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photo by Maria Pullifrone

North Creek Summer Activity Center campers and staff enjoyed a visit from Eric Energy this week. Everyone learned about static electricity and how a handheld Van de Graaff Generator could keep a mylar shape levitating. Kids saw how electricity travels in circuits and participated in lots of cool experiments.

Modifications to Golf Course Plan requested by planning department staff

After months of review, the Planning Department staff of Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) requested that Monument Realty make modifications to the Bloom Site Plan, which includes, among other things, the relocation of some homes in Area 1 along Montgomery Village Avenue and Area 2 along the proposed extension of Stewartown Road. Monument made these changes to address concerns that planning department staff had with regard to environmentally sensitive areas within the existing floodplain. The revised plan keeps the housing unit count at 489, most of

which are townhouses at various widths.

In brief, M-NCPPC wanted to see the extension of Stewartown Road and homes along the road moved as far north as possible from the stream and the associated floodplain. More specifically, M-NCPPC requested that the homes closest to the floodplain be moved uphill and to the east, resulting in the changes illustrated in the site plan. The original site plan and revision are available online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

See GOLF COURSE page 7

“What’s Your Story?”

Over the last several years, the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) has run the “flourish” branding campaign to educate Village and county residents about all Montgomery Village has to offer. This campaign spanned five years and was well-received by the public. At the heart of the campaign was the “Flourish” magazine, which showcased all aspects of life in the Village, similar to the original Kettler Brothers’ marketing materials.

While the community waits for change and new development on commercial properties, it is time to delve a little deeper into one of our greatest assets, our residents.

At the July 27 MVF Board of Directors meeting, the Board approved the next marketing campaign, “What’s Your Story?”, as proposed by the Communications Committee. This new venture will attempt to identify and promote residents with a story to tell, their successes and achievements, and why they enjoy living in Montgomery Village.

Residents will participate in a short video interview to be published via social media and the website, making it easy to share stories with friends, family and neighbors both locally and afar.

But we need your help! MVF staff is seeking volunteers to be interviewed and share their stories. To launch the campaign, we are in need of residents who have a story to tell – a life-long Village resident; the newest family on the block; an artist who finds inspiration from the natural areas; the head of a successful start-up; a volunteer who is fulfilled through charitable works – the possibilities are endless! We want to highlight you!

As the campaign takes off, we hope to have areas at community events for residents to share stories on the spot, and will share criteria for resident-submitted content. We look forward to learning more about you, our neighbors, and sharing your stories with the community.



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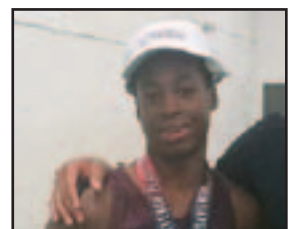
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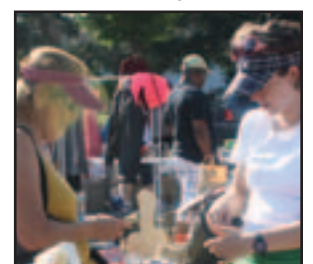


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MVF Board to add non-voting student representative position

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Reserve your space at the Fall Flea Market today!



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If this sounds like you, send an e-mail synopsis of what you’d like to share to Assistant Executive Vice President Mike Conroy at mconroy@mvf.org or call 240-243-2331 to discuss.

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MVF MEETING AGENDAS

JOINT AUDIT COMMITTEE/ MVF BOARD BUDGET MEETING

The joint Audit Committee/MVF Board budget meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 24 at the at the Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Following discussion, the Audit Committee will forward their recommendation re: the 2018 Budget to the MVF Board, which will then approve the draft 2018 Budget for publication.

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled immediately following the Joint Audit Committee/MVF Board Budget Meeting on Thursday, Aug. 24 at the Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 6 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.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 15 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

The Election Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 6 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

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



NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

HERON'S COVE CONDOMINIUM

The Heron's Cove Condominium Annual Meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 24 at 19101 Mills Choice Road.

