733)	28,209	38,931	(10,722)
Pool Memberships/Rental Fees	3,374	6,963	(3,589)	17,226	16,699	527
Camps & Classes	30,947	15,300	15,647	77,628	41,187	36,441
Management Fees	66,486	65,934	552	199,844	197,801	2,043
Capital Contribution fee	9,816	7,882	1,934	35,846	23,059	12,787
Other Income	19,451	4,572	14,879	43,453	15,353	28,100
Total Revenue	677,251	659,927	17,324	2,043,310	1,982,227	61,082
Personnel Costs:						
Salaries & Wages	254,771	249,727	(5,044)	698,109	742,821	44,712
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	80,515	78,674	(1,841)	226,586	235,340	8,753
Personnel Costs	335,286	328,401	(6,885)	924,695	978,160	53,465
Business Expenses	12,429	10,384	(2,045)	30,425	26,830	(3,596)
Office Supplies	2,807	4,650	1,843	9,231	14,225	4,995
Program/Maint Supplies	6,962	9,500	2,538	16,808	21,900	5,092
Occupancy	18,903	22,577	3,675	52,915	64,598	11,683
Office Expenses/Svc Contracts	43,031	29,221	(13,810)	90,147	81,766	(8,381)
Equip Maintenance	1,544	1,100	(444)	2,870	2,850	(20)
Vehicle Expenses	974	2,017	1,043	2,972	5,650	2,678
Financial & Legal	5,688	12,127	6,439	41,060	46,133	5,073
Insurance	11,738	12,178	440	12,390	8,139	(4,251)
Printing	8,536	6,783	(1,753)	19,721	22,000	2,279
Landscape/Maintenance	67,391	73,821	6,429	169,118	186,710	17,593
Security	5,664	8,343	2,679	16,969	23,673	6,704
Other	130	-	(130)	106	-	(106)
Operating Costs	185,796	192,701	6,905	464,732	504,475	39,743
Contribution to Reserves	90,830	90,830	(0)	272,490	272,490	(0)
Contribution to CCF	9,816	7,882	(1,934)	35,846	23,059	(12,787)
Purchases of Assets	433	10,000	9,567	1,299	10,000	8,701
Other Equity Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserve/capital	101,079	108,712	7,633	309,635	305,549	(4,086)
Operating Expenses	622,161	629,814	7,653	1,699,061	1,788,184	89,122
Excess/Deficit Revenue	55,090	30,113	24,977	344,248	194,044	150,205

MVF BALANCE SHEET

For the Period Ended March 31, 2017

	Current	Prior Year
ASSETS		
Cash & Cash equiv	1,912,554	2,397,841
Investments	6,063,834	5,616,709
Due from Reserves	1,136,845	53,419
Assessment Receivables	515,687	640,699
Other Receivables	85,508	104,412
Current Assets	9,714,429	8,813,080
Gross Fixed Assets	13,997,614	13,910,000
Accumulated Depreciation	(6,144,027)	(7,390,958)
Fixed Assets	7,853,587	6,519,042
Other Assets	64,967	62,965
Assets	17,632,983	15,395,088
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Due to Operating	1,136,845	53,419
Payables	466,858	299,139
Sunstream Cap Lease	120,790	125,985
Deferred Revenue Liab	682,682	580,211
Liabilities	2,407,174	1,058,753
Undesignated Reserves	9,499,704	8,416,218
Designated Reserves	5,726,101	5,920,112
Equity	15,225,804	14,336,330
Liabilities & Equity	17,632,983	15,395,088



IN THE NEWS

Mark to Retire

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would develop into workable skills for future tasks in Montgomery Village, even though at the time, Mark's sights were on a job in a larger recreation department.

However, Mark says that Baker gave her one piece of advice that changed her thinking and kept her learning and growing with the Village: "Recreation in Montgomery Village will offer you a wide variety and a breadth of experience you won't find many places. Working here will give you broad knowledge of how a department operates, rather than pigeon-hole you into one particular facet of recreation." Mark took this to heart and hasn't looked back since, turning special projects and programming challenges into learning experiences and teaching opportunities for other staff.

Peggy says "this job has been so exciting for me because there has been so much to do in Montgomery Village." With that philosophy, Mark was instrumental in many changes and new initiatives over the course of her career; after 10 years in various supporting roles, she was promoted to director, a position she has proudly held for the last 31 years. Executive Vice President Dave Humpton says of her years of service, "Peggy has done a great job building a Recreation and Parks Department which provides so many wonderful programs, events and facilities for Village residents to enjoy."

Mark notes the biggest change over the last 40 years has been growth in the Village. A lot of her career has been dedicated to facility development, but she has also seen the Village grow in size, population, trends, needs and wants, leadership, opportunity and vision. Along the way, her career highlights include: helping develop the camp program; working with legislators on bond bills; forming specialized youth programs; and taking part in some exciting initiatives that had never been tackled before.

Peggy is extremely proud of Milton M. Kaufmann Park, not just for the amenities it provides, but because of the work that went into it. This partnership park with Montgomery County was the first of its kind

where the County Parks Department facilitated the use of Project Open Space funds to create a park on Montgomery Village Foundation-owned land. Mark was able to convince the county that this facility qualified for the funds and the park was paid for through money generated by tax dollars, not resident assessments.

She is also especially proud of recent changes stemming from the Long Range Facilities Plan, including the Farmers' Market and the renovations to MVF-owned pools. Mark says she thinks her favorite change over the course of her career is the nearly complete renovation of Apple Ridge Pool. This one stands out to her, not because it is fresh in her mind, but because it is such a significant deviation from the standard Village pool. She is very proud of how this pool is coming together and thinks this amenity reflects how the community has changed as well.

Peggy says it's odd to think about the number of facilities, programs and trends she has seen come and go or need to be updated and replaced, especially since she was part of their respective inception. Of course, included in that is staff she has worked with or hired and watched advance in their careers as well. "I've always tried to be supportive of my staff and their programs," she says. "I want them to succeed and offer them opportunities to grow along the way just like I had."

Mark reflects on her career at MVF. "It's hard to think it has been 40 years," she says. "I enjoy what I do, and it's hard to realize that it's okay to retire. But I hope be able to volunteer and stay active." Peggy says the best thing about her time in the Village has been the people she has gotten to know and befriend — residents, co-workers and Board and committee members. "I can see that most people genuinely appreciate the hard work you put into events and facility planning. It makes you want to keep doing it."

One thing she won't miss, though — worrying about snow removal during a winter storm. It will be nice to enjoy snow without worrying about program cancellations and snow removal at facilities!

Congratulations, Peggy, on a long and impactful career with the Montgomery Village Foundation. Your dedication to the community has benefitted all Village residents and will be missed.



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IN THE NEWS

South Dock opening weekend

Beginning Saturday, May 6, the Lake Whetstone South Dock will be open for boat rentals. This season boat rentals will be opening up a few weeks earlier than in past years and staying open through the end of September. Boats will be available for rental on weekends, Memorial Day and Labor Day from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m., with last rentals launched between 5:45 and 6:15 p.m.

South Dock has paddleboats, kayaks, canoes and row boats for rent. Residents should bring a current Activity Card to get the resident rate.

- Rental cost for canoes and rowboats is \$5 per hour for Village residents; cost for paddle boats is \$4 per half-hour for Village residents.
- Non-residents may rent boats for an additional \$3 per rental.

- Renters without current MVF Activity Cards must present a valid driver's license or ID card to rent a boat.

Children must be 16 or older to rent a boat, unless accompanied by an adult.

Privately owned boats meeting MVF guidelines can be used on Lake Whetstone with the purchase of a 2017 MVF identification sticker, which is available at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

The boat dock is located at 18701 Montgomery Village Avenue. For more information or questions during normal operating hours, call 301-740-9456. Outside of operating hours, contact Amy Roswurm at 240-243-2303, e-mail aroswurm@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



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Playground replacement work group members needed

The Montgomery Village Foundation Department of Recreation, Parks and Culture is seeking the help of interested residents for input on the replacement of the 23-year-old McKendree Playground located on Shadow Oak Drive and the 24-year-old Whetstone Community Center Playground, 19401 Brooke Grove Court. Playgrounds offer children places to exercise and play outdoors, aiding in their physical development.

