Volume XLVI, No. 13 Montgomery Montgomer





The Lake Marion Lasers got sharky with their Jaws float in the MVF Independence Day Parade celebrating "A 50th Fourth." Residents also enjoyed this year's 5K Race, 1-Mile Fun Run and midway amusements. For more pictures from the event, parade contest results and 5K and Fun Run race results, see pages 14 and 15.

"The Reagan Years" to play 50th Anniversary Concert Saturday, July 23

by Mike Conroy

You may have heard of the East Coast's original 80s tribute band, The Reagan Years, but did you know that founding member Sy Seyler lived in Montgomery Village for almost a decade? Before putting together the original lineup of band members and playing shows all year long, Sy enjoyed life as a Village resident, choosing the area for many of the same reasons residents have been here for better part of 50 years.

Seyler says that moving here from Pennsylvania seemed like the right fit. He enjoyed the quiet family setting and feeling he got from Montgomery Village. His home was very convenient to work (the short commute sure beats long hours on the road for some of the band's current gigs), and it was convenient to everything that was "city-like" — food, shopping and attractions.

Although Seyler is a music enthusiast, he never made it to any of the Sunday concerts in South Valley Park. Among his favorite parts of the Village, though, he recalls the green, grassy fields that made for a "comfortable living area." He was especially fond of Lake Whetstone, noting the natural setting and wildlife. "I really liked the late spring, when you saw the geese with their goslings and the baby ducks swimming in the lake. That brings up good feelings, good memories for me."

Seyler added that as the years went on, he saw the addition of soccer fields near his Village home. He was impressed with the Village's dedication to recreation and open space, noting that having areas for sports and outdoor activities is important, and not something that every neighborhood had at the time. As his family grew and needs changed, Seyler moved out of the Village, but stayed in the local area, slowly focusing more on music, until recently turning The Reagan Years into a full time job.

In the beginning, though, it was much different. Reagan Years co-founder Karen Ellison and Seyler were playing original music in a band together in the mid 1990s. After a music business seminar in New Orleans, where the band was hopeful for a record deal that didn't pan out, the two knew it was time for a change. Seyler recalls, "If there was ever a chance for a record deal, that was it. But it didn't come through, so we changed modes and starting playing covers." Seyler, a drummer, and Ellison, an accomplished keyboardist, knew they needed to capture a unique sound in order to showcase Ellison's talent.

'90s music, the popular music at the time, was just too dark, and nothing had a keyboard in it. It was a lot of low bass and dropped 'D' tuned guitar driven music. So the keyboard was essential to us choosing to play 80s music. Plus, I really liked the music," says Seyler. "Karen is a really talented player, so this definitely gave her a chance to shine." With that in mind, they set out to find some other band members and make a name for themselves. Speaking of a name, Seyler says that in an early brainstorming session of iconic 80s moments and ideals, Ronald Reagan's infamous words "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall" kept echoing in his head. Many things in the 1980s could be summed up by Reagan's era in office. "The Reagan Years just kind of rolled off my tongue.

See REAGAN YEARS page 7

MVF Board approves permanent cricket pitch for Apple Ridge ballfield

by Mike Conroy

Since 2006, a temporary cricket pitch has been maintained in the outfield of Apple Ridge ballfield. Use of this pitch by Village residents and teams associated with the Maryland Premier Cricket League (MPCL) has grown over the last several years, resulting in many teams using the field and visiting Montgomery Village on a regular basis. Based on staff's analysis of requests and proposals from MCPL, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors has approved the negotiation of an agreement with MCPL to donate funds for a permanent pitch at the Apple Ridge ballfield location.

MPCL will share their expertise related to the pitch with MVF, which will be funded by the Capital Contribution Fee. It is proposed that the negotiated funds from MCPL will be used for current and future maintenance on the pitch, with anticipated installation for a fall 2016 season. The permanent cricket pitch will provide a much better surface for playing games, as well as practice time for 6 to 8 teams.



July 13 10:30 a.m. KidjA.M. – Pirate Magic with Captain Silly Bones

June 17 6 p.m. Wylde Fire (party rock) July 20 10:30 a.m. KidjA.M. – Ray Owens Musical Animal Odyssey See the full schedule

See the full schedule on page 16

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

In other regular business, the Board appointed a chairperson for the Recreation Committee and two bids for maintenance work at MVF facilities. Per the Recreation Committee's recommendation, Karen Neilson was re-appointed chair of the committee by the Board.

A bid for concrete repair work at North Creek and Lake Marion community centers was awarded to Total Asphalt Maintenance for \$26,583.25 to fix cracked and heaving sidewalks and curbing. Additionally, Playground Specialists, Inc. was awarded a bid for \$12,705 to install engineered

See BOARD page 6

LOOK INSIDE F.O.W.L. cleans Lake Whetstone



See page 21

Resident volunteer needed for Nominating Committee

See page 5

See what you've been missing at South Valley Park



See page 10

Contents

At your Leisure21 Classifieds26
Community Service
Homes Corporations
East Village Echo13
Middle Village Voice 13
North Village View12
Patton Ridge Report 12
South Village Scenes 11
Stedwick Signals12
Whetstone Watch 11
In the News5
Kids Page17
Letters to the Editor5
Milestones22
MVF Board Motions3
MVF Meeting Agendas2
MV Seniors20
Neighborhood Noteboard 2
President's Message3
Professional Directory25
Real Estate27
Services Around Town 23



Visit MVF online at www.montgomeryvillage.com facebook: MontVillageMD twitter: @MontVillageMD



VISIT WWW. MONTGOMERY VILLAGE.COM TO GET STARTED.



Copy & Ad Deadlines

<u>COPY:</u>

E-MAILED OR ON DISK DUE:* MONDAY, JULY 18 AT 5 P.M.

MAILED, FAXED OR TYPED DUE: FRIDAY, JULY 15 AT 5 P.M. DISPLAY ADS:

due: Friday, July 15 at 5 p.m.

*preferred method of receipt

MVF MEETING AGENDAS

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 28 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 3 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road, to review residents' requests for exterior modifications. The board requests that homeowners contact the Foundation if they plan to attend and if their contractors will accompany them.

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

The Committee on the Environment (COE) meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

The Investment Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, July 18 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

TRANSPORTATION, DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC FACILITIES

The Transportation, Development & Public Facilities (TD&PF) Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

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



ines *next issue Friday, July 22* Attention writers: Copy is gratefully accepted electronically!

Provide text on disk or e-mail to mvnews@mvf.org. E-mail classifieds to classifieds@ mvf.org. See page 3 for more on how to contact us. Submissions received after the publication

deadline will not be published in that edition



NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

CENTER COURT CONDOMINIUM

The Center Court Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26 at the Heron's Cove office, 19101 Mills Choice Road.

CHRISTOPHER COURT LAND ASSOCIATION

The Christopher Court Land Association meeting is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

EASTGATE

The Eastgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12 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, July 19 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, July 20 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, July 26 in the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19402 Brassie Place.

PATTON RIDGE

The Patton Ridge Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, july 26 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, July 27 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS

The Thomas Choice Gardens Condominium meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12 at the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

WHETSTONE

The regular Whetstone Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 14 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.



Call 301-948-0110, ext. 2359 | or e-mail hbenitez@mvf.org.

MVF SUMMER HOURS

The Montgomery Village Foundation Office is now open until 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings and on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., through Saturday, July 9.

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



Village News

Serving the residents of Montgomery Village

The Montgomery Village News is the official newsletter of the Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc., and its Board of Directors. Its purpose is to disseminate news and information in accordance with the Editorial Policy of the Foundation.

Publisher:

MVF Board of Directors Montgomery Village Foundation 10120 Apple Ridge Road Montgomery Village, MD 20886

Phone: 301-948-0110 FAX: 301-990-7071 MVF e-mail: mvinfo@mvf.org MV News e-mail: mvnews@mvf.org MVF 24-hour Board Voice Mail: 301-948-0110, press 5

Office hours: The MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, is open Monday -

Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Director of Communications** Mike Conroy, 240-243-2331 mvnews@mvf.org Sales and Marketing Manager Humberto Benitez, 240-243-2359 hbenitez@mvf.org **Communications Assistant** Roz Price, 240-243-2339 rprice@mvf.org Graphic Designer Maria Pullifrone, 240-243-2321 mpullifrone@mvf.org Sales and Marketing Assistant Charity Gutierrez, 240-243-2342 cgutierrez@mvf.org

Website: www.montgomeryvillage.com

24-HOUR MVF EMERGENCY PHONE: 301-576-1204 800-215-1784

Articles appearing in the *Montgom*ery Village News are presented as a community service. They do not necessarily represent the views of the Montgomery Village Foundation.

The advertisements in the *Montgomery Village News* are not intended to be an endorsement by the Montgomery Village Foundation of any business or individual.



MVF Board of Directors Officers

President Pete Young

Vice President Dennis Clark

Treasurer Beth-Ellen Berry

Directors Pamela Bort John Driscoll Scott Dyer Laura Franke Glenn Gargan Jim Marsh Peter Webb

Executive Vice President David Humpton

Summer heating up?

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



by Pete Young MVF President

I always look forward to the July 4 holiday with the Village 5K run, parade, celebration and great community spirit on display. Unfortunately, this year I was out of town and missed the celebration, but not the weather. In fact, I cannot recall the last time that July 4 was a rainy day where the Gaithersburg fireworks had to be postponed. I had to wear sweatshirt this year! I was able to see some great pictures from the Village parade on social media, however, so at least I saw some of the great spirit that was still on display. Thanks to all of our MVF staff, volunteers and community members who work so hard to make this happen each year.

The spring and early summer has had an odd weather pattern, but it seems we have some good hot summer weather upon us now. Please come out to enjoy the pools and cool off, or take advantage of the many camps, classes and recreational options that we enjoy in Montgomery Village. For those of you who have not noticed yet, Lake Whetstone Park and the surrounding path are now re-opened after the completion of the dredging project. I have already seen lots of folks walking around the lake, enjoying the sand volleyball court and having picnics at the tables. I am so pleased that this important amenity is back in service. We also have had some fun concerts in South Valley Park, and this is another great way to visit with folks and enjoy some music. Grab some friends and come on down for the Sunday concerts this season! Also, on Saturday, July 23 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., enjoy a free, family concert with The Reagan Years at Apple Ridge Recreation Area, 10101 Apple Ridge Road. This special addition is one of our 50th Anniversary celebrations, so come out for great music and company!

Development activity is also heating up. As I mentioned in a previous column, we now have two major development projects in the process of design and approval – the former golf course property and the Village Center. ARC Realty recently held another public meeting where the community was informed about their plans to redevelop the Village Center with mixed-use retail and housing.

The former golf course is in the lengthy planning and approval stages for their planned residential redevelopment, which would bring new housing options and significant park amenities to the community. Please look for notices of meetings and come get involved in the renewal of our community through these exciting projects. As we learn more about these and other major projects, we will keep you updated.

As I travel around the Washington, D.C. area, and even out of state, I am reminded of the great people, amenities and community we have in Montgomery Village, and feel very fortunate to live here. We are in the heart of Montgomery County, which continues to grow and change, and we will certainly need to change along with it. 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 thoughts and feedback; feel free to e-mail me at peter@ youngspa.com.