HORIZON RUN CONDOMINIUM

The Horizon Run Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 28 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

NORTH VILLAGE

The North Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 17 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, Aug. 23 at the Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.

STEDWICK

The Stedwick Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 16 at the Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.

THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

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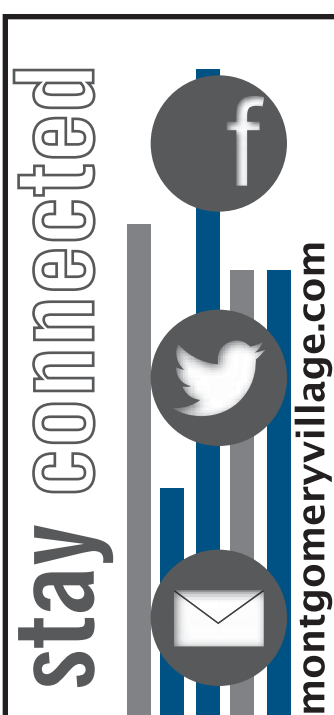
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Recharge



by Pete Young
MVF President

August is always a mixed blessing in this area. While it is typically the hottest month (although not so much this year, thank goodness), with congress in recess and so many folks on vacation, the work commute is the least congested we will see. I call that a victory.

It is this peak vacation season when many of us will have a chance to relax a bit, recharge our energy and motivation and reflect on the many blessings and challenges we see each day. I have to keep reminding myself (as well as the entire community) that generational change and renewal is a marathon, not a sprint. The big projects that are in process for our community, such as the golf course property redevelopment, the Village Center redevelopment, the Professional Center sale, the new I-270 interchange, Goshen Road widening and many smaller projects, are all in various

stages of planning, approval and execution. This process has taken, and will continue to take, years to complete. I am just as eager as all of you to see these done, but taking a moment to reflect and recognize the great work done by so many of you over the years to lay the plans is comforting.

As we prepare to head back to work and school, and face the many projects and challenges ahead, I hope that you can bring a renewed sense of optimism, commitment and enthusiasm for the wild ride we have in store.

This community has been an experiment since its inception, and we have great plans in place to continue that with our renewal and reinvestment efforts. I urge you to please be present, help us maintain the strong community we have and dig in to help build our future together. Momentum is powerful.

So if you have not yet taken a break this summer, I urge you this month to take some time to recharge—we need all the fire and spirit you have to help keep moving Montgomery Village forward.

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

Cheers,
Pete

MVF BOARD MOTIONS

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MOTION LIST July 27, 2017

1. Mr. Driscoll moved to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Directors' meeting held June 22, 2017 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed (3-0-2); Mr. Dyer and Mr. Webb abstained.
2. Mr. Dyer moved to accept the Action List as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
3. Mr. Dyer moved to approve a revision to the Maryland Place criteria to allow steps to be part of the deck criterion. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
4. Mr. Dyer moved to approve a revision to the Clusters I, II and III criteria to allow a black metal railing in addition to the painted railing and the wood railing. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
5. Mr. Dyer moved to adopt the 2017 Transportation Priorities and direct the EVP to transmit the Board's support to County and State elected officials, as per the schedule noted. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
6. Mr. Dyer moved to approve the branding campaign proposal for Montgomery Village. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
7. Mr. Dyer moved to add a Student Representative to the MVF Board of Directors, including funding in the 2018 MVF budget, with amendments to the criteria to require a letter of recommendation, to require the applicant come from a household in good standing and for the Executive Committee to narrow the finalists to a reasonable number to be voted on by the full Board. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
8. Mr. Dyer moved to approve the proposal from Brigade Holdings, Inc. for light replacement at the Stedwick Community Center for \$23,868 with an estimated rebate of \$7,400 for a final cost of \$16,468. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
9. Mr. Dyer moved to accept the committee reports. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
10. Mr. Webb moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:29 p.m. pursuant to Section 11B Real Property, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Maryland Homeowners Association Act) to go into closed session for (i) Discussion of matters pertaining to employees and personnel. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Schedule For 2018 MVF Budget Process

TUESDAY, AUG. 15

Audit Committee budget work session
NCBR, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUG. 24

Presentation of 2018 Proposed Budget
SCC, 7 p.m.