Residents who use the either or both of these playgrounds or are interested in offering input on preferred new equipment are encouraged to attend upcoming community meetings to review concept designs for the playground replacements.

MCKENDREE PLAYGROUND
 A meeting to review and participate in evaluation of designs that various contractors have submitted for replacement of the playground is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 18 at the Montgomery Village Foundation Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

WHETSTONE COMMUNITY CENTER PLAYGROUND
 The playground at Whetstone Community Center is used by community members and a variety of MVF programs including Creative Discovery, Whetstone After-School Club and summer camp programs. Meeting dates and time are still to be determined.

For more information, questions or to be a part of the work group for either project, contact Amy Roswurm at 240-243-2303 or e-mail aroswurm@mvf.org.



Discounted amusement park tickets now available

The MVF Department of Recreation, Parks and Culture, in conjunction with the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association, sells discounted tickets to area amusement parks (in season) at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. Payment for these tickets must be made in person at the office and will be only accepted in cash or credit card.

Busch Gardens	\$59	Sahara Sams.....	\$26
Diggerland.....	\$25	Sesame Place	\$57
Dorney Park: Adult.....	\$43	Six Flags America.....	\$44
Dutch Wonderland.....	\$37	Special Days.....	\$35
Hershey Park: Adult	\$52	(June 12 to August 20)	
Jr. (Ages 3 to 8).....	\$40	Six Flags	
King's Dominion: Adult	\$39	Great Adventure (New Jersey).	\$43
Spring Savings	\$37	Hurricane Harbor.....	\$33
(April 21 to April 23; April 28 to		Water Country.....	\$36
April 30; May 5 to May 7; May 12 to			
May 14; May 19 to May 21; May 26			
to May 31; and June 6 to June 11)			

IN THE NEWS

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.

COOL THE 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

Tree roots act as a sponge and soak up water from the soil. They support an underground network of fibrous roots that reach wide and deep, holding soil intact, not allowing soil to wash away during heavy rains.

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.



MVF seeks residents with financial background for committees

AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

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

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

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

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

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

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

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



MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION
Department of Recreation, Parks & Culture

Assistant Pool Manager*

Starting at **\$12.62/hr.****

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

Senior Lifeguard*

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

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

Swim Instructors

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

Lifeguard*

Starting at **\$11.15/hr.****

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

For more information, contact Petra Padilla at 240-243-2363, or e-mail ppadilla@mfvf.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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IN THE NEWS

Senator King briefs MVF Board on legislative session

by Mike Conroy

Senator Nancy King attended the April 27 Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors meeting to update those in attendance on the recent legislative session. Other members of the District 39 team were attending similar events that evening.

King began the update noting that this year was a good, bipartisan session, where legislators tried to anticipate federal budget cuts to areas such as Planned Parenthood, health insurance and public television, and plan accordingly.

She said they were able to fully fund the education budget, including \$56 million for school construction in Montgomery County. Capital funds were secured for Montgomery College and the Universities at Shady Grove as well. In other

school-related items, King said legislation was put in place to put a moratorium on Pre-K testing, as well as a cap on total allowed testing time in a classroom, with the goal of more time for learning.

Additionally, legislation was passed to increase access to school meals for struggling families. King also said she sponsored a bill that increases the fine for illegally passing a school bus. While the increase in fine creates some extra revenue, the goal of this bill is to create a safer environment for children during school travel; over 6,600 instances of vehicles passing busses have been recorded in Montgomery County alone.

King thanked MVF Executive Vice President Dave Humpton for his work on behalf of the Village on vari-

ous pieces of legislation that affect home owner and condominium associations. She noted that MVF's input gives good insight into legislation that could be harmful to associations and home owners, and that helps her know what changes to advocate for.

Several pieces of legislation were implemented to provide much needed resources to treat substance abuse patients, specifically those addicted to heroin and opioids. The American Medical Association said this series of bills was very comprehensive and should help to combat this current epidemic. Other states have noted the seriousness of this problem and have begun implementing similar legislation.

The senator noted that after extensive debate, the uncertainties of fracking and associ-

ated potential environmental and health risks are still too great. The governor has signed legislation banning fracking in the State of Maryland. Libraries were removed from the Department of Education and placed into their own agency, creating an avenue for direct funding to public libraries.

King said there is a possibility of a special session in May to discuss legislation regarding licenses for the sale of marijuana in the state and parental rights for rapists.

Senator King also reported that there is funding for the I-270 project and noted that the RFP asked bidders to present the best solution to solving traffic on I-270. She said the winning bid is to install signs similar to those on I-66 in Virginia that hold traffic on off-ramps and feed them into

traffic. She added that they will have to see how this solution will fit with the Watkins Mill Interchange before the project begins.

Senator King reported that the District 39 team will hold a town hall meeting to further share legislative updates at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16 at the UpCounty Regional Services Center, 12900 Middlebrook Road, Suite 1000, Germantown.

For information on the legislation passed during the 2017 Legislative Session, visit <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov>. For more information or to address issues or concerns, residents are encouraged to contact Senator King. Visit www.friendsofnancyking.com, e-mail nancy.king@senate.state.md.us or call 301-858-3686.

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Apple Ridge Pool update



The palm trees are in and the dumping buckets are hung. The white coat has been applied and water is in the pool. It won't be long now until the renovation is complete and doors open on the new Apple Ridge Pool.

SHARE YOUR GOOD NEWS WITH THE VILLAGE

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Send your birth, engagement or wedding announcements, achievements or other good news to mvnews@mvf.org or complete the Milestones form online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.





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

Camp Tiny Feet
(ages 3 years, 9 months to 5)
6:30 to 7 p.m.
Whetstone Community Center
19140 Brooke Grove Court



Camp Soaring Stars
(ages 6 to 8)
7:15 to 7:45 p.m.
Lake Marion Community Center
8821 East Village Avenue



Camp Racing Wind
(ages 9 to 12)
7:15 to 7:45 p.m.
Lake Marion Community Center
8821 East Village Avenue



Nature Center programs



BUILD YOUR OWN ECOSYSTEM

SUNDAY, JUNE 4 | 1 TO 2 P.M.

4516.311

Come join recreation staff at the North Creek Nature Center to build your very own ecosystem out of a recycled 2-liter bottle! Your ecosystem will consist of a fish and plant. Children will learn how the fish and plant interact with one another to thrive.

This is a family activity, children must be accompanied by adults. Registration is required for everyone making their own ecosystem (adults not making their own do not need to register). Each ecosystem costs \$5.

BUILD A BIRDFEEDER WORKSHOP

SUNDAY, AUG. 6 | 2 TO 3 P.M.

4516.312

Join us at North Creek Nature Center to build a wooden birdfeeder to take home! These feeders will be great for a variety of small to medium birds and mixed bird seed. Backyard bird feeding can aid in bird survival, especially during the winter months.

Recreation staff will be on hand to guide you through the steps to complete your feeder. Children must be accompanied by adults. Pre-registration is required for everyone building a birdfeeder. Registration is not required for those not building a bird feeder. There is a \$10 fee for each bird feeder kit reserved.



Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue

Enroll in two 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.



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4007.301
Intro to STEM with Lego Summer 2 NEW!
Ages 5 to 7
Monday, Aug. 21 to Friday, Aug. 25
9 a.m. to noon
\$180/Resident
\$190/Non-resident

4007.302
STEM Challenge Summer 2 NEW!
Ages 8 to 12
Monday, Aug. 21 to Friday, Aug. 25
1 to 4 p.m.
\$180/Resident
\$190/Non-resident



Tiny Chefs

Campers push the limits on the snack concept and prepare a variety of wholesome, delicious and unique snacks. This is not your mother's PB&J! Chefs prepare a variety of bite-size munchies, like chicken salad cups, homemade granola bars, roasted red pepper humus with homemade pita chips and more! No one goes home hungry!

4007.305
Ages 5 to 7
Monday, Aug. 21 to Friday, Aug. 25
1 to 4 p.m.
\$180/Resident
\$190/Non-resident

4007.304
Ages 8 to 12
Monday, Aug. 21 to Friday, Aug. 25
9 a.m. to noon
\$180/Resident
\$190/Non-resident



Under the Sea

Campers 5 to 7 years old will make a big splash and learn all about jellyfish, octopuses, dolphins, whales and even mermaids! There's nothing fishy about using cool tools and materials to create fun paintings, collages, sculptures and more.