Cheers, Pete



MVF BOARD MOTIONS

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MOTION LIST June 23, 2016

- 1. Mr. Gargan moved to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Directors meeting held May 26, 2016 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed with all in favor; Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Dyer, and Mr. Webb abstained.
- 2. Mr. Dyer moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending May 31, 2016. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 3. Ms. Franke moved to accept the Action List as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 4. Ms. Bort moved to reaffirm Karen Neilson as Chair of the Recreation Committee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 5. Mr. Gargan moved to authorize the EVP to negotiate an agreement with Maryland Cricket Premier League to donate funds in the amount of the cost of the construction of a permanent cricket pitch to MVF for maintenance of a cricket pitch if it is built in time for the fall 2016 season. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 6. Mr. Dyer moved to award the contract to Total Asphalt Maintenance, LLC for \$26,583.25 and to authorize an additional expense of \$2,658, which is 10% above the bid to allow for unforeseen circumstances, for a total of \$29,241.25. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 7. Mr. Dyer moved to award the contract to Playground Specialist Inc. for \$12,705 and authorize an expenditure up to \$13,912 for an additional 10% if additional surfacing is needed. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 8. Mr. Dyer moved to accept the committee reports. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 9. Mr. Marsh moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:21 p.m. pursuant to Section 11B Real Property, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Maryland Homeowners Association Act) to go into closed session for (viii) Discussion of individual owner assessment accounts and (iv) Consultation with legal counsel on legal matters. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 10. Mr. Marsh moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:21 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.



Jane W Reilly Ins Agcy Inc Jane Warfield Reilly, Agent 19636 Club House Road, Suite 120 Montgomery Village, MD 20886 Bus: 301-948-6061 Hablamos Español

It can also provide for today. I'll show you how a life insurance policy with living benefits can help your family with both long-term and short-term needs. We put the life back in life insurance.[™] CALL ME TODAY.



State Farm Life Insurance Company (Not licensed in MA, NY or WI) State Farm Life and Accident Assurance Company (Licensed in NY and WI) Bloomington, IL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	ar of Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		2	y 10 Rock N Roll Relics 13 KidjAM – Pirate Ma 17 Wylde Fire Concer 20 KidjAM – Ray Owe	Concert agic – Capt. Silly Bones t ms	Village News 8 LW Boat Dock Open 1 to 7 pm	Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm – CTS MVF Office Open 9:30 am to 12:30 pm (Last Saturday hours) LW Boat Dock Open 11 am to 7 pm
10 LW Boat Dock Open 11 am to 7 pm Summers at SV Park Rock N Roll Relics (Oldies) 6 pm – Bowie Music Pavilion	11 LW Boat Dock Open 1 to 7 pm	12 Thomas Choice Gardens 6:30 pm – TCPR Eastgate HC 7:30 pm – LMCC	Image: 23 Image: 23 <thimage: 23<="" th=""> <thimage: 23<="" th=""> <thimage: 23<="" th=""></thimage:></thimage:></thimage:>	s" 50 th Anniv. Concert 14 Whetstone HC 7:30 pm – NCBR	15 LW Boat Dock Open 1 to 7 pm	1 Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm CTS LW Boat Dock Open 11 am to 7 pm
17 LW Boat Dock Open 11 am to 7 pm Summers at SV Park Wylde Fire (Party Rock) 6 pm – Bowie Music Pavilion	18 LW Boat Dock Open 1 to 7 pm Investment Committee 7 pm – NCBR	19 East Village HC 7:30 pm – LMCC TD&PF Committee 7:30 pm – NCBR	20 Seniors in Action 10 am to noon – SCC KidjAM - Ray Owen's Musical Animal Odyssey 10:30 am – Bowie Music Pavilion Maryland Place HC 7 pm – WCC	21	Village News 22 LW Boat Dock Open 1 to 7 pm	2 Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm CTS LW Boat Dock Open 11 am to 7 pm "The Reagan Years" 50 th Anniversary Concert 7:30 pm – AR Recreation Ar
24 LW Boat Dock Open 11 am to 7 pm Summers at SV Park Oasis Island Sounds (Caribbean/Reggae) 6 pm – Bowie Music Pavilion	25 LW Boat Dock Open 1 to 7 pm	26 Center Court Condo 7 pm – Heron's Cove Office Middle Village HC 7 pm – TCPR Patton Ridge HC 7 pm – NCBR	27 Seniors in Action 10 am to noon – SCC KidjAM – Pony To Go Petting Zoo 10:30 am – Bowie Music Pavilion Christopher Court Land Assoc. 4:30 pm – MVF Office South Village HC 7 pm – NCBR	28 MVF Board of Directors 7:30 pm – NCBR	29 LW Boat Dock Open 1 to 7 pm	3 Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm CTS LW Boat Dock Open 11 am to 7 pm
31 LW Boat Dock Open 11 am to 7 pm Summers at SV Park Rain Date 6 pm – Bowie Music Pavilion	August 1 LW Boat Dock Open 1 to 7 pm	2	3 Seniors in Action 10 am to noon – SCC ARB 5 pm – NCBR	4	Village News 5 Fall Recreation Guide LW Boat Dock Open LW Boat Dock Open 1 to 7 pm Feature Fridays Movie Night "Monsters University" 8 pm – Bowie Music Pavilion	Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm CTS LW Boat Dock Open 11 am to 7 pm

CTS Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 9801 Centerway Rd. LMCC Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Ave. MVF Office..... 10120 Apple Ridge Rd. NCBRNorth Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Rd. NCCCNorth Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Rd. SCCStedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Rd. SVPSouth Valley Park, 19003 Watkins Mill Rd. TCPR...... Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie PI. WCC...... Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Ct. WHPR...... Walker House Party Room, 18700 Walkers Choice Rd.

All facilities are handicap accessible. All information tentative and subject to change.

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE NEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

1. The Montgomery Village News Letters to the Editor section is a community forum for Montgomery Village residents and/or property owners. In addition, at the Editor's discretion, the Montgomery Village News may print letters of appropriate interest to residents from others, including representatives of local schools, governments and businesses. Campaign letters are prohibited, except for Montgomery Village Foundation and Village homes corporation elections. The views expressed in the Letters to the Editor section are those of the authors of the letters and not necessarily those of the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) or its Board of Directors.

2. The *Montgomery Village News* will make every effort to publish all letters received during the weeks prior to publication.

3. Typed letters and e-mail must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the Monday prior to publication and distribution, while handwritten letters must be received no later than noon on the Friday, one week prior to publication. When a holiday occurs on a deadline Monday, Letters to the Editor must be received no later than noon on the subsequent Tuesday prior to the Friday publication and distribution.

 Letters must bear the writer's name, address and telephone number for verification purposes. The sole use of pen names, initials or the complete omission of a signature will eliminate a letter from consideration from publication. A request from the author to withhold the name or mark the letter anonymous will eliminate the letter from consideration.
 All letters are subject to condensation or deferral to the next issue by the editor for space considerations, if absolutely necessary. Editor is to so indicate any condensations.

6. All letters may not exceed 300 words. Longer letters will be eliminated from consideration for publication in the Village News. As time permits, the writers may be notified and given the opportunity to shorten the letter for future publication. Letters exceeding 300 words which meet all other criteria of this policy may be published on the MVF website.

7. The *Village News* respects the privacy of individuals and residents; letters should not contain references to specific persons, except when endorsing candidates for MVF or Village homes corporation elections or referencing a previously published article with a byline.

 Letters submitted by an author regarding the same topic must present new information or opinions; repetitive submissions and/or form letters submissions will only be printed once.

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

10. All e-mail is subject to this policy. The e-mail subject line must read "Letter to the Editor."

• All e-mail letters must include the writer's full name, address and telephone number for verification.

• As with letters delivered to the MVF office in person or by the U.S. Postal Service, the *Montgomery Village News* will make every effort to publish all letters received prior to the publication deadline.

11. MVF retains the right to respond to letters to the editor addressing specific issues involving it in the form of editor's notes or other methods at its discretion, and extends the same opportunities to homeowner or condominium association boards regarding letters specifically aimed at those boards.

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

E-mail letters to mvnews@mvf.org.

IN THE NEWS

Letters to Editor

Editor:

Ballots associated with the WHC Board proposed covenant changes were sent to residents postmarked May 31, 2016, 90 days in advance of the voting deadline of August 29 at 5 p.m. as set forth in the voting procedures in full compliance with Article X Section 2 of the Whetstone bylaws.

Out of a faux concern that ballots might actually be received in less than 90 days, the WHC Board on June 9 changed the deadline to September 6 inviting other issues since voting had already begun and 100 ballots had been cast.

Further complicating matters, changing the ballot deadline to September 6 was followed by an irregular method of resident notification, that is, a door to door flyer for the "Vote for Whetstone" Town Hall June 21 meeting.

Amid all this, the master copy of the voting procedure on record with the Whetstone manager remained unchanged still showing a deadline of 5 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 29 on the night of the Town Hall.

Then there is a question whether a flyer delivered house to house is considered a proper means of resident notification of official voting procedure changes associated with the critically important, consequential and increasingly contentious WHC Board proposed covenant changes.

Like the plethora of board amendments proposed, the

deadline extension might be interpreted as yet another board tactic to manipulate resident turnout in hopes of reaching the necessary 298 quorum. Depending on the proposed amendment of interest, some might favor more time to gather more votes; others might prefer less time in hopes that the ballot threshold would not be met and certain proposed amendments would go down in defeat.

Certainly it was improper to alter the voting procedure deadline after voting had already begun. Clearly the remedv is to reaffirm the deadline of 5 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 29.

Don O'Neill Whetstone

Schedule for 2017 MVF **Budget Process**

FRIDAY, AUG. 12

2017 budget books delivered

THURSDAY, AUG. 25

- Presentation of 2017 Proposed Budget -7 p.m.
- Joint Audit Committee/ MVF Board meeting Audit Committee:
- Recommend forwarding 2017 Budget to MVF Board
- MVF Board Meeting Opportunity for pub-
- lic comment on 2017 Budget
- Approve draft 2017 Budget for Publication

FRIDAY, SEPT. 9

- Village News Publish draft 2017 Budget on MVF
- website Publish draft 2017 Budget for 30-day public comment

THURSDAY, SEPT. 22

- **MVF** Board Meeting Opportunity for pub-
- lic comment on 2017 Budget

THURSDAY, OCT. 27

- MVF Board Meeting Adopt 2017 Budget
- Set 2017 Assessment Rates

NOVEMBER 2016

- Notify owners of 2017 assessments
- Approval of 2017 Assessment Coupon bid

DECEMBER 2016

7:30 p.m. in the North

Creek Board Room, 20125

Arrowhead Road, unless

otherwise noted.

2017 assessment coupons mailed

All above referenced meetings will take place at

(if approved by MVF Board)

Village property owner sought for Nominating Committee vacancy

The Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Nominating Committee is one of the standing committees prescribed in the MVF Bylaws. As such, the committee's duties include soliciting applicants for the MVF Board of Directors, reviewing applications for nomination and selecting a slate of candidates to present to the current MVF Board.