- Joint Audit / Board meeting, followed by regular Board meeting
- Approve proposed budget for Publication

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8

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- Publish 2018 proposed budget on MVF website/*Village News*
- 30-day public comment (if previously approved by MVF Board)

THURSDAY, SEPT. 28

Board Meeting,
NCBR, 7:30 p.m.
• Opportunity for public comment on proposed budget

THURSDAY, OCT. 26

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NCBR, 7:30 p.m.
• Adopt 2018 Budget
• Set 2018 Assessment Rates

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LMCC	Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Ave.	SCC	Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Rd.	WHPR.....	Walker House Party Room, 18700 Walkers Choice Rd.
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2. The *Montgomery Village News* will make every effort to publish all letters received during the weeks prior to publication.

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IN THE NEWS

Letters to the Editor

Editor:

The annual goose count (done for the last 17 years) which the Committee on the Environment (COE) voted to ask the *MV News* (7/28 issue) to publish, after presentation to the COE and MVF Board was missing a key part—context. For these 17 years, I, as a 26-year member of the committee, and member of the Subcommittee on Canada Geese (which produced the 24-page Canada Goose Report and sponsored the Canada Goose Forum in 2001 at the MVF Board's direction), have done a yearly analysis of the count based upon the 236.40 acres of MVF-owned parkland which Canada Geese inhabit. The results this year showed 2.20 geese per acre of parkland: the average over the last 17 years is 2.19 geese per acre of parkland. Most would agree this is not an excessive population. Variation occurs with weather and other conditions. This year,

for example, with the dredging of Lake Whetstone, we saw a larger population in South Valley Park than Whetstone, as geese will cross the road from Whetstone to South Valley to avoid disturbance.

After reading the 24-page (plus exhibits) report and seeing the results of the well-attended Goose Forum, the Board voted in 2001 to continue the Co-existence with Geese Policy which exists to this day.

Every year at the MVF Candidates Forum I have asked candidates if they approve of this policy (which also includes problem solutions like walk clearing, etc.). All candidates running for the Board have supported the Co-existence Policy since 2001 and the goose population has been stable over time.

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify this information.

Jane Ann S. Wilder
South Village

Editor:

It appears that a Whetstone Homes Corporation Assessment increase is upon us.

How do we know this? The "Whetstone Watch" column in the July 28, 2017 *MV News* stated, "The board will need to make some hard decisions on what to fund/not fund in the 2018 budget. Additionally, the community will need to decide if an assessment ceiling increase will be approved for the 2018 budget."

From this resident's perch, I say not so fast to an assessment increase! Why do I say that?

A review of financial matters at the June 13 Whetstone board meeting disclosed a \$40,000 budget discrepancy.

Before a genuine case for an assessment increase can be considered, the Whetstone board must provide an explanation for this discrepancy of \$40,000.

The Whetstone Watch column failed to state the amount of the increase being sought by the board. Currently the general assessment is \$914 per year. Just what is the increase?

The board has not made its case for any increase arguing only that a general increase needs to be done every 4 to 5 years and "... the need for a ceiling increase is simple – inflation and increases in taxes/fees charged by the county."

The board is urged to revise Table 2 in its "Whetstone Watch" column which selec-

tively compares 2013 and 2018 expenses for maximum impact. If instead 2017 and 2018 were selected for comparison, General Maintenance would show only a 17% increase not 42% and Trash Collection would show an actual reduction of 5% not an increase of 14%.

Beyond that, this Whetstone resident is willing to listen to any well-formed arguments the board can muster but not including bogus inflation and county taxes and fees increases or the rationale of arbitrary assessment increases every 4 to 5 years.

Don O'Neill
Whetstone

Editor:

I am writing this Letter to the Editor regarding the parking situation in the Dorsey's Regard area, specifically, the parking situation on Meadow Pond Place. In the time that I have lived here, I have seen an increase in the number of cars parking to the right front of my residence where there is a curb area approximately the length of one car. Instead of some residents parking their overflow vehicles on Shadow Oak Drive, they attempt to park two vehicles on this curbed area. This leaves the rear bumper of one car jutting into my designated parking space.