4004.304
Ages 5 to 7
Monday, Aug. 28 to Friday, Sept. 1
1 to 4 p.m.
\$180/Resident
\$190/Non-resident

Digital Doodles

8 to 12 year old campers will learn about famous photographers, digital cameras, photo printing and lapse motion animation, with a focus on how to create a photography set up and using photographs in artwork.

4004.309
Ages 8 to 12
Monday, Aug. 28 to Friday, Sept. 1
9 a.m. to noon.
\$180/Resident
\$190/Non-resident



Club SciKidz

Science is as vital as reading, writing and arithmetic! This action packed week will allow campers to explore what it means to be a scientist. Investigate evolution and biology using hands on experiments and current scientific technology with fellow lab partners in the Lake Marion Lab!

4005.325
Ages 5 to 7
Monday, Aug. 28 to Friday, Sept. 1
9 a.m. to noon.
\$180/Resident
\$190/Non-resident

4005.326
Ages 8 to 12
Monday, Aug. 28 to Friday, Sept. 1
1 to 4 p.m.
\$180/Resident
\$190/Non-resident



For more information or to register, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com, e-mail lhydorn@mvf.org or call 240-243-2361.

IN THE NEWS

Last call for donations for MVF's scholarship fund drive for Village high school seniors

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

An aggravated assault occurred in the 9600 block of Lost Knife Road at approximately 5:46 p.m. on April 15. The suspect displayed a weapon. The suspect was arrested.

Arrested: H/M, age 34; of Gaithersburg

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

An attempted commercial burglary occurred at the MV Veterinary Center located at 9144 Rothbury Drive in the early morning hours of April 17.

Suspect: B/M, age unknown

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

A residential burglary occurred in the 9400 block of Chatteroy Place between approximately 2 p.m. and approximately 5:15 p.m. on April 7. Forced entry; nothing was taken.

A residential burglary occurred in the 9800 block of Leatherfern Terrace between approximately 7:30 p.m. and approximately 9:30 p.m. on April 10. Forced entry; property was taken.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

“Flags for Our Heroes” memorial comes back to Bohrer Park for Memorial Day weekend

The Rotary Club of Montgomery Village and Gaithersburg Rotary Clubs are working together again this year to bring the 4th annual “Flags For Our Heroes” Memorial celebration to the City of Gaithersburg’s Bohrer Park during the Memorial Day weekend. The organizations jointly will place 750 large American flags in the Field of Honor to commemorate sponsored heroes and their service to our country.

The Opening Ceremony is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 27, rain or shine. Representatives from the City of Gaithersburg government, members of a local Scout troop, the Junior ROTC from Gaithersburg High School, members of both the Rotary clubs together as well as other participants will gather to remember those heroes being honored by our community. Representatives from both Rotary organizations and major sponsors of the event will make brief remarks during the ceremony.

Flags flown in the Field of Honor are sponsored by business organizations and individuals who wish to recognize one or more of their personal “heroes.” A hero can



photo by Eric Long

be a current member of the armed forces or a veteran, a first responder, teacher, mentor, coach, family member or anyone else whom the sponsor wants to honor or remember.

In prior years, similar events were organized by the Rotary Clubs of Easton, Maryland and Lewes-Rehoboth, Delaware. Each of these events was highly successful and enhanced their respective community’s celebration of Memorial Day. In 2014, the Rotary Club of Montgomery Village organized the first local area Flags For Our Heroes celebration with significant assistance

from former Mayor Sidney Katz and other city and county officials. This year, the Rotary Club of Montgomery Village and Gaithersburg Rotary Club wish to thank Mayor Jud Ashman and the City of Gaithersburg Recreation Department for their continued support.

For more information about this community celebration of heroes, please visit www.FlagsForOurHeroes.org. For additional information about the respective Rotary Clubs sponsoring this program, visit either www.mvrotary.org or www.gaithersburgrotary.org.

Scouting for Food

by Sam Henry, 1st Class Scout

Recently the Boy Scouts of Troop 1988 did a service project called “Scouting for Food.” It is called this because it is exactly how it sounds. The Scouts go out in the local neighborhoods in Montgomery Village to collect food. First the Scouts go and deliver bags on the doors of all the houses. Then, a week later, they come and collect them, hoping to have lots of food to donate to Gaithersburg Help. We were

extremely happy with all the food we got this year. In total, we raised about 1,500 pounds of food! Thank you for your donations to help families in need.

For more information or to learn how to join Boy Scout Troop 1988, visit <http://bsatroop1988.org/welcome/visitors/> or join us at our weekly meetings, scheduled for 7:40 p.m. on Thursdays at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.



----- Clip and Return to: Montgomery Village Rotary Club Foundation, Inc. -----

I would like to be a Flag Sponsor

Number of Heroes _____ @ \$50.00 per hero per flag = _____ Total

Name : _____ email: _____

Address: _____ City _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

My Heroes

_____	@\$50	_____	@\$50
_____	@\$50	_____	@\$50
_____	@\$50	_____	@\$50

Attach a list if you have more heroes to honor

Make your check in the amount of \$50 per hero being honored, payable to:
MVRC Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 2920, Montgomery Village, MD 20886-2920

Your contribution is tax deductible through the Montgomery Village Rotary Club Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

For more details, e-mail to: info@FlagsForOurHeroes.org

Swim Teams online

Lake Marion Lasers
www.lakemarionswimteam.com/

North Creek Neptunes
<https://sites.google.com/site/northcreekneptunes/>

Whetstone Whales
www.whetstonewhales.com



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

Please be a responsible pet owner...

Montgomery County law states that you must keep your dog on a leash and pick up and properly dispose of your dog’s defecation when outside of your premises.

ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS



Architectural Standards

The Architectural Standards Department is here to answer your questions about making changes to the exterior of your property. Architectural Standards is responsible for approving exterior changes—anything from replacing a door to building a deck or shed, to additions on your home. Call Heather Sharpless at 240-243-2355 or e-mail hsharpless@mvf.org or Erika Hottinger at 240-243-2351 or e-mail ehottinger@mvf.org. Questions may also be mailed to Montgomery Village Foundation, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886, or faxed to 301-990-7071. Specific architectural standards criteria for each community in Montgomery Village are available at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Tips for staining your deck

Spring is in full swing, and it may be time to stain your deck. Staining a deck is a great way to protect the wood from moisture, ultra violet light damage and mold. The market offers several types of deck stains in an array of color choices. Many homeowners will tackle staining their deck as a do-it-yourself project.

There are three phases of staining a deck. The first task is to select the right deck stain type for your particular deck project. The second phase is to prepare the deck surface for staining. The third phase is to actually apply the deck stain.

If your deck has never been stained, sealed or painted, then you have more options to choose from when selecting a deck stain. Stains come in three major types—clear, semi-transparent and solid stain.

Clear stains, or deck water sealers, will allow the wood grain colors to show through the stain. These stains generally only contain a wood preservative and water repellent. Most of these clear stains do not contain a pigment or color.

However, some clear stains actually do contain a pigment. If you desire a true clear coat to be applied to your deck, then it is best to purchase a sample of the clear stain to verify that it definitely is free of color before applying the stain to your deck. These clear stains generally do not protect the wood for long periods of time, as most of them do not contain oils that penetrate the wood.