One of the committee's longtime volunteer members has resigned her position, and the committee is in need of another member to fill this vacancy. MVF's By-laws limit membership on this committee to Village property owners.

The Nominating Committee meets twice a year to make policy update recommendations to the MVF Board and review applications for the MVF Board of Directors annual election. Property owners interested in serving on this committee should fill out an application online at www.montgomeryvillage .com/committee-membershipapplication.

For more information about the committee duties or filling this vacancy, contact Director

Yaper Carriers M O N T G O M E R Y VILLAGE **T JOB!** FIRS Must be a Village resident age 10 to 18 Visit www.montgomeryvillage.com

of Communications Mike Conroy at 240-243-2331 or e-mail mconroy@mvf.org.



IN THE NEWS

Board

Continued from page 1

fiberwood surfacing at MVF tot lots. A survey of MVF tot lots revealed that 385 cubic yards of new safety surfacing was needed at the 12 locations.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

In the absence of both the President and Vice President, Past President John Driscoll chaired the meeting and addressed a concern raised during Residents Time. Driscoll noted that although Lake Whetstone vegetation was not cut at varying heights per the policy, the plants have grown to varying heights now and meet the requirements suitable for a Zone 1 Riparian Buffer.

EVP REPORT

Executive Vice President Dave Humpton reported that the new zoning classifications set forth by the county in the overlay zoning of the Master Plan are now in place in the Village. He also noted that the dredging project at Lake Whetstone has been completed, and that the park is open for fishing, boating and other activities. Some minor work (tree planting, fence repairs and other miscellaneous items) still need to be addressed by the county. The Board authorized installation of an additional fence near the delta as a safety measure.

Humpton also mentioned recent accolades from a resident regarding the service they received from front desk staff at the MVF Office. He acknowledged the hard work staff puts in this time of year, especially fieldling questions regarding the recent changes in the Collection Policy.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Beth-Ellen Berry gave the financial report for the month of May and the year-to-date (YTD), noting that MVF remains in solid financial position. MVF Revenue is on target with the budget for May and favorable YTD, with Investment Income driving the YTD surplus. For May, advertising and assessment fees are slightly under budget, with disclosure fees trending slightly favorable to the budget.

Personnel Costs are favorable by \$93,416 YTD due to several vacant positions and a state unemployment tax refund due to a decrease in the rate. Operating Expenses for May are greater than expected for spring maintenance related to heavy rains; YTD Operating Costs are favorable to the budget by \$137,769.

Contributions to Reserves were made in accordance with the budget (85,434 in May), totaling \$427,172 YTD. The Capital Contribution Fee brought \$12,770 in May, with the YTD total at \$44,776. Approximately \$318,000 has been spent YTD on Reserve Assets. Net Income for the month was unfavorable to the budget by approximately \$13,000, but remains favorable YTD at \$925,000.

The Balance Sheet shows MVF has \$8.5 million in cash and investments. This includes \$2 million in Undesignated Reserves and over \$6 million in Designated Reserves. Delinquencies and bankruptcies were also reported as less than those of the same time last year.

Berry also announced her resignation as Treasurer; she was thanked by the Board for her service. A new Treasurer is needed to fill the vacancy. Responsibilities include overseeing all accounting and treasury functions of MVF; making investment decisions in accordance with the investment policies of MVF; reviewing MVF's monthly financial statement; and presenting monthly statements to the Board at their monthly meetings.

Residents interested in the position, or those with questions should e-mail Chief Financial Officer Greg Snellings at gsnellings@mvf.org.

NEXT MEETING

The next MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 28 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The meeting begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. with Residents Time. Residents are invited and encouraged to attend. The meeting agenda and information packet will be available online at *www.montgomery village.com* the week of the meeting.

MVF Financial Reports - May 2016

OPERATING FUND - STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE

_	Actual	Budget				
-		Dudyet	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
			(Unfav)			(Unfav)
Revenue:						
Assessments	504,214	504,176	39	2,521,072	2,520,879	193
Assessment Fees	4,396	5.021	(625)	93,220	131,825	(38,605)
Transfer Fees	3,300	2,983	317	12,375	12,067	308
Disclosure Fees	16,846	12,455	4,391	61,701	48,127	13,574
Advertising revenue	7,860	8,578	(718)	63,298	73,693	(10,395)
Pool Memberships/Rental Fees	20,117	16,158	3,959	46,596	44,132	2,463
Camps & Classes	21,454	22,882	(1,428)	114,682	109,102	5,580
Management Fees	65,799	65,208	590	329,163	326,042	3,122
Capital Contribution fee	12,770	8,579	4,191	44,776	40,994	3,783
Other Income	13,838	20,122	(6,284)	55,613	56,540	(927)
Total Revenue	670,594	666,161	4,433	3,342,497	3,363,402	(20,904)
Personnel Costs:						
Salaries & Wages	220.006	242 476	12 570	1 101 070	1 207 120	75 256
0	229,906	243,476	13,570	1,131,873	1,207,129	75,256
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	61,191	76,732	15,541	363,127	381,286	18,160
Personnel Costs	291,097	320,207	29,110	1,495,000	1,588,416	93,416
Business Expenses	11,825	23,949	12,124	58,283	68,896	10,613
Office Supplies	6,940	3,892	(3,048)	17,908	24,019	6,110
Program/Maint Supplies	27,864	13,100	(14,764)	49,282	52,800	3,518
Occupancy	23,480	27,603	4,123	67,517	111,883	44,366
Office Expenses/Svc Contracts	25,486	23,100	(2,386)	98,029	123,532	25,502
Equip Maintenance	2,483	3,000	517	9,123	12,600	3,477
Vehicle Expenses	1,787	2.198	411	7,277	10,642	3,364
Financial & Legal	9,823	7,628	(2,195)	47,545	61,673	14,128
Insurance	12,046	12,265	219	31,460	32,407	947
Printing	10,534	9,200	(1,334)	25,348	33,450	8,102
0	,	,			,	,
Landscape/Maintenance Security	99,638 6,177	66,846 14,195	(32,793)	340,597 30,620	330,906 57,975	(9,691)
Other	,	14,195	8,018	,	57,975	27,355
	15	-	(15)	24	-	(24)
Operating Costs	238,098	206,976	(31,122)	783,015	920,783	137,769
Contribution to Reserves	85,434	85,434	0	427,172	427,172	0
Contribution to CCF	12,770	8,579	(4,191)	44,776	40,994	(3,783)
Purchases of Assets	433	-	(433)	6,318	24,200	17,882
Other Equity Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted Donations		-	-	-	-	-
Reserve/capital	98,637	94,013	(4,624)	478,266	492,366	14,099
Operating Expenses	627,832	621,196	(6,636)	2,756,281	3,001,565	245,284
Excess/Deficit Revenue	42,762	44,965	(2,203)	586,216	361,837	224,379

MVF BALANCE SHEET

For the Period Ended May 31, 2016

	Current	Prior Year
ASSETS		
Cash & Cash equiv	2,670,606	2,309,393
Investments	5,834,586	5,771,142
Due from Reserves	11,821	367,938
Assessment Receivables	726,129	856,462
Other Receivables	61,836	77,250
Current Assets	9,304,978	9,382,185
Gross Fixed Assets	10 007 007	13,246,112
Accumulated Depreciation	13,927,027 (7,403,501)	(7,368,830)
Fixed Assets	6,523,526	5,877,282
	0,020,020	0,011,202
Other Assets	53,673	46,654
Assets	15,882,176	15,306,120
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		007.000
Due to Operating	11,821	367,938
Payables	341,791	432,738
Sunstream Cap Lease	125,119	-
Deferred Revenue Liab	743,949	716,417
Liabilities	1,222,679	1,517,093
Undesignated Reserves	2,418,767	2,048,348
Designated Reserves	12,240,725	11,740,674
Equity	14,659,493	13,789,022
Equity	14,000,400	13,703,022
Liabilities & Equity	15,882,176	15,306,120



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

IN THE NEWS

50 years ago...

The following is an excerpt from Milton Kettler's remarks at the dedication of the Whetstone Community Center and pool, published in the July 1, 1969 *Village News*:

"Montgomery Village is a People Place!...Superficially we see bricks, lumber and concrete, but the thing of real importance we also see is you. Material things are not an end in themselves. Those who look for perfection and happiness in your material life will have continual frustration.

We've built in a greenspace system, but what it means is safety for your children, the use of your feet and legs again, the opportunity to meet your neighbors instead of driving 30 mph. You will even get to know your family better by taking a walk or jogging with them. Your participation in the maintenance and improvement programs will increase your circle of friends. All of these things build the lasting fabric of a community. Always

remember that when we speak of a fine community, we really mean the people there. Now you have the community center. Do not look at it as an end in itself, but it's your means to an end. Here's where some youngsters' acquaintance will grow into marriage in future years. Here's where the Girl Scouts can have their Fly-up ceremony and Boy Scouts can have their award programs. The list is endless.

Most important – it's a People Place – It's Yours. May it serve you well."

Reagan Years

Continued from page 1

I introduced the name, and with little discussion, we knew we found our band."

The Reagan Years found a local following, and eventually a national following, as word through corporate events helped spread their name. The band recently celebrated its 20th Anniversary, combining all the past members and the current lineup to play a special concert. Over the years, the singer and bass player roles have changed a few times, but Ellison and Seyler have been the foundation the whole time. "Life gets in the way of a cover band, but we keep rolling," Seyler says.

After 20 years of entertaining crowds across the country, the original dream for the band has expanded enough to be a full time proposition. "In my dream...we started not thinking it would be like this. I would never have thought that I could leave my day job and become a professional musician in a cover band. I would never have thought I'd be playing to thousands of people. Now companies pay for us to travel and play for them - to recreate this era of music. I never thought I would be playing for our Armed Forces overseas as part of a military welfare tour. What the band has become has far exceeded my dreams," says Seyler. In a roundabout way, though, the original dream of having fun, playing music and having it be appreciated still holds true.

A large part of The Reagan Years' success falls to word of mouth advertising and social media. As part of some dot.com and telecommunications companies in his "other jobs," Seyler understood the importance of connecting digitally and using technology. As a band, though,



The Reagan Years has always been about connecting with the audience, seeing new places, meeting new people and being approachable. "I like to look into the audience and make eye contact with folks. I like seeing how that makes them light up, how they're enjoying what we're doing. When they're dancing and singing along, they look at the band, and when you make eye contact, they put on more of a smile. That interaction is a real cool chemistry, and we like that. We engage and interact with the crowd, not run and hide during breaks. We love to share the music with folks." Playing over 100 shows each year certainly helps share the music.

And Seyler says band members like to share the music offstage as well. Seyler has a line of signature drumsticks with Vic Firth, and Ellison has been featured in Keyboard Magazine. Guitarist Glenn Riley has authored several guitar instruction books, as well as teaches guitar at Music and Arts in Montgomery County. Bassist Jody Lewis has been on stage sharing the music with bands and fans since the late 80s, and singer Stephan Scott Lay is an accomplished dancer and theatrical performer. The combination of these talents make The Reagan Years a connected, diverse band committed

to showing fans of all ages what it means to rock.