This, combined with the center median, prevents my guests from parking in my second designated parking space when they visit my home. My other option is to watch out my window, wait for this parking spot to open up in front of my home, and place my own car there so that my guests don't have to park a distance from my home and can park in my designated parking space.

In the spring of this year, a "No Parking" sign was installed along with the Mile-

stone Towing Company sign for a period of approximately two days. It was wonderful! The sign installation must have been a mistake and was taken down never to be seen again. The stacking of vehicles resumed immediately. One family monopolizes this area daily.

All I ask is that the area is deemed "No Parking" for all. I believe this solution will eliminate the daily car jockeying and car switching and allow my family and guests the opportunity to park without hassle.

Truda Augson
Northgate

Editor's note:

Ms. Augson is correct that a "No Parking" sign was installed and removed. It was installed in the wrong location.

Parking is allowed on that particular curb area, but vehicles are not allowed to block her, or any other, vehicle at any time. Should that occur, residents are advised to call Northgate's security contractor or the towing company. Please contact us at NorthgateHC@comsource.com if you have any additional questions.

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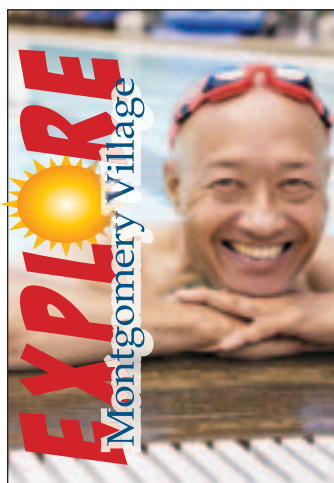
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IN THE NEWS

MVF Board to add non-voting student representative position

by Mike Conroy

At the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors annual retreat in June, the Board discussed ways to meet its strategic goals, including continued partnership with Village schools. Part of that discussion involved the creation of a non-voting Student Representative position on the MVF Board of Directors. At the July 27 MVF Board meeting, the Board approved a proposal from two of its members to begin this process.

The Student Representative will serve a 9-month term on the Board, from the March Annual Meeting through December. In the summer months—June through August—the student will also participate in day-to-day operations as an intern in the MVF Office. The aim of this program is to provide an opportunity for young Village citizens to understand how MVF works, not just at the Board level, but how the organization works for the betterment of the community; gain valuable volunteer and leadership experience; and become personally invested in their community.

Full criteria and application deadlines for the position will be announced later this year online and in the *Village News*.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

The Board approved architectural criteria revisions for Maryland Place and Stedwick Clusters I, II and III. The Maryland Place changes included the addition of elevated deck steps, a decision supported by the Maryland Place Homes Corporation. In Stedwick, an additional metal deck railing option was added. This change was considered based on homeowner inquiry and support from the Stedwick Homes Corporation.

A list of MVF Transportation Priorities, which is based on the Transportation Policy and involvement in the MV Master Plan process, was approved. The Board directed Executive Vice President (EVP) Dave Humpton to transmit the priority list to county and state elected officials for consideration in the county’s upcoming CIP and state projects.

The Board approved the Communications Committee recommendation for a new resident-focused branding campaign, which will use digital content and short video interviews to showcase Village residents.

In working toward another strategic goal of making MVF a “green” operation, the Board approved a proposal from Brigade Holdings, Inc. for light replace-

ment at Stedwick Community Center. The proposal includes retrofitting interior and exterior lights in the community center, bath house, parking lot and pool deck with LED lights, similar to work that was previously done at the MVF Office and Lake Marion Community Center by another vendor.

PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

Board President Pete Young thanked Peggy Mark for her 41 years of service to MVF. He noted that the hard work of the Recreation staff, both full time and seasonal, is noticed by members of the community, and he attributed their professional training to Peggy’s leadership over the years. Young also thanked those involved in planning Peggy’s retirement event, noting it was a fun evening to celebrate Peggy’s time with MVF.