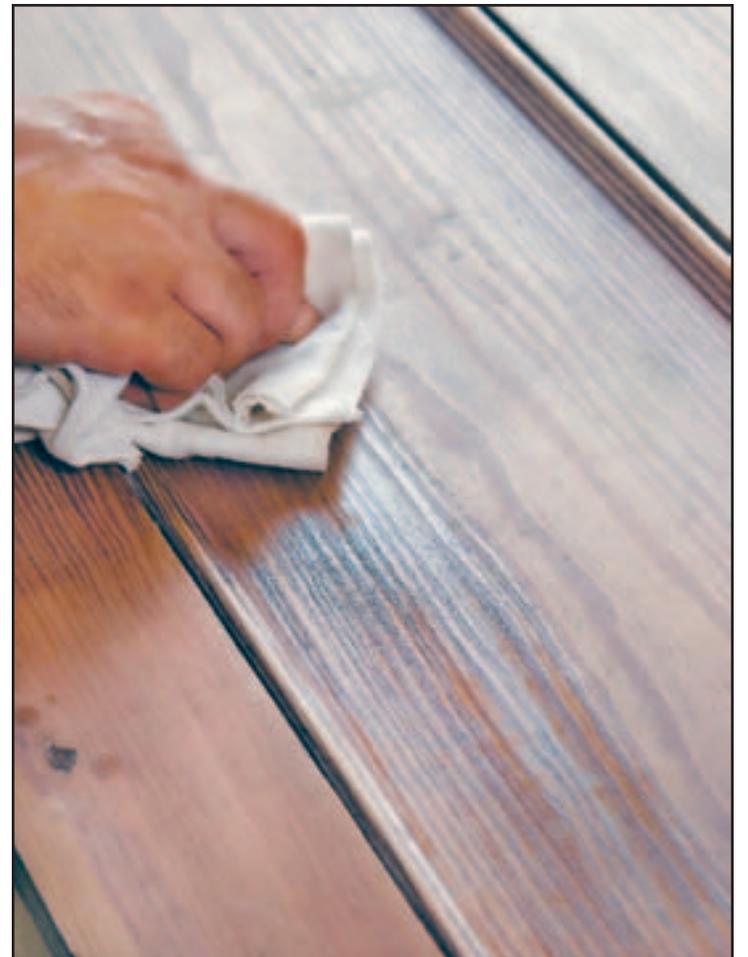
Clear stains typically have to be reapplied after a year or two, and most do not protect the wood from ultra violet light damage. There are a small number of clear stain brands that incorporate the features of the semi-transparent and solid stains, and they contain oils that permeate the wood. These choices will not require staining as often and offer better protection to the wood.

Semi-transparent stains or opaque stains will provide some color tinting, but will allow the wood grain to show through the stain. As semi-transparent stains soak into the wood, they last longer than most clear brands and

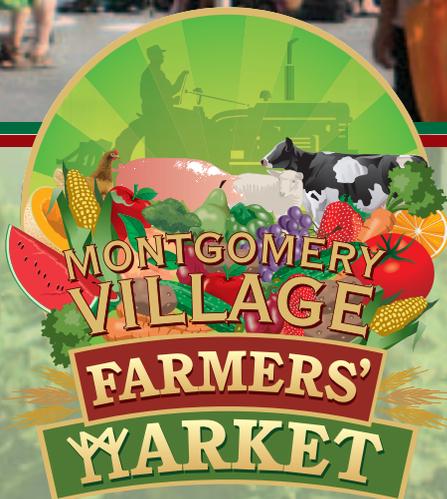
provide stronger protection. The semi-transparent stains do not have a tendency to peel, as a clear stain may. These stains will fade in color over time; however, once the fading is significant, another coat can be reapplied.

Solid stains do not seep into the deck wood. They sit on top of the deck surface and cover the wood grain like a paint. The solid stains are good for covering patterns of discoloration or for stain that looks uneven. The solid stain can provide a uniform appearance, but may need to be repainted more often, as it can chip, crack or peel.

If you decide to change the color of your deck stain or to stain a natural wood deck, then please make sure you apply for a color approval from the Architectural Standards Department before staining your deck an unacceptable color. If you require assistance in selecting a deck stain color, call 301-948-0110. We are happy to assist you and can provide a selection of approved stain colors for you to review.



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PATTON RIDGE REPORT

Patton Ridge addresses Planning Department regarding golf course development

by the Patton Ridge Board of Directors

Recently, Patton Ridge Homes Corporation President Bill Evans sent a letter to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission regarding the number of potential units to be developed on the former Montgomery Village Golf Course property, which is owned by Monument Realty.

Mr. Troy Leftwich, M-NCPPC
Montgomery Planning Department
Montgomery Regional Office Building
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760
RE: Plan #120170160 Bloom MV

Dear Mr. Leftwich:

I am writing to you on behalf of the residents of the Patton Ridge Homes Corporation (PRHC) in Montgomery Village. PRHC consists of 1,072 homes and will be the community most directly affected by the Monument Realty Bloom development due to our location on three sides of the property.

Generally, we do not oppose the new development provided that the final Bloom plan includes amenities in the concept plan, with new park areas, a trail network, children's playground, a dog park, community gardens, etc. All of these improvements were envisioned in the original plan. However, we do have significant concerns regarding the future quality of life for the residents in the new planned community based on the current proposed plan. We do understand the need and the right for Monument Realty to realize a profit from their investment; nevertheless creating overly developed neighborhoods does not appear to PRHC to be the best method to proceed.

Monument initially persuaded the Montgomery Village Foundation to accept their plan by promising low density (in the range of 350 to 375) housing, reasonably priced but upscale homes, and amenities such as those mentioned above. Adding additional homes above what was once proposed appears contrary to that promise and is a concern to many residents in our community. In addition, grouping the town houses into three locations and adding impervious roads and sidewalks will create less desirable neighborhoods at the expense of the original plan as envisioned. Lastly, the concerns raised above also enhance the greater concern for the maintenance of the existing storm water management systems from our community that drain into the former golf course site. We trust that the planning department will ensure that the new development does not negatively impact the existing storm water management system, which Patton Ridge depends on.

We ask that you again carefully review the current plan and require Monument to revise the plan to include 350 - 375 residential units, which we believe will ultimately enhance the Montgomery Village community as a whole, and Bloom in particular.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,
Willard B. Evans, Jr
President, PRHC

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

MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

Reconvened Annual Meeting

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

As a quorum was not in attendance in person or by proxy at the April 25 meeting, notice is hereby given, that a second meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23, as required by Maryland statute. At the additional meeting, the members present in person or by proxy will constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting any business. Subsequently, persons can be elected to the board of directors at that time, pursuant to and in accordance with Section 5-206 (a), Section 5-206 (b), and Section 5-206 (c) of the Annotated Code of Maryland which states:

"At the additional meeting, the members present in person or by proxy constitute a quorum. A majority of the members present in person or by proxy may approve or authorize the proposed action at the additional meeting and may take any other action which could have been taken at the original meeting if a sufficient number of members had been present."

KIDS AT PLAY

Spring is here and that means children will be out running and playing. Drive slowly through our community and keep an eye out for children crossing streets, playing in the parking lots and running from between or behind cars. Safety is everyone's responsibility.

PET OWNERS

We received several complaints about dogs roaming the neighborhoods off leash, illegally entering yards and making yards unsafe/unsanitary. Others are complaining because neighbors aren't cleaning up after their pet(s). We wanted to share the law prior to your being reported and required to pay a fine.

Dog at large: "Any dog is at large if it is outside the

owner's premises and not leashed, unless it is a service dog, is in a dog exercise area designated by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, or is participating in an approved activity. The common area of a homeowner's association, condominium or cooperative is not the owner's premises. Penalty for Violation: \$100 for first offense, \$500 for each subsequent violation."

Unwanted Contact: "The pet owner must prevent unwelcome or unsolicited threatening physical contact or close proximity to a person or a domestic animal that occurs outside the owner's property that may cause alarm in a reasonable person, such as biting, chasing, tracking, inhibiting movement or jumping. Penalty for Violation: \$500."

Animal Defecation ("pooper scooper" law) (Montgomery County Code, Sec. 5-203(a)(2)): "An owner must not allow an animal to damage or defecate on property outside of the owner's property. An animal may defecate on public property or the common area of property in which the owner shares an interest if the owner immediately removes and disposes of the feces by a sanitary method approved by the Director. Feces may be picked up in a plastic bag. If this bag is placed inside another plastic bag, it may be put out for disposal in your normal household trash. Penalty for Violation: \$100."

Animal Trespass (Montgomery County Code, Sec. 5-203(a)(3)): "An owner must not allow an animal to enter private property without the property owner's permission. Penalty for Violation: \$100."