Seyler notes about current music that "a lot of it seems 'typed-in' where it highlights just a singer, and not the band, instrumentation or production of music. You see the end product, but not the how and why it gets there. With us, you see the whole band performing – there's an art to it. We want to be inspiring to people, make them want to get up and play. The Reagan Years is glad to be a part of that aspect of music."

"The Reagan Years is excited to play in Montgomery Village this year. We have a rotating schedule at Union Jack's in the Rio Plaza, but we hear from local folks all the time they wish they could share the experience with their families. This 'all ages' show provides an opportunity to do that – for families to share the music with each other."

Check out The Reagan Years during a special MV 50th Anniversary Concert scheduled from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 23 at the Apple Ridge Recreation Area, 10101 Apple Ridge Road. This free family show is appropriate for all ages. Bring a blanket or chairs and get ready to rock! Food vendors will be on site; watch the next issue of the *Village News* for a discount coupon.

Discounted amusement park tickets now available

The Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc.(MVF) Department of Recreation, Parks and Culture, in conjunction with the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association, is selling discounted tickets to area amusement parks at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. Payment for these tickets must be made in person at the MVF Office and will be accepted in cash or by credit card.

The prices are as follows:

1
Busch Gardens \$59
Diggerland\$25
Dorney ParkAdult \$44
Dutch Wonderland\$36
Hershey ParkAdult \$50.50
Junior/Senior \$38.50
King's DominionAdult \$42
Summer Savings \$37 (through August 21)
Sahara Sams\$25
Sesame Place\$54
Six Flags America \$44
Six Flags Great Adventure (New Jersey) \$41

Water Country.....\$39



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.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

An attempted burglary occurred in the 7800 block of Heritage Farm Drive on June 17 at 11:37 p.m. A residential burglary occurred in the 20100 block of Waringwood Way between June 19 at 10 p.m. and June 20 at 8 a.m. No forced entry; property taken.

STRONG-ARM ROBBERY

A strong-arm robbery occurred in the area of Lost Knife Road and Contour Road on June 14 at 9:34 p.m. The suspects assaulted the male victim and took his property. The suspects were arrested.

- Arrested: W/M, age 25, of Hyattsville
 - W/M, age 24, of Gaithersburg

W/M, age 29, of Gaithersburg

A strong-arm robbery occurred in the area of Christopher Avenue and Boysenberry Drive on June 20 at 9 p.m. The juvenile suspects assaulted the male victim and took his money and property.

Suspects: 8 B/Ms, ages 15 to 18

A strong-arm robbery occurred in the 100 block of Welbeck Court in the early morning hours of June 19. The suspects assaulted the male victim and took his money.

Suspects: 5 B/Ms, ages unknown

Buy Local. Buy Fresh.





Canela Bakery The Crepe Shoppe Barley Field Orchard Killdeer Valley Cookies The JK Farm Rights of Man Farm Bushdogs Fetters Fruit Farm Valencia's Produce

Saturdays

thru Oct. 29 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Pleitez Produce Hidden Ridge Flower Midsommar Farm Elk Run Farm Great Shoals Winery Ocean City Brewing Company Denizens Brewing Company Mully's Brewery Carolina Squeeze Christ the Servant Lutheran Church 9801 Centerway Road Montgomery Village, MD 20886

Only Nuts Master's Freemans Sauces Allen's Apiary Sugar and Salt Moms Beauty Secrets Brewing Good Coffee Company



BARLEY FIELD ORCHARD

Barley Field Orchard is a small, family-owned orchard that focuses on producing quality homemade baked goods, very often using the assorted fruits from our orchard. In season, we harvest apples, pears, plums, peaches, cherries, apricots, raspberries, blueberries and chestnuts. We also make homemade preserves from our fruits. Typically, we produce the following freshly baked goods: muffins, quick breads, scones, seasonal pies, brownies, cookies and corn breads. **GREAT SHOALS WINERY** Whether you're enjoying a quiet evening or celebrating special times, Great Shoals unique hard ciders and sparkling wines have a place in your glass. Our hand-crafted wines will mark any occasion with their crisp taste and tiny bubbles. We are committed to supporting the local Maryland agricultural scene, using apples, pears, peaches, grapes and other fruits from local and regional sources to create our lines of hard ciders, wines and traditional méthode champenoise sparklings.

ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS

Some good advice—get to know your contractors

Consumers lose hundreds of thousands of dollars each year from incomplete, abandoned or poorly performed home improvement projects done by licensed and unlicensed contractors. Many of these contractors work for reputable and well-known businesses. Many take large deposits and never return to do any work, do unsatisfactory work, or complete projects not as represented and approved by the MVF Architectural Review Board (ARB).

WHAT'S A

HOMEOWNER TO DO? First of all, Maryland law

requires home improvement contractors to be licensed by the Maryland Home Improvement Commission (MHIC). Licensed contractors are required to make a bi-annual payment to the Home Improvement Guaranty Fund. If a consumer has a dispute with a licensed contractor and the commission finds in the consumer's favor, the consumer can be reimbursed for their losses up to \$15,000 from the fund.

Consumers are urged to follow these steps before entering into a contract for any home improvement work:

- 1. Find out if the firm is licensed and how long it has been in business. Call the Maryland Home Improvement Commission at 410-230-6309 for information.
- 2. Get more than one estimate. Make sure price comparisons are for the same procedures and materials.
- 3. Check to see if any complaints have been filed against the contractor. Contact the Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs at 240-777-0311 or online at http://montgomery countymd.gov/DHCA/ contact_us.html;, the Better Business Bureau at 202-393-8000 or online at www.dc.bbb.org; and the Maryland Home Improvement Commission at 410-230-6309 or online at www.dllr.state.md.us for this information.
- Beware of any contractor who solicits business saying they have material left over from another job in the area and can give you a real good price.
- 5. Ask the contractor for the names of suppliers he deals with. The supplier may be able to tell you if the contractor is a long-time customer who pays his bills – a good indication of reliability. Also ask for names and phone numbers of previous customers who live in your

area, and find out if they are satisfied. If possible, visit the places where the work was done. Don't rely on verbal promises. State law requires a written contract, including the terms and conditions of the warranty. The manufacturer's warranty should be a separate, written document. The contract must include the contractor's name, address and home improvement license number (MHIC number); the approximate start and finish dates/ the work to be done and materi-

6.

- als to be used; and the cost and terms of payment.Don't sign any contract until you understand all the terms.
- 8. Don't advance full payment for the work. Under Maryland law, the initial deposit can be no more than 33 percent of the total contract amount. Inspect the job carefully before making the final payment.
 9. Pay by credit card, if possible. If paying by check, make sure the check is made out to the company, not to the individual making the repairs.

Another very important warning MVF is providing to homeowners has resulted from some unfortunate business that has taken place over the last several months. Homeowners have secured contracts for major projects such as house additions, sunrooms and large elevated decks. They have been careful to submit an application to the Architectural Review Board and use reputable well-known companies. The review process was lengthy and difficult for the ARB members because the plans submitted did not accurately depict the existing house or the proposed new addition or sunroom. Measurements of windows, doors and even the new addition itself were inaccurate However, after much discussion and work on the part of the ARB members, the plans were finalized and the conceptualized project looked very good.

In following up on the projects, however, the ARB and the MVF Design Consultant found that what was built was not what was approved and



was not as attractive. The completed project was cheap and unprofessional in appearance. In some cases, the persons who did the construction had not seen the approved plans but, instead, had seen modified construction plans only.

It is extremely important that homeowners be involved in the entire construction process. Also, it is important that homeowners insist that a project supervisor or a person familiar with the approved architectural plans monitors the construction to make sure the architectural plans are identical to the finalized construction plans. Just because a large company spends a lot of money advertising and claims it does superior work does not mean it actually does. There are at least three large projects in Montgomery Village that have not been built as approved by the Architectural Review Board and, in fact, are aesthetically very unattractive.

WHAT IS MVF TO DO IN THIS CASE?

If MVF allows these unapproved, unattractive modifications to remain, both, MVF

and the homeowner will lose. MVF tries very hard to work with the homeowners to make projects appear to have been constructed with the original structures, thereby being as attractive as possible. In some severe cases, MVF will require the modification to be completely rebuilt.

Homeowners need to help MVF by being diligent when their home improvements are being done – by making sure they have been built as approved – and holding the company accountable, not MVF.





HOMES CORPORATIONS & CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS

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

SOUTH VILLAGE SCENES

South Village Neighborhood Watch begins

by the South Village Board of Directors

The South Village Homes Corporation (SVHC) members are trying to form a Neighborhood Watch in cooperation with the Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD). MCPD Community Relations Officer Scott Zimmerman has undertaken a number of talks with a residents' committee on the topic. While technically not a project of the SVHC board, we present the information here as a community service.

If you're interested, call 301-761-4372 or e-mail *svneighborwatch@gmail.com*. The SVHC Neighborhood Watch is also on the Next Door social site: *https://nextdoor.com/ invite/cwjkafewdefsmzrmyuuh*.

SOME OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY INFORMATION

For those residents able to access information online, here are a few other safety resource links.

How to get a copy of a police report:

www.montgomerycountymd. gov/pol/howto/obtain.html

Make the right call (who to call and when):

www.montgomerycountymd. gov/OPI/make_right_call.html Noise Complaint:

www2.montgomerycountymd. gov/DEPOnlineForms/Noise Complaint.aspx

How to report a county street light outage

www2.montgomerycountymd. gov/dot-streetlight/Index.aspx

A TIME TO SAY THANK YOU

We interrupt the usual cautions and naggings for a moment to say thank you to most of our community during this Independence Day week. While we are grateful for the blessing of freedom, we know real freedom comes with responsibility – so we thank the responsible people among us.

We thank dog walkers who pick up their pet's waste. We thank people who report suspicious activity to the police. We thank fishermen (and women) who clean up their excess line and dispose of it properly. We thank F.O.W.L. and all the good people who help clean the community and keep its appearance up. We thank people who dispose of their cans and bottles properly. We thank cyclists who slow down around pedestrians, and the pedestrians who give way to cyclists. We thank considerate neighbors who moderate the noise of their summer parties for neighbors who may be on a different schedule. We thank the volunteers who give of their time and talents to make this a better place.

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

Time to mail in your ballots!

by Sharon Cranford

The "Vote for Whetstone" signs are up on community green space to remind homeowners to send in their ballots. This is your opportunity to voice your views on important amendments to Whetstone's covenants and to let the board know how you would like it to proceed with renovation of the North Dock area.

If you have not done so, please mark your yellow ballot and return it in its postage-paid envelope. Be sure to print your name and address and sign the envelope (not the ballot) where indicated on the front of the envelope.

If you have misplaced your ballot, contact Community Manager Andrea Mandato at 240-243-2329 or e-mail *amandato* @*mvf.org*. Andrea will be able to send you a new ballot.

BUDGET SEASON BEGINS While many Whetstone resi-

dents are enjoying family vaca-

tions or swimming in the recently renovated Whetstone Pool, the Whetstone board is beginning the annual budget process. This is always an interesting exercise, since Whetstone homeowners are the land barons of the Village. Our 447 single family homes were built in a highly innovative – for the late 1960s – cluster style so that more open space would be available for the entire community to enjoy. We own 5 miles of streets; lots of bike paths; the eastern edge of Lake Whetstone; a gravel lake shore path; Mooring Creek, which flows into Lake Whetstone; a couple of bridges; and literally thousands of trees.

I'd bet that if you asked, most Whetstone residents do not know that Whetstone has a budget of less than half a million dollars per year. Each year, we make a substantial contribution to our reserve fund. This fund is used to pay for the eventual repaving of our streets, bike path repaving,



replacement of worn out or broken concrete, tree removals and tree replacements. The remainder of our budget pays for community management and community maintenance (mowing and two leaf pickups in the fall), tree pruning, post lamp repairs, insurance and green space repair. Trash collection and snow removal are pass-throughs, in that the cost for these services is apportioned equally among our 447 homeowners.

VOLUNTEERS ROCK!

Thanks to the efforts of our volunteers, we are able to stretch our budget. Adam Jacobson regularly replaces the light bulbs in our post lamps. Rich Szwerc looks after the lights along the lake shore path. Other unsung volunteers pick up litter or make green space repairs. We are especially grateful to local Eagle Scouts who have completed a number of Eagle projects in Whetstone. This year, Eagle Scout candidate Robert Maxwell refurbished two of our pocket parks, one on Canal Road and the other on Digging Way.

NEXT MEETING

The Whetstone board meets for its next regularly scheduled meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 14 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Residents time begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

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





HOMES CORPORATIONS

STEDWICK SIGNALS

Keeping up appearances in Stedwick

by Keith Silliman

Summer is with us now, and the Stedwick community is attractive, thanks to the moderate weather, the efforts of our Maintenance Committee and the staff of our landscape contractor, J. B. Kline. The Stedwick community is fortunate to have significant green and forested space. Recent real estate flyers indicate that houses in Stedwick are selling quickly at or near their asking prices.

Thank you to our residents who place their trash out for collection in hard containers rather than plastic bags. The plastic bags are frequently torn open by crows, with the resulting trash being scattered in our streets and green space. Recently, a deer was observed eating out of a torn trash bag in The Ridges neighborhood.

The continued dumping of trash on community greenspace, and the cost to clean it up, is one of the biggest problems confronting the Stedwick Board of Directors. A trial installation of trash cans in selected areas of Stedwick is underway to try to address the trash problem. The first of those trash cans was installed at the entry to Forest Brooke.

Parking is an equally troubling problem for the board. The number of cars associated with each house is increasing, especially in our townhouse communities. The community was designed and built with about one and a half parking spaces per house. We are hearing and seeing instances of three, four and even seven vehicles associated with individual houses. Some people are even parking in the reserved parking spaces of their neighbors. As a result, the board is looking into the idea of towing vehicles inappropriately parked in reserved parking spaces belonging to others.

If you have suggestions for maintenance and/or repairs of Stedwick-owned property in your neighborhood, or questions or concerns about conditions in Stedwick, contact our Stedwick Homes Corporation community management team at 240-243-2326, e-mail stedwick hc@mvf.org or consult our community website, www.stedwick. org. You can also bring any ideas or concerns to the board of directors during our regular meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 17 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Residents time is the first item on the agenda. There will be no Stedwick Board of Directors meeting in July.

Margaret Schoap is scheduled to report on the TAME organization's accomplishments regarding M-83 and Montgomery County's Master Plan transportation issues during residents time at the August meeting. If you are interested, plan to join us and hear what she has to say.

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

PATTON RIDGE REPORT

The importance of architectural standards

by the Patton Ridge Board of Directors

On June 28, Director of Architectural Standards Diane Stasiewicz took time after her busy day job and addressed the board at its evening meeting during residents time.

She reported that Patton Ridge was part of the 2015 scheduled property inspections and the staff wore identifying shirts. If the inspection found that a change was been made without formal approval, but it met the criteria and was attractive, the homeowner was not cited.

Stasiewicz said, "The department is trying to cite only egregious problems, and is trying to be more flexible and understanding, but violations will be pursued...many people don't understand that they are supposed to apply for approval before they make changes."

There are 250 active violations pertaining to 15 distinct categories. "The majority of violations include: exterior color discrepancies; security lights replacing original decorative light fixtures; unapproved changes made to the house or property; missing house features; violations of community criteria; and landscape matters. Currently there are 14 running violations. A running violation is not egregious enough to require a lawsuit; however, the violation must be corrected before the home can be sold. These violations are considered "minor" as to the impact in the community, or are not highly visible from common areas.

In addition, 17 cases have had Montgomery Village Foundation membership privileges suspended pending a correction of the violation(s).

Overall, 128 violation cases have been closed since January 2016 as the violations were corrected. There are 8 cases that are in various stages of legal action.

Stasiewicz explained that the Architectural Standards staff responsibility is with the design of the original structure and does not have jurisdiction over the everyday maintenance of the property.

As an example, it is an architectural standards issue if a fence is removed, but not if an existing fence is in poor condition. That would be the homeowners association's responsibility for ensuring maintenance is kept up. Both groups share the common goal to retain the aesthetics of the street view and maintain property values.

Architectural standards do evolve, she explained. MVF has updated the color palettes, which are not absolute, and new colors can be considered. Stasiewicz said, "We're working with the residents; if the color works, we will update the color records. Ultimately, Montgomery Village Foundation wants to keep the exterior colors subtle, classic and beautiful."

Resale disclosures require complete inspections, and staff will act on complaints received and research files on the properties.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Patton Ridge Homes Corporation board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Residents time is from 7 to 7:30 p.m., please limit your remarks to no more than five minutes.

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

NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

Summer update

by the North Village Board of Directors

Your board of directors wishes all residents a safe and healthy summer. Fourth of July celebrations proceeded last Monday despite the rainy weather. We would like to remind everyone that our trash contractor picks up trash on Monday even when Monday is a holiday. The only holidays when they do not pick up are Christmas Day and New Year's Day. We would also like to remind everyone that when there is a holiday on Monday, the county delays the recycling pickup by one day that week. With the Fourth of July this past Monday, our recycling day moved from Wednesday to Thursday, yet we noticed that many residents still put out their recycling on Tuesday night and it remained out for over a day.

The big news this past weekend was the power outage in North Village. The Sunday morning outage was caused by a middle-of-the-night accident at the corner of Wightman Road and Pleasant Ridge Drive. The accident had apparently taken out the power feed to our part of the Village. A blockade at the entrance to Pleasant Ridge Drive made it difficult to enter and exit our community.

MAINTENANCE

Tree work continues throughout the community. Our drive-through inspections try to identify dead trees, but as good as we are at seeing dead or dying trees during the drivethrough, we may miss some. Please call our community manager at the number below and let her know if you see a dead tree.

In other maintenance news, we counted three cars in McRory with expired license plates. Residents must realize that every car that is out of service takes up a parking spot that another resident could use. We also found fireworks in lower Chadburn Place, along with beer bottles that were thrown and broken on our sidewalks. It is a real shame that we have adults living in our community openly drinking with no regard for our neighborhood.

BUDGET PREPARATION

Our 2017 budget planning meeting has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 4 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. One recent issue will be putting a strain on our budget for 2017. Effective July 1, the county increased the fee we pay for the Committee on Common Ownership Communities (CCOC) from \$3 per household per year to \$5 per year. This will hit our budget with \$6,200 for 2017 compared to \$2,700 in 2016.

MVF opposed the fee increase, questioning its need and noting that the fee increase was in conflict with common ownership communities' budgets. MVF Board of Directors President Pete Young wrote to the Director of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) saying, "This added unexpected expense will be difficult for some associations to cover... many of MVF's associations have limits on the amount their budget and assessments can increase per year. This makes unexpected operating expenses additionally hard to absorb, because association assessments, by their nature, are designed to collect enough for operating expenses, but not significantly more." MVF's appeal succeeded in delaying the 2016 increase until early 2017 but the entire \$5 per household will be due again in mid-2017. DHCA took over managing the CCOC programs from the Department of Consumer Affairs on July 1, 2016.

The CCOC advises the county executive and the county council on ways to handle common ownership of property in communities; promotes public awareness of the rights and obligations of living in common ownership communities; eliminates disputes; and maintains property values and quality of life in community associations.

The new funds will be used to enhance staffing to administer the CCOC program; add a fulltime investigator and an office services coordinator; provide better technology resources to develop a case management system for all CCOC complaints; upgrade the existing community registration database; and provide resources for improved community outreach and training.

THE NEXT MEETING

The next regular North Village board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 18, in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. If you have any questions, call Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2344 or e-mail *asteward@ mvf.org*.

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

Public safety reminders

by the East Village Board of Directors

East Village's community management team reminds all residents to be sure to lock their vehicles, as well as store valuables out of sight or bring them inside, when vehicles are parked outside of their residence. These practices help deter potential crimes of opportunity. Residents are also reminded to be sure to leave their property's exterior lights (front and rear) on between the hours of dusk until dawn each day; the lighting is part of each neighborhood's lighting plan, in addition to the street light poles, to add visibility around vehicles, sidewalks and properties. Lastly, if you see something, say something; report active crimes in progress to the Montgomery County Police by dialing 911. For nonemergencies needing police assistance, dial 301-279-8000.

PET REMINDERS

For residents with dogs, a reminder that all dogs need to be on a leash when being walked outside of a fenced yard; this is for the safety of other residents and animals within the community. Pets should be properly tagged and licensed with the county in case they go missing in the community. Please also utilize the posted pet waste stations to bag and dispose of your pet's waste when out walking. Animal safety-related issues, including noticed violations of leash laws, pet waste, stray or injured animal sightings and concerns over potential animal abuse, should be reported to Montgomery County Animal Control at 240-773-5900. For more information, e-mail infomcasac@montgomery countymd.gov or visit http:// montgomerycountymd.gov/ animalservices.

esti

L D

EVHC BOARD MEETING JULY 19

The next East Village Homes Corporation (EVHC) Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

As always, these board of directors meetings are open to the public, and each meeting begins with residents time for residents to ask questions or make comments; comments are limited to three minutes to allow time for all residents to speak. Each Board meeting is followed immediately by a separate closed session not open to residents (Pursuant to Section 11B-111(4), Real Property, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Maryland Homeowners Association Act) to – (iv.) Consultation with staff, personnel, consultants, attorneys, board members, or other persons in connection with pending or potential litigation or other legal matters. (viii.) Discussion of individual owner assessment accounts.).

The EVHC Board of Directors meetings are held the third Tuesday of January, March, April, May, July, September and November.

EAST VILLAGE COMMUNICATIONS

Check out the EVHC Facebook page at *www.facebook.com/ eastvillagehc*, or search "East Village Homes Corporation;" be sure to "Like" our page to receive updates. Our Community Manager April Steward and the EVHC Board always want to hear from residents. If you have questions, suggestions or just kudos, e-mail *eastvillagehc@mvf.org*, or call 240-243-2344.

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.

MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

Parking Policy revision goes into effect August 1

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

The Middle Village Parking Policy revision goes into effect on Monday, Aug. 1. All vehicles parked overnight in the Middle Village community must have a Middle Village parking hang tag or they will be immediately towed-no exceptions. The revised policy provides each home with one additional parking tag (giving each home a total of three parking tags), which can be used in the homeowner's reserved parking space or any unmarked space. One additional parking tag can be purchased annually for \$600 starting in December.

The one additional parking tag per address can be picked up on the following dates and times at the Thomas Choice Community Center:

Sunday, July 24, 2 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 26, 5 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 30, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ID will be required to pick up the tag. Signs will also be posted in the community with the parking tag pick up dates and times. After Saturday, July 30, residents must go to the ComSource office to get their parking tags.

If you are delinquent on your homeowner assessment fees, the previous rule of losing your reserved space, in addition to not receiving the third parking tag, still applies. The revised policy will be available to view on the ComSource website via Sourcelink. The revised parking policy will go into effect on Monday, Aug 1.

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

TRASH

Trash continues to be an issue in our community. Scheduled trash removal is on Tues-

Village News

E-mail mvnews@mvf.org or call 301-948-0110. day and Friday each week, and recycling collection takes place on Wednesday. Before homeowners/tenants place bulk trash outside, they must contact Potomac Disposal at 301-294-9700 to schedule a pickup. Do not place any trash, including bulk trash, out prior to the pickup days of Tuesday and Friday. If you see a resident dumping bulk or loose trash and you know their address, you can report them to ComSource anonymously.

It is the responsibility of each resident to place their trash can in the appropriate location for pickup and to collect their trash cans/recycling containers and place them back on their property on the day that trash/recycling is collected.

Unmarked trash cans and recycling containers are often left in common areas all week. This attracts rodents, and has a negative impact on the appearance of our community and our property values. Any trash cans or recycling containers that are not marked with an address will be collected and disposed of.

SOURCELINK/ ACCOUNT ACCESS

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

CONTACTING COMSOURCE

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

The next MVHC board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26 at the Thomas Choice Clubhouse, 19401 Brassie Place.

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





Stop by our store and let us help you on your upcaming projects! Our sales staff have product training to assist you quickly and efficiently.



www.montgomeryvillage.com





Parade Ribbon Winners

Best Motorized Float

- 1^{st} Lake Marion Lasers
- 2^{nd} North Creek Neptunes $3^{\rm rd}$ Whetstone Whales

Best Hand-Pulled Float The Tseng Family 1^{st}

Decorated Stroller

1st Mia Galo 2nd Graham Lenzi

- 3rd Alexandra Pearson



Boys 18 and Younger

1st Redeate Kidane 2nd Brandon Nelson 3rd Zachary Pepperl

Women 18 and Younger

1st Jessica Rothenberg 25:25 2nd Elise Durr 26:06 3rd Fiorella Alvarez

Men 19 to 29

1st Jeffrey Blazar 2nd Salim Addrey

3rd Daniel Briggs

Motorized Toy Vehicles 1st Ian Nguyen

 2^{nd} Luis Vides Portela

Decorated Tricycle/Big Wheel

- 1st Julie Wolfe 2nd
- Juan Hernandez 3^{rd} Bennett McMarmack

- **Bicycles 4 to 8-year-olds** 1st Isabel Hernandez
- 2nd Cordelia Lenzi
- 3^{rd} **Tighe Harris**

Bicycles 9 and Older 1st

Melanie Chacon 2^{nd} Sophia Harris

 $3^{\rm rd}$ Dylan Jones

Costume 4 and Younger Salem Shah 1^{st}

Community Banner/Sign

- 1st Friends of Whetstone Lake
- 2^{nd} Camp Tiny Feet/Seniors in Action
- 3^{rd} Boy Scout Troop 1988



Top 3 Finishers Overall

1st Andrew Scott 18:442nd Mark Byrd 18:46 3rd Weston Middleton 18:56

Women 19 to 29

1st Ma. Guadalu Nava 27:08 1st Robert Scheibal 2nd Jordana Coronel 3rd Carolyn Snee

Men 30 to 39

19:39

21:26

21:17

1st Lorenzo Pettus 2^{nd} Paul White 26:06 3rd Shane Danielson

Women 30 to 39

1st Alison Danielson 18:57 2nd Katherine Berg 19:30 19:59 3rd Julia Guevara

Top Male Finisher Andrew Scott 18:44

21:10

22:25

22:54

27:40

28:46

30:06

Men 40 to 49

2nd Adam Kiely 28:24 3rd Greg Snellings 32:55

Women 40 to 49

21:30 1st Nancy Carr 2^{nd} Nolinda Stanton 21:37 22:09 3rd Maithili Daphtary

Men 50 to 59

26:42 1st Argaw Kidane 27:14 2nd Phil Reding 27:47 3rd William Lacy

Women 50 to 59 1st Kathy Cea 25:37 2nd Rebecca Wagner 36:33 Men 60 and Older 1st Dan Lawson 19:47 2nd Kerry Lanham 24:13 3rd John Driscoll Vill 35:57

Top Female Finisher Neris Medina

22:47

Women 60 and Older

28:25 1st Dee Nelson 2^{nd} Karen Craney 30:23 19:43 3rd Maria Teresa 21:16 Gomez Arellano 35:41 21:48

Best Marching Group 1^{st} North Creek Neptunes

- 2nd Whetstone Whales
- 3^{rd} Civil Air Patrol

Top 3 Finishers Overall 1^{st} Samantha Vidas 2^{nd} Christian Icaza $3^{\rm rd}$ Danny Vidas

1 <mark>Mile</mark> Fan Ran

Results

Congratulations to all the winners!

A complete listing of participants and their times is posted on the MVF website, www.montgomeryvillage.com; choose "5K Race" from the "Events" menu on the green bar.



Corporate Sponsors - Atlantic Realty Companies (ARC) and BloominMV.com

Parade and Event Sponsors

Bath Fitter Boy Scout Troop 1988 Brusters Ice Cream Buffalo Wild Wings Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Dogfish Head Grille Festival Concessions Gaithersburg Garage Door

Gaithersburg/Washington Grove Volunteer Fire Dept. Georgetown Hill Gutter Helmet Systems Kehilat Shalom Lake Marion Lasers Leaf Filter North of Maryland Ledo Pizza MCPD 6th District

Mont. County Democratic Party Mont. County Republican Party Marvland Civil Air Patrol Mid-Atlantic Waterproofing North Creek Neptunes Northgate Community Church Nu Look Home Design Pizza Boli's

Renewal by Andersen of Maryland Talk of the Town Thompson Creek Window Company Trader Joe's TW Perry Whetstone Whales Window Nation





Sunday Afternoons

The 2016 summer series consists of a mixture of concerts and engaging activities for the community! Families are encouraged to relax with a picnic and blankets or lawn chairs to enjoy an eclectic assortment of entertainment.

June 5 6 p.m. MV Community Band 50th Anniversary seat cushion giveaway June 12 6 p.m. Grupo Imagen Del Amor June 19 6 p.m. U.S. Navy Country Current

- June 26 1 to 5 p.m. Art in the Park
- July 3 6 p.m. Natty Beaux (Swing/Blues/Rockabilly)
- July 10 6 p.m. Rock N Roll Relics (Oldies Rock)
- July 17 6 p.m. Wylde Fire (Party Rock)
- July 24 6 p.m. Oasis Island Sounds
- (Caribbean/Reggae) July 31 6 p.m. Rain date for cancelled concert

KidjAM Performers Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. One-hour Wednesday morning concerts for the younger set. Interactive entertainers will keep everyone happy with music, magic and mirth!

	The Great Zucchini
July 0	
July 13	Pirate Magic with Captain Silly Bones
July 20	Ray Owens Musical Animal Odyssey
July 27	Pony To Go Petting Zoo







Parking for all South Valley Park events is available behind Watkins Mill Elementary School at 19003 Watkins Mill Road. Handicapped parking is available at the site by prior arrangement; call 301-948-0110.

KIDS PAGE





MV Kids Learn About Frisbee

"Frisbee" is a word often used to generically describe all flying discs, but is actually a registered trademark of the Wham-O toy company. A flying disc is a disc-shaped gliding toy or sport item that is generally plastic and 8 to 10 inches across, used for throwing and catching for freestyle recreation and as part of many flying disc games.

How to Throw and Catch a Disc

In Fourier most co backhar 1. Hol curled a cup of t



Throwing—The easiest and probably most commonly used throw is the backhand throw.

1. Hold the disc with your fingers curled around the edge and resting in the cup of the disc with your thumb on top.

2. If you are right-handed, stand straight, twist to the left, bend your wrist and elbow in front of you, curling your arm around your body.

3. Then un-do all of that in one steady motion releasing the disc with a straight arm.

4. Try to keep the disc as level as possible and let it come off your pointer finger last.

5. Remember the spin comes from bending your wrist, then snapping it in a controlled way as you aim at your target.

Disc Golf

Frisbee Golf is a flying disc game that uses accuracy and aim. You throw your frisbee and try to get it in a target that looks like a basket on a pole. The object of the game is to go from "hole" to "hole" on the course from beginning to end with the fewest number of throws of the disc, starting from a tee area and finishing at the Disc Pole Hole.

A course is 9 or 18 Disc Pole Holes long. Players start at hole one and complete the course in order, playing through to the last hole. The player with lowest total score wins. If you're good, you can get an Ace—like a hole-in-one in regular golf.







Dogs Can Play Too

Dogs of all sizes and breeds can learn to catch and return a frisbee as part of their play and exercise. Some dogs may have an easier time with a soft or ring frisbee.



Catching—The basic idea is to close your hands on the top and bottom of the disc. This is the alligator technique. Take both hands and clamp them with the disc in between, like an alligator mouth.







Creative Discovery

Enrollment for Montgomery Village's recreational pre-school program is underway! Creative Discovery is for students ages 3 and 4 years old (entering kindergarten in 2017/2018). Through engaged learning, students will develop strong cognitive, physical and social skills, which are the foundation for academic success. Daily activities focus on themes such

as colors, science, numbers, technology and, of course, the alphabet! We base our curriculum 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 Mela-



nie Maggi at 240-243-2338, e-mail mmaggi@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com/ recreation/creative-discovery.





Enroll in two camps at Lake Marion Community Center 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.



LEGO[®] camps will provide children with creative learning as they use Lego blocks to build wondrous structures. 4007.301 Ages 6 to 11 Monday, Aug. 15

to Friday, Aug. 19 9 a.m. to noon \$175/Resident \$185/Non-resident Lake Marion Community Center

8821 East Village Avenue



will inspire campers to explore their scientific side. 4007.310 Ages 6 to 11 Monday, Aug. 15 to Friday, Aug. 19 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. \$175/Resident \$185/Non-resident Lake Marion Community Center 8821 East Village Avenue

Tiny Chef camp will help campers hone their culinary skills 4007.304 Ages 6 to 11 Monday, Aug. 22 to Friday, Aug. 26 9 a.m. to noon \$175/Resident \$185/Non-resident Lake Marion Community Center 8821 East Village Avenue

Abrakadoodle will bring out your child's inner Picasso 4004.304 Ages 6 to 11 Monday, Aug. 22 to Friday, Aug. 26 1 to 4 p.m. \$175/Resident \$185/Non-resident

Lake Marion Community Center 8821 East Village Avenue

4007.311





For more information or to register, e-mail Ihydorn@mvf.org or call 240-243-2314. **Spring Futsal winners Colombia FC defeat** Gaithersburgers 5-1



Yoga Nidra

SUNDAYS JULY 10, JULY 17, AUG. 14, AUG. 21

Got tension? Yoga Nidra releases various kinds of tension including muscular, emotional and mental tensions. It is highly beneficial for people suffering from hypertension, stress, depression, insomnia, diabetes, migraines, asthma, ulcers, digestive disorders and some skin diseases. This class begins with gentle yoga and is suitable for anyone. One session is as good as having a

restful night's sleep!