TOWING

The current Middle Village Parking policy states:

"All vehicles parked overnight in the community are required to display an MVHC

parking tag/permit or they are subject to immediate towing. For purposes of these rules, overnight is defined as parking a vehicle in Middle Village anytime between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m."

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

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

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

CONTACTING COMSOURCE

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

The next MVHC board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23 at the Thomas Choice Clubhouse, 19401 Brassie Place.

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

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NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

North Village April board meeting (continued)

by the North Village Board of Directors

We continue our report of the North Village Homes Corporation Board of Directors meeting held on, April 20. Our last article went to press before the meeting, so we could only discuss what was on the agenda. In this article we follow up with an in-depth coverage of the meeting.

Several residents addressed the board during residents time. They were concerned about the overflow parking that occurs along Aspenwood Lane where residents have been parking and then walking to the townhouse area. Aspenwood Lane is the only road with access to Salem's Grant, and the heavy amount of parking on both sides makes driving and maneuvering in and out of driveways difficult. There are no sidewalks in this area, which also causes a safety issue for pedestrians. The board agreed to schedule a future meeting to consider options to alleviate this parking problem.

After the board approved the minutes of the February meeting, the treasurer delivered the financial reports for February and March. The bottom line is that our finances look good, but there are some big bills for tree removal and fence replacement that will be coming soon. Our bulk trash removal is over budget because a few inconsiderate residents continue to dump trash (building materials, paint cans, TVs, etc.) on common property. The good news is that our accounts receivable is \$23,000 ahead of prior years.

The board was sorry to hear board member Thomas Johnson announce that he would be retiring from the board as of the end of the meeting. He has served on the board for 11 years and has made significant contributions to the community. In past years he served as vice president and was chairman of the policy committee. His knowledge and expertise will be greatly missed.

Moving to the committee reports, the audit committee reported that the 2016 audit has been completed and will be reviewed. The budget committee announced the need to schedule a budget meeting, so the board agreed on 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 20 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

The chairperson of the maintenance committee announced

that our new contractor, Level Green, was doing a great job. In addition to maintaining our common areas, they have been conscientious in servicing our pet stations. However, the community trash cans are not always being emptied.

The public safety committee noted that our neighborhood is now using a free private online network called Nextdoor and suggested that all residents join. On this website the community shares information such as items for sale, recommendations on service providers, crime and safety concerns and local events. To join go to www.nextdoor.com/join.

The policy committee announced that our 12 policies need to be reviewed and reaffirmed.

This is done every year to ensure that all of our policies stay relevant and up to date. It was agreed that the policy review would be discussed under new business.

Next was the management report from our community manager. She reported that she is keeping a running list of operating and reserve projects to begin in the spring and submitted the list to the board for review. She said that proposals for fence replacement, entrance sign plantings and stump removal would be reviewed and voted on under new business. She added that our new

security service, American Protective Service, continues to patrol North Village per the contract and that service remains consistent.

There was no old business on the agenda, so the board next moved to new business where they reaffirmed the policies and approved four proposals. Because of the limited editorial space, we will wait until our next article to give more details on policy changes and the proposals for the following four work items:

1. Replacement of split-rail fences
2. Removal of trees and stumps
3. Enhancement of community entrance signs
4. Lawn fertilization and weed control

THE NEXT MEETING

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 15 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Residents time will precede the meeting at 7 p.m. If you have any questions, call Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2344, or e-mail asteward@mof.org.

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

WHETSTONE WATCH

Whetstone updates

by the Whetstone Board of Directors

Covenant amendment ballots are due soon. The board is striving to keep our neighborhood the beautiful residential community we love. There are only two questions. Please mark your ballot and place it in the stamped, addressed envelope, following the instructions on the outside of the envelope. You may drop it in the mail or bring it to the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. If you have misplaced your ballot, contact Community Manager Andrea Mandato at 240-243-2326, or ask a board member and we will get a replacement ballot to you.

The Whetstone Maintenance Committee continues its monthly inspection of com-

munity property. We are very pleased with the condition of the turf and the neat appearance of our community entrances. Our landscape contractor, JB Kline, has been doing an excellent job of keeping up with the mowing during this time of the year when the grass grows fastest.

The budget committee will meet in the next few weeks to prepare the 2018 budget. Please look for a notice of date and time. The meeting is usually held at the Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court.

Resident input is always welcome.

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

NORTHGATE NEWS

Please help keep Northgate clean!

by the Northgate Board of Directors

Please help keep our community clean by observing the ample and simple-to-follow opportunities to dispose of unwanted items.

For those of you who have items you need to have shredded, Montgomery County is holding its second shred event of the year from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 13 at Northwest High School, 13501 Richter Farm Road, Germantown. Additionally, the Rotary Club of Montgomery Village is sponsoring a shred event and donation drive the following week from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 20 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Both events are free services and are a great way to dispose of old tax records, etc.

Northgate provides ample resources to handle trash, including twice-weekly trash pickups and bulk pickups once-per-week as needed. The county provides once-per-week recycling. With few exceptions, that should cover every resident's trash removal needs. Those exceptions can almost always be handled by taking the items to the Shady Grove Transfer Station, a short distance from Montgomery Village (MVA>Midcounty Highway>Shady Grove Road>Left on 355>almost immediate Left into Transfer Station).

The Points and Overlea have trash pickup on Mondays and Thursdays. Bulk pickups are Thursday. All the other neighborhoods—Apple Ridge, Dorsey's Regard, the McKendrees, Shadow Oak

and Williams Range—have trash pickup on Tuesdays and Fridays. Bulk pickups are on Fridays.

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

The Home Depot has 32-gallon trash cans with lids that cost from \$13 to \$15, depending on whether or not the can has wheels. Please take advantage of the reasonable prices and always place your trash out in a lidded container.

On another note, we again ask residents of The Points who are considering converting to gas heat to please do so this year. Washington Gas tears up the roads whenever anyone does a conversion, and we hope to repave The Points next year. To clarify, if your house is on the opposite side of the street from the gas line, Washington Gas digs up the street. Northgate is supposed to be informed, and Washington Gas is supposed to go under the road. Oftentimes, the work is started before anyone but the surrounding homeowners know about it. It would help tremendously if you would put your conversion plans into play. Thank you.

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



HOMES CORPORATIONS

EAST VILLAGE ECHO

Saving money for residents

by David Cline

A lot of your assessment dollars are spent to keep East Village safe and attractive. The East Village Board of Directors is dedicated to wisely spending funds. Often, decisions to spend money occur on maintenance inspection trips. Have you ever wondered how those decisions are made to spend or not spend your money?

In that spirit, I'd like to invite you on our most recent inspection trip from April 27.

We get started after we have our coffee, and I'm joined by Kevin Linck, Community Manager April Steward and our driver, Todd, from Brightview, the maintenance company. We first look at our inspection list created by April. She adds to the list from requests from board members, residents and Brightview. April also makes a daily drive through the East Village and updates her list when she spots a problem needing attention. We add things if we find something new on our drive.

Often, when we're out and about, residents will see us and point out items that need attention. We really appreciate their help, plus it gives us a chance to visit.

TREES—TO TRIM OR CUT?

So, if you're with us, we start near Goshen Road and work our way through the East Village. On our first stop, we have to decide if we should trim trees away from a home. It's a yes if tree limbs are closer than 4-feet to a resident's roof.

Cutting trees. If it's a dead tree, for safety's sake, we take it down. There are times, though, we'll cut down a living tree if it looks like it might fall.

Trees are a big item right now due to recent spring storms that crashed through the metro area in March and April. Those trees caused property damage and injured or killed people. We take trees seriously.

However, trees can fall without storms. A diseased or old tree fell on my deck and destroyed it two weeks ago. Afterwards, a landscaper friend suggested that trees near our homes be assessed, since others may be diseased, too. As a result, I ordered that all trees near East Village homes be inspected for the safety of residents.

Based on those events, we zeroed in on trees even more closely.

It's expensive to cut down trees. Fortunately, we have a fixed contract with Brightview to pay \$900 per tree. Sometimes a tree is so remote on East Village property, it can cost the company \$3,000. We save money there. Other times, it costs them \$500 to cut, and they make a larger profit. It balances out and saves us money.