Residents can find new ways to relax on Sundays, July 10, July 17, Aug. 14 and Aug. 21 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court. Enroll in all four sessions for \$100/Resident or \$110/Nonresident, or just one or two for \$30/class. To register, call 301-948-0110 or visit www. montgomeryvillage.com.

Adult fitness classes

Summer fitness classes are underway, but don't think that means you can't still participate! Many of our classes allow participants to drop-in when their summer schedule allows. Classes allowing drop-in students include Zumba, Argentine Tango, Yoga, Aerobics and Pop Pilates. Visit www.montgomery village.com for class schedules and rates!



RECREATION

Wine & Paint

Don't miss out on the last Wine & Paint event of the summer season! Join us from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, July 15 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road, for an evening of fun and easy painting on a stretched canvas. No experience necessary! Participants will be guided step-by-step by instructor Sue Kay as they create a beautiful painting of Birch trees. Price includes all supplies and two glasses of wine. Must be 21 or older to attend. Price for this fun night out is \$30/Resident and \$36/Non-resident.



2nd Annual Touch A Truck

On Saturday, Aug. 27 from 9 a.m. to noon, bring the entire family out for this free, hands-on experience! Local businesses will be displaying a wide assortment of unique trucks in the North Creek Community Center parking lot, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

Kids will have the opportunity to get behind the wheel, honk horns, explore and learn from their operators! All children must be accompanied by an adult.



Happy Feet workshop Sunday, Aug. 7



Let's face it, your feet could use some L-O-V-E! This workshop will include structural integration for your feet, hands-on reflexology and demonstration and incorporation of therapeutic essential oils to optimize benefits! Your feet have a huge influence on the entire body. Not only will your feet be happy, but the rest of you will be too!

Happy Feet workshop is scheduled from 2:15 to 4:15 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 7 at Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court. The workshop costs \$45/Resident and \$55/Non-resident. For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Mother-Child Paint Party

Enjoy a fun night out with your kids! Join instructor Sue Kay for a fun night of creativity



and memories. This casual and easy painting experience will allow for each participant to

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

9 am to 4 nm

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

1 to 4 p.m.

1 to 4 p.m.

make their very own masterpiece of hearts and flowers on a stretched canvas.

Get painting from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 30 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Join the fun for \$22/Resident or \$25/Non-resident. Price includes all supplies and light refreshments.



Camp Tiny Feet enjoyed a water day to help cool things off. They had a great time with buckets, sprinklers and beachballs.



Soaring Stars and Racing Wind campers practice their basketball skills during an afternoon free time. Other campers played chess and tennis.



North Creek Drop in Center is in full swing as campers enjoy time indoors and out-on this day they cooled off with a water balloon toss relay with Director Eddie Lathan and staff looking on.



5:30 to 8:30 p.m. | Apple Ridge Recreation Area Bring a blanket or chairs and enjoy the 80's tunes of the area's hottest tribute band - The Reagan Years This free family concert sure is sure to rock!

MV SENIORS

seniors action

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays!

Stedwick Community Center 10401 Stedwick Road Now through August 19 No meeting July 4 \$10/Resident \$20/Non-resident

SUMMER SESSION

Current plans will allow Seniors in Action to remain at Stedwick Community Center this summer; however, there is the potential for change. Please keep an eye out for changes in program locations.



Pickleball

Take a swing with this favorite new sport that combines tennis, badminton and table tennis! SiA has the courts at Stedwick every Monday from 10 a.m. to noon. Limited equipment is available for use.



MONDAY

Book Discussion Group

Calendar

Arts and Crafts

10 a.m. to noon

July 11: Floral Pens

10 to 11 a.m. third Monday each month July 18: Working/planning group to update reading list for the upcoming Fall/Winter 2016 season

Previous crafts include watercolor with Sue Kay, mosaic coaster making and much more!

Work side-by-side with other members while

you each explore your creative side.

*crafts can be donated to those in need if

July 18: Open painting session

you choose to keep them at SiA.

WEDNESDAY



Light Cardio Workout 9 to 10 a.m. Work out with exercise videos, light weights and resistance bands.



Steering Committee

Seniors in Action will be having a brief steering committee meeting on Wednesday, July 13 at 10 a.m. We will be discussing the possible options for the Fall 2016 Trip! Please stop by and bring your ideas..

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE Seniors in Action celebrated "A 50th Fourth" this past Monday by marching in the annual parade!

Seniors in Action celebrated "A 50th Fourth" this past Monday by marching in the annual parade Thank you to all our members who worked hard on our banner and walked in the parade!



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!



SIA Games / Social Hour 10 a.m. to noon Enjoy a variety of card and board games, conversation and refreshments.

FRIDAY



Seated Tai Chi 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Instructor Marcy takes you through the low impact movements of Tai Chi.



Brown Bag Brunch & Bingo 10 a.m. to Noon second Friday each month

Bring a brunch/lunch and play Bingo with friends.

Free for SiA members, \$2/Non-members. July 15

Pre-registration is required; forms available at any SiA activity or the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

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 Lauren Hydorn at 240-243-2314 or e-mail *lhydorn@mvf.org.*

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Free spay/neuter services available

The Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County (AWLMC) has received funding from the Maryland Department of Agriculture to provide 100 free spay/neuter procedures for qualified area pet owners. For residents who qualify, the program will pay the entire cost of spaying or neutering their cat or dog at no cost. A rabies vaccine will be included for pets that are not up-to-date. Eligibility is based on residency and household income (under \$53,500 for a family of four).

The application process involves applying online through the AWLMC website and sending in proof of eligibility (income and residency). The services will be available until the grant is depleted. Pet owners who do not qualify for the free program may be eligible for AWLMC's low-cost spay/ neuter program.

For information on the free spay/neuter program and to apply, visit *www.AWLMC.org*.

Volunteers being part of the solution

On June 25, Friends of Whetstone Lake (F.O.W.L.) had their first cleanup at Lake Whetstone in over a year. The dredging project by Montgomery County at Lake Whetstone routed the annual event to other lakes in the Village. With the dredging completed and the park now open, the lake was again able to be cleaned by volunteers.

Students from Watkins Mill, Richard Montgomery and Crestwood high schools were in attendance earning SSL community service hours. Other volunteers from Whetstone, South Village and F.O.W.L. were on hand to kick off the "Rake the Lake" event. Sunny skies and cool temperatures helped make everyone, including helpful staff from the Montgomery Village Foundation, all eager to get started. Some went in boats, while others used gloves and grabbers and made their way around the lake.

Watkins Mill teacher Karla Sandoval is the perfect role model for not only her students, but for the community. "We are proud to have her on board each year," says event organizer Jeannie Pizzonia.



"I walked the entire lake after the cleanup and am happy to report that no trash could be seen anywhere. Volunteers did a fantastic job, and I thank them for caring about our fragile environment."

F.O.W.L. extends a big thank you to MVF staff for their partnership and help. It is this partnership and teamwork that makes the cleanup events so successful. F.O.W.L. founder Joseph Pizzonia passed away in 2014, but the cleanup events continue to flourish in his name because of dedicated members and volunteers whom he helped bring together.

The final cleanup of 2016 is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 17 at Lake Whetstone. Volunteers can check in at the boathouse. Residents are encouraged to join F.O.W.L. and "make a difference" in our small part of the Village. For more information, call 301-216-9817 or follow F.O.W.L. on facebook for the latest news updates and photos.

Ducks dumped at Lake Whetstone

Last week several ducks were spotted being dumped at Lake Whetstone. The ducks were spotted by Friends of Whetstone Lake (F.O.W.L.) members who were in the area. With the help of animal rescue personnel, the non-native ducks were secured and transported to a nearby rescue facility. The ducks appeared to be in good health; however, these are domestic animals and unable to fly, which leaves them vulnerable to foxes that come out in the evening to hunt for food.

While small chicks or ducks may seem like fun Easter-time pets, these animals are often discarded when they mature. This latest incident is not the first time domestic ducks have been dumped at the lake. Leaving domestic animals like these ducks in the wild may seem like a good idea, but since they are not used to living in open areas, it really leaves them with a slim chance to survive. Thank you to the members of F.O.W.L. who acted quickly and to all members who are always on the lookout for our wildlife neighbors.

For more information on animal rescue services, call the Montgomery County Adoption Center, Anmal Services at 240-773-5900.



AT YOUR LEISURE

Silver Spring/Takoma Park seasonal walk

The Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club is sponsoring a seasonal, self-guided Silver Spring/Takoma Park walk through Friday, Sept, 30. The 5km/10km Silver Spring trails, rated 2Å, are on sidewalks through downtown Silver Spring's retail area and residential areas. The 6km/10km Takoma Park trails, rated 2A, are on sidewalks through the south end of Silver Spring and into Historic Takoma Park. The 10km has one steep hill and includes the



border crossing into Washington, D.C. There are 5km/10km trails along the Sligo Creek Trail and back to Downtown Silver Spring. Create additional distance by combining individual loops. It is suitable for strollers and for wheelchairs.

Walkers must register for the walk in the "Start Box" at Safeway, 909 Thayer Avenue, Silver Spring. Walks should be done during daylight hours only. The walk is free; Volksmarch credit is \$3. Restrooms are available in Safeway, Whole Foods and other places noted in the walking instructions. Pets are allowed but must be leashed at all times during the walk and participants must clean up after them. Pets are not allowed in the shops or other buildings unless otherwise noted.

For more information, contact Maribeth Evans at 301-946-5496 or e-mail *gammie0612@verizon.net*.



Grow It Eat It summer Open House

Learn how to grow your own food! The Montgomery County Master Gardeners, a program of University of Maryland Extension, will host a Grow It Eat It (GIEI) summer Open House on Saturday, Aug. 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Montgomery County Extension, Agricultural History Farm Park, 18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood. Most parts of the event are free (some specialized classes* require a small fee). Donations are appreciated.

At the open house, visitors can take a class, stroll through the Master Gardener demonstration garden, meet with Master Gardener consultants to discuss gardening plans, attend demonstrations and pick up a free composting bin. Attendees are encouraged to bring home-grown tomatoes for the Tomato Tasting event. Garden supplies and plants will be for sale.

Take a class on one of the following topics (all are free except the children's programs, which require a small fee and preregistration):

- Pests and Diseases in the Vegetable Garden
- Preserving Tomatoes
- Extending the Growing Season (fall and winter vegetable gardening)
- Discover Gardening children's program for 4th and 5th graders*
- Discover Flowers children's program for 4th and 5th graders*
- Discover Trees children's program for 6th to 8th graders*

For class pre-registration and fee information, visit http:// extension.umd.edu/growit/mont gomery-county-vegetable-garden ing-classes-and-events.

SHARE YOUR Village News **GOOD NEWS** WITH THE VILLAGE

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.



Montgomery Village News Milestones Submission Form For Montgomery Village News issue date:

Engagement & Wed	Birth Announcements	
Bride's Information	Groom's Information	Child's First Name M.I
Bride's First Name M.I	Groom's First Name M.I	Last Name
Last Name	Last Name	Date of Birth Gender
Complete Address	Complete Address	Length/Weight
·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Mother's First Name M.I
Employer	Employer	Mother's Last Name
Employment City, State	Employment City, State	Father's First Name M.I
Job Title	Job Title	Father's Last Name
Years of Service	Years of Service	Address
Volunteer Work/Hobbies/Sports/Etc	Volunteer Work/Hobbies/Sports/Etc	Hospital Name & Location (City, State)
College Name	College Name	
Year Graduated	Year Graduated	Achievement Announcements
Field of Study and Degree	Field of Study and Degree	First Name M.I
High School	High School	LastName
Year Graduated	Year Graduated	Address
Awards/Achievements	Awards/Achievements	Achievement (provide details)
Bride's Mother's First Name	Groom's Mother's First Name	School/College Name and Location
M.ILast Name	M.ILast Name	Grad Year
Bride's Father's First Name	Groom's Father's First Name	Company/Employer
M.ILast Name	M.ILast Name	Name of Organization Presenting the Award
Maid/Matron of Honor First Name	Best Man's First Name	
M.ILast Name	M.ILast Name	
Engagement Date	Honeymoon Location	Send your
Wedding Date	•	digital photos
3	Address Where Couple Plans to Reside	to
Wedding Location		mvnews@mvf.org!

	Contributor Information Required for Publication*
	First Name M.I
	Last Name
	Address
	Telephone
	Email (optional)
	* Please note that not all information is guaranteed to be included in any article in the Montgomery Village
	News. The Montgomery Village News does not guarantee that all submissions will be published. The Montgomery Village News is not responsible for any errors or omissions.
I	The Advertised of the Advertis
	The Montgomery Village News will print milestone events and photographs at no charge for Montgomery Village residents.* Information can be provided on this form and
	dropped off at the Foundation at 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886. Information can also be emailed to <i>mvnews@mvf.org</i> or faxed to 301-990-7071.
	Announcements should be received at the Foundation by the deadline date of the specific Montgomery Village News issue requested for publication (see page 2 of this
	issue for deadlines). Publication dates are available online at www.montgomeryvillage.com

under Press Room, then Village News, or by calling 240-243-2331.

Т

Wife's First Name M.I	Number of Grandchildren
Last Name	_ Description of How Anniversary Couple Met
Last Name	
Address	
	_ Where Couple Was Married
Anniversary Date	
Number of Years Married	Wife's Employer/Location
Children's Full Names (those without last names will not be printe	d)

Anniversary Announcements

Husband's Employer/Location

Plans for Celebrating the Anniversary





Thinking about home maintenance?



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

<u>Please Note:</u>

Every exterior modification must meet established ARB application and approval requirements regardless of whether modification or replacement material has been approved in concept in the past. Also, MVF does not take responsibility regarding claims and services advertised in the *Montgomery Village News*.

GOT ROT?

Dan Himmelfarb Company REPAIRS AND REMODELING 301-774-4004

MHIC #18344

www.DHCRepairsandRemodeling.com Fully Licensed & Insured

Since 1971

MHIC LIC. 79864



LANDSCAPE DESIGN AND INSTALLATION • CUSTOM STONEWORK PATIOS • WALKWAYS • WATER FEATURES • RETAINING WALLS GRADING AND DRAINAGE • SPRING CLEAN-UPS/MULCHING

301-252-3917 www.divinelandscaping.com

SERVICES AROUND TOWN





YOUR HEALTH – YOUR WELLNESS Mend · Treat · Strengthen · Maintain · Recover

CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS, AND CULTURE IS SEEKING:

CLASS INSTRUCTORS

MVF Department of Recreation is looking for experienced individuals to instruct high quality classes of all ages. Send a résumé and class proposal to Jana Serlo at *jserlo* @*mvf.org* or call 240-243-2334 for more information.

Applications may be obtained by stopping by the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, or online at *www.montgomeryvillage.com*. Montgomery Village Foundation is an Equal Opportunity Employer M/F/D/V

CLASSIFIED AD DEADLINE MONDAY, JULY 18



Submit your classified ad to classifieds@mvf.org or call 240-243-2342 or 2359



Place your Ad here!

Reach 40,000 residents in Montgomery Village.

240-243-2359 | classifieds@mvf.org

SERVICES OFFERED

HOME RESTORATION

Montgomery Village homeowner and business owner of Palma Restoration offering services to restore your home. Free Estimates. Painting, drywall, wood restoration, tile, crown molding, power-washing, pavers, gravel, fence repair and replacement, shed restoration and construction. Licensed, bonded and insured. *E-mail palmasrestorationllc@gmail.com* or call 240-462-1750.

MILESTONE GENERAL CONTRACTORS, INC.

P: 301-793-9478 E: milestonegc@aol.com

Residential/Commercial Painting, Drywall Repairs, Gutter Cleaning, Kitchen, Basement/Bathroom Remodeling, Fence, Decks &

SUMMERTIME BRAIDS

Keep your daughter and/or son's hair healthy for the summer. Get braids done for reasonable prices—natural or synthetic braids. *frankie792003@yahoo.com.*



All ages, all levels. Professional pianist, experienced teacher. M.A. degree in Performance & Teaching from St. Petersburg Conservatory of Music Russia. 301-540-6601. Sofiagoldin@gmail.com www.Sofiagoldin.com

YOUR AD HERE

Reach 40,000 residents in Montgomery Village. Call Beto 240-243-2359 or e-mail *classifieds@mvf.org.*

Classified Advertising Order Form

Issue date(s) this ad is to run:

more! Licensed and Insured. MHIC #128392

Please check the appropriate Section for your ad:

□ Hous	se for Sale se for Rent Wanted	 Garage Sale Child Care Lost & Found (FREE to Village Residents) Giveaway (FREE to Village Residents) Other 			
		Submit a photo of your lost pet at no additional charge.			
Title:					
Body: _					
_					
-					
-					
Classified Rates: \$12 for 20 words or less and 40 cents for each additional word. Phone numbers count as one Deadline: 5 p.m. Monday prior to issue date Payment Due: \$					
	. ,,				

Payment **MUST** accompany Classified Advertising Order Form. Remit by charge card, cash or check made payable to the Montgomery Village Foundation.

Credit Card Number:	□ Visa	MasterCard	Exp. Date:	
3-digit V-code:				
Name:			_ Telephone: ()	
Address:				
City:		Stat	9:	ZIP:

Terms & Conditions:

- MVF reserves the right to:

 Reject advertisements that do not adhere to local, county,
- state and federal laws.b. Reject advertisements that compete directly with Foundation programs, events, classes, products and services.
- c. Reject advertisements that are inflammatory, slanderous, libelous, lewd or include other language deemed inconsistent with the Foundation's mission and policies.
- No cash refunds or credit adjustments will be made after the advertisement has been published.
- No credit adjustments will be made after 30 days of publication of the original incorrect insertion.
- 4. The Village News is not liable for any additional costs resulting from the recurring insertions of the original incorrect advertisement if the error has not been reported to the Village News in writing by the advertiser within 30 days of publication of the original incorrect insertion.
- Every effort will be made to afford advertising position requested. Failure to comply with position request will not result in makegood or refund of payment.

 The Village News assumes no liability if for any reason it becomes necessary to omit an advertisement.

word.

- 7. The Village News is not liable for delays in delivery and/or nondelivery in the event of natural disaster, action by any government or quasi-government entity, fire, flood, insurrection, riot, explosion, embargo, strikes whether legal or illegal, labor or material shortage, transportation interruption of any kind, work slowdown, or any condition beyond the control of the publisher affecting publications or delivery in any manner. Timely delivery of the Village News shall be defined by the end of Monday immediately following the Friday publication date.
- 8. Advertiser agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless the Village News and MVF from any and all liability for content including text, illustrations, representatives, sketches, maps, trademarks, labels or other copyrighted matter, or advertisements printed or the unauthorized use of any person's name or photograph arising from the publisher's reproduction and publishing of such advertisements pursuant to the advertiser's or agency's order. The Village News reserves the right to reject, discontinue or omit any advertising or any part thereof at any time. This right shall not be deemed to have been waived by acceptance or actual use of any advertising matter.
- 9. No cancellations accepted after publication deadline.





#4 In Top Sales at RE/MAX Realty Group – Montgomery Village's only real estate office

Under Contract



PARTRIDGE PLACE \$270.000

Large 3 BR, 2.5 BA TH w/tons of improvements including updated kitchen w/new cabinets, counters, stainless appliances, tile floor & backsplash upgraded baths, new carpet & laminate flooring bay window, chair-rail & beadboard molding.



OVERLEA

\$249,000 Totally charming 3 BR, 2.5 BA TH w/fireplace! Reno-

vated kitchen w/granite counters, 42" cabinets & updated appliances – new windows & doors, new carpet, new laminate floors, fresh paint & upgraded baths – newly carpeted finished basement w/RR.



FRENCHTON PLACE \$310,000

Renovated "Butler" model garage TH w/1st floor den – 3BR, 2.5BA – charming home has updated kitchen w/tile floor, granite counters, stainless appliances & tile backsplash – built-in bookcases in living room & den – new ground level Trex deck.

UNDER CONTRACT

PLEASANT RIDGE \$449.000 **BEAUTIFUL HARDSCAPE**

Fantastic SFH w/excellent floor plan – 4 BR, 2.5 BA, sitting room, generous closets, 1st floor laundry, FR w/fireplace, large renovated kit. w/stainless appliances, Silestone counters & center island.



Sold



DOCKSIDE

2 BR, 2.5 BA townhome in Dockside – beautifully maintained and improved - wonderful natural light through floor to ceiling windows & skylights - bright & beautiful decor throughout - LR w/fireplace, DR,

SHADOW OAK

\$285,000

\$340,000

Stunning 3 BR, 2.5 BA 3-level TH. Totally renovated inside and out. All new siding, windows, front and storm doors, floors, baths, kitchen & lighting. Newly finished basement w/recessed lighting in FR. Fenced back yard. Move-in ready!

Beautiful end unit TH in East Village - 3 BR, 2.5 BA, garage, updated windows, fenced yard w/flagstone patio, renovated kit. w/granite counters, breakfast bar, bamboo flooring, stainless steel appliances,

tile backsplash & attached FR w/fireplace.

THE POINTS

\$405,000

Upgraded w/new hardwood floors - granite counters, stainless appliances, sink, fixtures, lighting & flooring in kitchen – new carpet – newer windows & sliding glass doors – updated basement w/new flooring!

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













THE REACH



\$249,000

kitchen w/stainless steel appliances, garage.