TOT LOTS

Tot lots are great for children. We all know children. They sometimes make messes. It's really helpful when neighbors help keep things clean. If we paid for daily pickup by Brightview, our assessments would increase. Residents we talked with said they'd work with their neighbors to help out. We're really reaching out to you for your help.

We had a request for new equipment in The Reach. It would cost \$50,000 for new equipment.

We started to brainstorm: replace two missing bolts, add paint, power wash, new

brackets, etc. If we could spend \$1,000 and save \$49,000, it would be worth it. Stretch our dollars and keep things looking good. We ended on a good note.

Keep sending in suggestions and let us know how we're doing. If you see us next time, say "Hi."

MEETING WITH POLICE CAPTAIN PALLAS

Residents received a notice a few weeks ago that the Public Safety Training Academy was going to use sirens last month. It appeared sirens were used earlier than what we expected.

To clarify things, East Village Vice President Kevin Linck, Community Manager Steward and myself met with Captain Pallas, superintendent of the PSTA.

The captain explained that it was one of those situations of him being proactive and alerting the community to the possibility of sirens used for a very short exercise. The captain didn't want the community to be caught off guard. As it turned out, the sirens weren't needed. Siren training sessions for the month of May are still on schedule.

We appreciate what the police do for us; we're looking forward to working together. Residents are encouraged to contact our community manager if they have any concerns in the future. East Village's ability to quickly communicate via Facebook and the *Village News* should prove helpful to all.

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.

STEDWICK SIGNALS

Spring in Stedwick

by Keith Silliman

Spring is here and summer is not far away. The Dogwood trees and Azalea bushes are in full bloom. Grass cutting season has begun.

The maintenance committee is working to finalize locations for the planting of additional Dogwood, Redbud and Cherry trees in September or October. The trees will be provided by Pepco. Since most of those trees are understory trees, they will probably be planted near existing trees.

All the storm sewers in Stedwick were recently cleaned and inspected as part of a routine annual cycle.

The Stedwick Board of Directors has awarded a contract to replace/upgrade the tot lot equipment in Forest Brooke North. We anticipate that the new equipment will be in place for the summer.

Considerable time and effort has been expended in preparation for the replacement of a retaining wall in the Forest Brooke community. A utility easement exists inside the current retaining wall, and telephone and cable TV lines have been installed outside the utility easement and outside the wall, which may prevent the reconstruction of the wall at its current location. The next step is to work with the cable TV provider to have those wires moved into the utility easement. Then we will be working with an engineering

firm and the county permitting services about how to proceed.

The next community wide inspection is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, so if you know about items or issues that need to be checked, contact our community manager at the phone number or e-mail address below.

A post-legislative session town hall meeting hosted by the District 39 State Senator and Delegates is scheduled for 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16 at the Upcounty Regional Services Center, 12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown. That will be an opportunity to hear from our senator and delegates and ask questions.

The next meeting of the Stedwick Board of Directors is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17 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. In the meantime, if you have an issue, contact your Stedwick Homes Corporation community management team at 240-243-2326, or e-mail stedwickhc@mof.org.

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

**MVF Pools Open
Saturday, May 27
at Noon**

Stedwick Pool opens Saturday, May 20 at 2 p.m.

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RECREATION

Teddy Bear Picnic

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

Furry friendly activities will include a themed craft, special story circle and an adventure through a children's story book come to life. Yummy treats and a photo station will only add to this fun afternoon for kids 2 ½ to 8 years old. Teddy Bear Picnic costs \$12/Resident child, \$17/Non-resident child and \$6/Adult. Free admission to Teddy Bears and other stuffed friends!

For more information or to register, contact Melanie Maggi at 240-243-2338, e-mail

mmaggi@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



Camp Tiny Feet

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

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

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

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



Drop in to spring fitness classes!

Classes with drop-in options include: Pop Pilates on Tuesdays and Thursdays; Aerobics Monday to Thursday; Zumba on Wednesdays and Saturdays; Tango and Drop-In Basketball on Wednesdays; and Yoga on Wednesdays and Sundays.

For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110 or visit <https://apm.activecommunities.com/montgomeryvillage>.

North Creek Activity Center and Whetstone Summer Club

Looking for a more flexible camp option this summer? Check out North Creek Activity Center or Whetstone Summer Club! Both programs offer children ages 6 to 13 a variety of activities including art projects, board games, playground play and group games both inside and outdoors.

New this year are North

Creek's extended hours, now offering a full day program for only \$360/Resident for the entire summer! Whetstone Summer Club offers a convenient afternoon-only option for \$249/Resident.

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





**Family
TENNIS
Play Day**

FREE

Saturday, May 13
1 to 3 p.m.

North Creek Tennis Courts
20125 Arrowhead Road




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

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



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

RECREATION



photo by Melanie Maggi

Creative Discovery families gathered at Whetstone Community Center on Wednesday, May 3 for their annual Spring Concert! It was a packed house with 70 of the children's relatives and friends gathered to hear the performance before digging into a picnic style dinner! Creative 4's will be graduating 10 students this year on Wednesday, May 17.

Creative Discovery enrollment

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

technology and, of course, the alphabet! The curriculum is based on MCPS kindergarten requirements in order to ensure that students are up to speed and ready to shine in elementary school.

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

MVF SPRING FLEA MARKET 4032.301

SATURDAY, MAY 6 8a.m. to 1p.m.

Rain Date: Sunday, May 7

North Community Center Parking Lot
20125 Arrowhead Road

Boy Scout Troop 1988 Fundraiser
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The Arc Montgomery County will provide a donation truck for clothing, linens, shoes, belts, handbags, backpacks and housewares.



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



44th Annual All-Comers Swim Meet, June 10

You don't have to be a member of a swim team to participate in the All-Comers Swim Meet on Saturday, June 10 at the North Creek Pool, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Swimmers ages 6 to 18 can compete. Warm up is from 7:30 to 7:50 a.m., and the meet starts at 8 a.m. Ribbons will be given for first through twelfth place finishes for ages 12 and under and first through sixth place finishes for ages 13 to 18.

Entries are \$1 per event. All entries are due by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7. Late entries are \$2 per event and will be accepted at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, by 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 8.

For more information, call 301-948-0110. The rain date for the All-Comers Swim Meet is Sunday, June 11.



It's Swim Team Season...dive in

Village swim teams provide one of the perennial favorite summer activities for children ages 4 (as of June 1) to 18, whose families have current Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) activity cards.

Who swims on which team? Different Village communities are assigned to different teams. Designated Users, that is Vil-

lage households that pay a quarterly assessment for pools and community centers, are listed here. Also, "buy-in" communities are listed. These are communities where property owners do not pay the Designated User Assessment to the MVF for the use of Foundation-owned and operated pools, but pay instead to swim in a pool owned by

a condominium or rental community. Families who live in these communities and have children who wish to join a Village swim team can purchase a family membership for \$413.04 per year which entitles an entire family to use any of MVF's seven pools for the entire summer.

WHETSTONE WHALES

Registration Information: www.whetstonewhales.com

Ages: 4 through 18

Fees: \$120 first child, \$105 second child, \$90 each additional child

Plus \$5 registration fee (per family).

Whetstone Whales Swim Team Season Kick-Off and Ice Cream Social: Friday, May 26 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court

Contact Person: Carolyn Fisher, cmtfisher@gmail.com

The Whetstone Swim Team is for families in the following communities: Dockside, Fairway Islands, Grovers Forge, The Hamptons, Maryland Place, Millrace, Nathans Hill, Poplar Springs, Whetstone, Club Hill, Clubside, Clusters I & II, Clusters III, Forest Brooke, Frenchton Place, Heights and Ridges of Stedwick.

"Buy-in" communities include: Horizon Run, Thomas Choice Gardens, Thomas Choice West, Thomas Choice Condo, Center Court, Center Stage, Christopher Court, Heron's Cove, Normandie on the Lake I & II, Park Place I & II and Walker's Choice.

NORTH CREEK NEPTUNES

Registration Information: Saturday, May 13, 3 to 5 p.m.

Registration form also available at www.goneptunes.com.

Location: North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road

Ages: 5 (as of June 1, or entering Kindergarten in September) through 18 (by June 1, 2017).

Fee: \$130, first child, \$120 second child, \$110 for each additional child

Contact Person: Jennifer Hammond, jvilloso@hotmail.com.

The North Creek Swim Team is for families in the following communities: Apple Ridge, Arrowhead, Dorseys Regard, Essex Place, Fairridge, Green-tee, Highfield, Highland Hall, McKendree, McRory, Overlea, Partridge Place, Perry Place, Pleasant Ridge, Points, Salems Grant, Shadow Oak and Williams Range.

LAKE MARION LASERS

Registration Information: Ice Cream Social, Friday, May 12, 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, May 27, 2 to 4 p.m.

Location: Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue

Ages: 4 to 18

Fee: visit www.lakemarionswimteam.com for details

Contact Persons: Lesley Handy, lahandy@comcast.net, Irma Najarro, irmanajarro@gmail.com

The Lake Marion Swim Team is for families who live in: East Village, Eastgate and Picton.

NOTE: Be sure to bring your current activity card along when registering for any of the swim teams to verify your Village residency.

KIDS PAGE



MV Kids Learn About **Star Wars Day**

May 4 is "Star Wars Day," when fans celebrate everything Star Wars, created by George Lucas. The date was chosen for the easy pun on the catchphrase "May the Force be with you" as "May the Fourth be with you."



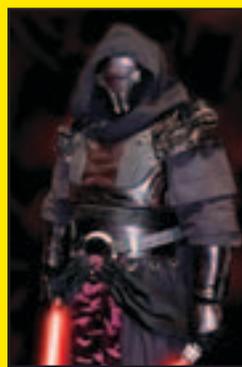
Original Costumes to Celebrate Star Wars Day

In preparation for your first Star Wars Day in costume, check out the many resources online. From DIY (do-it-yourself) ideas to store-bought costumes complete with accessories.



Revenge of the Fifth

May 5, has come to be called "Revenge of the Fifth," a play on *Star Wars: Episode III – Revenge of the Sith*. On this day, fans join the "Dark Side" by celebrating the Sith Lords from the Star Wars series.



History

- It is rumored that the reference was first used on May 4, 1979, the day Margaret Thatcher took office as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. An online news article says her political party, the Conservatives, placed a congratulatory advertisement in *The London Evening News*, saying "May the Fourth Be with You, Maggie. Congratulations."
- The saying was used in a UK Parliament defence debate on May 4, 1994.
- In 2011, the first organized celebration of Star Wars Day took place in Toronto, Ontario, Canada at the Toronto Underground Cinema. Festivities included an Original Trilogy Trivia Game Show; a costume contest with celebrity judges; and the web's best tribute films, mash-ups and parodies.
- Since 2013, The Walt Disney Company has officially observed the holiday with several Star Wars events and festivities at Disneyland and Walt Disney World. Disney had purchased Lucasfilm including the rights to *Star Wars* in late 2012.
- Minor League baseball teams such as the Toledo Mud Hens and the Durham Bulls have worn special uniforms as part of Star Wars Day promotions.
- On Star Wars Day 2015, astronauts in the International Space Station watched *Star Wars*.



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2017 Active Aging Expo

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

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



SiA Caring Hands

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

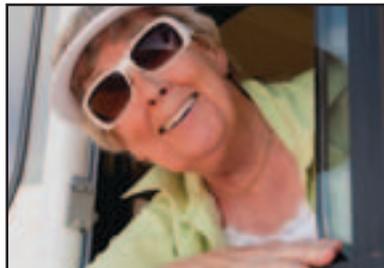
Seniors in Action will be hosting various drives throughout 2017 to benefit at risk families and community members. Meetings will be held as needed.

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



Potluck

Join us on Wednesday, May 17 for our final SiA Winter/Spring session potluck! As always, please bring a dish and all members are welcomed to join us on that day.



Spring Field Trip

An announcement for the upcoming Seniors in Action trip will be made soon. Please stay tuned to know where the group will be going next!

Calendar

MONDAY



Arts and Crafts 10 a.m. to noon

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



Pickleball 10 a.m. to noon

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



Book Discussion Group 10 to 11 a.m. - third Monday each month May 15: "The Escape" by David Baldacci

TUESDAY



Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m.

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



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

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

WEDNESDAY



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

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

THURSDAY



Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m.

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



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

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

FRIDAY



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

second Friday each month
Bring a lunch (beverages will be provided) and play bingo with friends. Members may bring friends and family to join in the fun.
Free for members, \$2/Non-member
Next date: May 12

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

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

SCHOOL NEWS

WMHS Rock the Block scheduled for June 3

Join your friends, neighbors and community in a celebration of Wolverine Pride from 3 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 3 at Watkins Mill High School (WMHS), 10301 Apple Ridge Road. WMHS is hosting a free community-wide Rock the Block celebration of all things WMHS! Come celebrate residents, diversity and the great things that our schools have to offer.

On tap for the day are moon bounces; carnival games; prizes; inflatable games; a dunk tank; fire trucks; police cruisers; K9 demos; free hot dogs, cotton candy and popcorn; local food trucks; live DJ mu-

sic; a balloon clown; a ninja turtle performer; and plenty more! Student performances will also be held throughout the day from student groups at WMHS.

Visitors will also be able to get information from organizations and schools to learn more about the programs available in both the school and surrounding communities.

Share in the fun and get a good look at what WMHS students and staff have been up to this year. Bring your school spirit and Wolverine pride—this is a family event you don't want to miss!

Montgomery County Automotive Trades and Information Technology students to host used car and computer sale

The Montgomery County Automotive Trades Foundation (ATF) and Information Technology Foundation (ITF) have reconditioned vehicles and computers for sale.

Three times a year, students from the ATF and ITF programs operate public sales where refurbished vehicles and computers are offered to the community at competitive

prices. These sales provide ATF and ITF students with the opportunity to practice their sales skills, earn Student Service Learning hours and develop a deeper appreciation for community involvement. By coming to the sale, patrons will support our students and help to enhance their sales skills.

Cars and computers will be on sale from 9 to 11 a.m.

on Saturday, May 13 at the Thomas Edison High School of Technology, 12501 Dalewood Drive, Silver Spring. For more information, contact Kelly Johnson at 301-929-2197, e-mail Kelly_R_Johnson@mcpsmd.org, or visit

www.atfcareers.org or www.itfcareers.org.

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AT YOUR LEISURE

Lake Frank and Meadowside Nature Center walk

The Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club is sponsoring a walk on Saturday, May 20 in Rockville. The 10km trail is rated 2B and the 5km trail is rated 2A. The trails start on community sidewalks and then enter Rock Creek Park to follow a trail with views of Lake Frank and the dam. The 5km trail reverses

direction at the far end of the dam bypassing the Nature Center. The 10km trail continues from the end of the dam on natural-surface nature trails to the Meadowside Nature Center.

After your visit to the Nature Center, the trail continues along the Rock Creek North Branch and then back to the

dam. From the dam, both trails return on the paved Rock Creek Park trail connector and up a significant hill to the start/finish. Walking sticks are recommended for the 10km trail.

The Start/Finish point is at the patio next to Urban Bar-B-Que, Rock Creek Village Shopping Center, 5566 Norbeck Road, Rockville. Parking

is available in and behind the shopping center. The walk is free; Volksmarch credit is \$3. The start time is between 9 and 11:30 a.m.; participants must finish by 3 p.m. Restrooms are available in shopping center stores at the start/finish and at the Nature Center. The 5km trail may be suitable for wheelchairs and strollers. Pets

are allowed on the trail but not in buildings and must be leashed at all times. Water and candy will be available at the Start Point.

For more information, contact Alice Filemyr at 240-753-0009 or e-mail alice.filemyr@gmail.com.

Vacation Bible School

The Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene (GCN) invites all children ages 3 through 5th grade to Vacation Bible School, Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, built for a purpose. VBS is scheduled from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, July 10 to Friday, July 13.

For more information or to register, visit www.gaithersburgnazarene.org or 301-330-0366. GCN is located at 8921 Warfield Road, Gaithersburg.



MV Garden Club excursion

Always active, the Montgomery Village Garden Club will take their next meeting on the road, to Seasons Nursery, 8135 Snouffer School Road, on Thursday, May 11. Arrive early at 5:30 p.m. to purchase plants at a 20% discount.

Bring along your lawn chair and settle in at 6 p.m. for Cindy Haggerty's talk and demonstration: Container Gardening with Succulents (a plant variety with thick leaves or stems to conserve moisture). An appeal of these hardy plants is their ability to thrive in a wide variety of "containers." Not limited to an attractive

ceramic container, a gardener might choose a watering can, an old teapot or maybe even a worn-out hiking boot as home to a succulent.

Haggerty, who has worked in the garden center industry for 30 years, will share her expertise in cultivating live plants, focusing this evening on succulents, in both indoor and outdoor containers.

For more information, contact MV Garden Club President Marjorie Carter at 315-734-1009 or Program Chair Carol Plummer 301-330-4771. Or, just come join us for a pleasant and informative evening!

Resident artist displays work at Oasis Art Gallery

Village resident and professional artist Estelle Zorman will be displaying artwork at the Oasis Art Gallery from Monday, May 15 through Friday, July 7 with fellow painter Pauline Rakis. An artist's re-

ception is scheduled from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 20.

The Oasis Gallery is located in the Macy's Home Store at Westfield Montgomery Mall, 7125 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda. Oasis provides a

range of activities and classes for seniors. For more information, call 301-469-6800, press 1, then extension 211, or e-mail oasisartgallery1@gmail.com.



MCPD Autism/Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Night Out

The Montgomery County Police Department's Autism/Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Outreach Unit is committed to educating and bringing awareness of Alzheimer's, Autism, Intellectual Disabilities and Down Syndrome to the community and to officers, while providing resources to loved ones of those with one of these conditions. The IDD Outreach Unit has created a layered approach to Autism and Intellectual Disabilities awareness, that includes education, outreach, follow up, empowerment and response.

The department recognizes that caregivers of loved ones with these disorders have a huge responsibility and that

understanding, support and collaboration with local police officers is essential.

On Friday, May 19, from 6 to 9 p.m., the Montgomery County Police Department, with the assistance of Autism Speaks, Pathfinders For Autism and the Down Syndrome Network of Montgomery County (DSNMC) will host the 5th Annual "Autism/Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Night Out" at the new location of the Montgomery County Public Safety Training Academy, 8751 Snouffer School Road, Gaithersburg. This safety fair will provide valuable information to loved ones while also providing an opportunity for police officers to receive additional informa-

tion from caregivers about these medical conditions.

There will be activities for the entire family: meet police canines, tour emergency vehicles, get your face painted and bounce on a moon bounce. Each family will receive a Safety Kit, Safety T-Shirt and more!

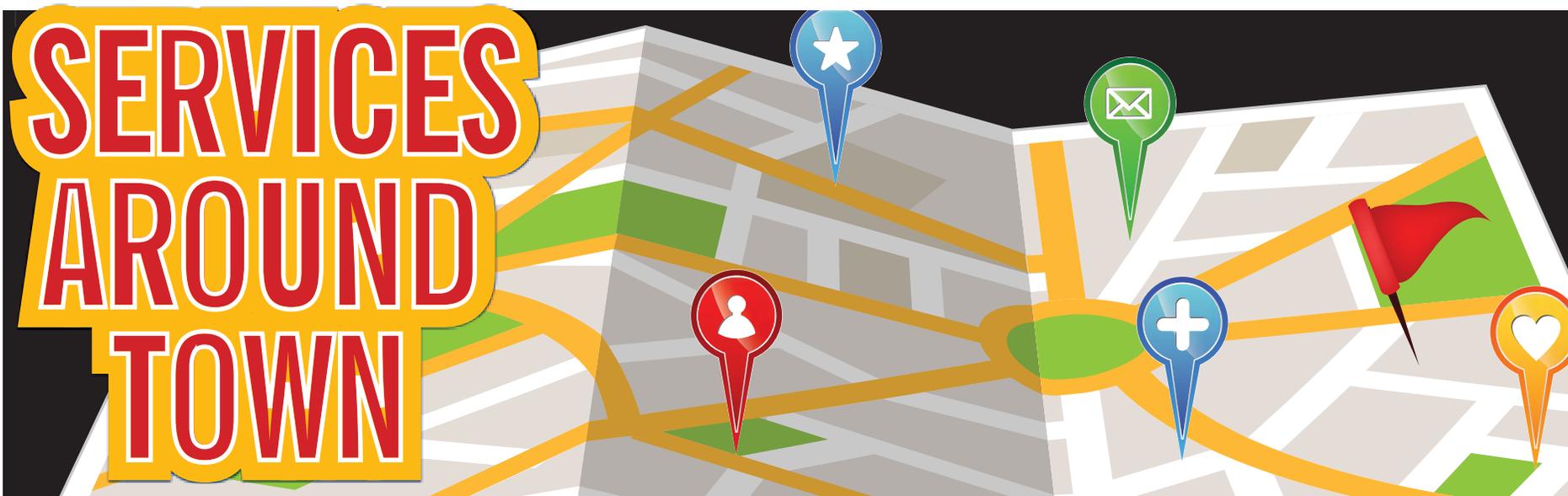
Caregivers, parents, loved ones and community members who want to learn more about autism and intellectual and developmental disabilities are invited to attend. Pre-register at <http://act.autismspeaks.org/site/Calendar?id=100393&view=Detail>. Pre-registration is encouraged, but not required.

For more information, e-mail Officer Laurie Reyes at laurie.reyes@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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Apply online at www.montgomeryvillage.com. For more information, contact Lauren Hydorn at 240-243-2314 or e-mail lhydorn@mvf.org. EOE.

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KENSINGTON \$695,000

Beautiful 5 BR, 3.5 BA, SFH w/1st floor master suite, 2-car garage, hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces, new carpet and fresh paint – stunning master bath w/designer tile, free-standing slipper tub, walk-in shower, separate vanities – large LR, DR and Rec. room – open kitchen w/granite counters, wood floor, bay window, tons of cabinets & counters – full fin. bsmt. w/full BA, BR, fireplace.



PICTON/EAST VILLAGE \$196,900

Newly listed 3 BR, 2.5 BA TH w/new windows, expanded updated kitchen, renovated bathrooms, neutral decor w/fresh paint – custom tile work in baths, full size washer & dryer – unique built-in child's desk/table in kitchen – huge master suite w/ceiling fan – generously sized childrens' BRs – outside deck great for entertaining – excellent value!

Coming Soon

- 🏠 THE POINTS SFH 5 BR, 3.5 BA
- 🏠 PARTRIDGE PLACE 3 BR, 2.5 BA, Fin. Bsmt.
- 🏠 OVERLEA TH 2 BR, 2.5 BA, Loft, Fin. Bsmt.

Under Contract



KENTLANDS CONDO \$259,000

AFFORDABLE LUXURY!
Beautiful 3 BR, 2 FBA condo in secure building located in Kentlands Ridge. Updates include carpet, paint, appliances, granite counters and NEW WINDOWS. Living room fireplace. 2nd floor location with balcony – this is a short sale transaction.



ESSEX PLACE I \$205,000

MOVE-IN READY!
Beautiful 3 level, 2 BR, 1.5 BA town home with full basement – bright comfortable space full of natural light – recreation room and great storage in lower level – perfect starter home in move in condition.

Sold



THE HEIGHTS \$367,000

SFH w/oversized 2-car garage & fenced backyard – sunroom addition, expanded table space kitchen w/new dishwasher & tons of counter space – 4 BR, 2.5 BA, separate DR, LR, FR w/fireplace, hardwood floors, ceiling fans. Excellent value!



EAST VILLAGE \$349,000

Stunning garage 3 BR, 2 FBA, 2 HBA TH. Renovated kitchen w/new stainless steel appliances – wood floors, new carpet, ceramic tile – Fireplace, finished w/o basement – deck, fenced backyard.



WHETSTONE \$415,000

Renovated 5 BR, 3 full BA brick home. New kitchen w/granite and stainless appliances. New master BA and dressing area – new windows – freshly painted!



WILLIAMS RANGE \$422,000

Lovely 4 BR, 2 FBA home in Williams Range! Hardwood floors, renovated baths & kitchen – beautiful landscaping & brick paver hardscape!



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