EVP REPORT

EVP Humpton updated the Board on legislation regarding the state and county Roadway Reimbursement programs. He said that in recent years, Village homes corporations have received decreasing amounts of money from this program, mainly due to lowered county funds. Montgomery County is considering repealing the law, which would leave a large bur-

den on HOAs to cover the costs of maintaining public-private streets.

Humpton also said he recently attended a county planning meeting for the former golf course property development. At the meeting, the Planning Department told property owner Monument Realty that due to recent engineering findings, they could not support parts of the concept plan that they had previously indicated they were in favor of. This signals some plan changes that need to happen in a very short time-frame to keep the project on track. Humpton urged the Board to continue to support the project, noting that the “Central Park is an amenity we don’t want to lose—the plans are beautiful!”

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Bob Carey reported that MVF remains in a strong financial position, and gave figures for both the month of June and the year-to-date (YTD). Carey noted that at the end of June, MVF had \$7.4 million in Cash and Investments.

Revenue was reported as \$752,705 for the month, and \$4.4 million YTD which is favorable to the budget. Revenue from investments and pool memberships are doing well, and are offset by assessments, advertising and camps and classes.

Carey said Expenses for June were \$890,000 and \$3.6 million YTD, which is favorable to the budget. Operating costs were also favorable for both the month and YTD, mainly due to reduced office expenses.

Net Income was \$784,000 YTD, which is favorable to the budget by 50%. Delinquencies are holding steady at 7%; Carey reported that Delinquencies have remained below 8% for the last five financial quarters.

The Investment Committee recently met and noted the Return on Investments is still favorable. They also discussed the potential to slightly increase the percentages for investments in certain categories, as some are at their current limits.

NEXT MEETING

The MVF Board of Directors and Audit Committee are scheduled to meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 24 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road, to discuss the 2018 MVF Draft Budget. The regular MVF Board meeting is scheduled immediately following. Residents are invited and encouraged to attend either meeting. The meeting agenda and information packet will be available online at www.montgomeryvillage.com the week of the meeting.

MVF Financial Reports - June 2017

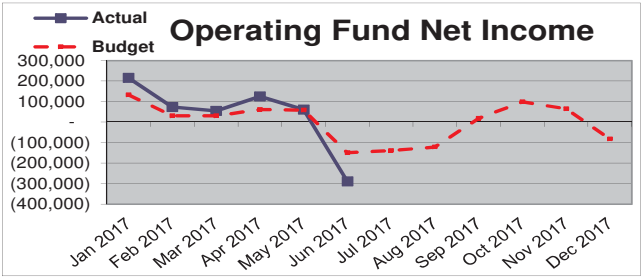
OPERATING FUND - STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE

	June 2017			YTD Jun 2017		
	Actual	Budget	Variance (Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Variance (Unfav)
Revenue:						
Assessments	518,290	518,251	38	3,109,695	3,109,508	187
Assessment Fees	5,544	1,561	3,983	94,556	104,164	(9,608)
Transfer Fees	3,450	2,937	513	18,600	16,465	2,135
Disclosure Fees	16,766	14,771	1,995	74,667	78,967	(4,300)
Advertising revenue	16,389	18,868	(2,479)	60,632	78,152	(17,520)
Pool Memberships/Rental Fees	37,979	31,883	6,096	84,494	69,390	15,104
Camps & Classes	37,198	59,041	(21,843)	147,992	164,816	(16,824)
Management Fees	65,988	65,934	54	398,285	395,602	2,683
Capital Contribution fee	13,489	12,973	516	77,631	60,819	16,812
Other Income	37,612	17,972	19,640	118,382	60,020	58,362
Total Revenue	752,705	744,191	8,514	4,184,934	4,137,904	47,030
Personnel Costs:						
Salaries & Wages	465,329	441,905	(23,424)	1,638,284	1,696,173	57,888
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	132,348	125,415	(6,933)	504,060	518,004	13,944
Personnel Costs	597,677	567,320	(30,357)	2,142,345	2,214,177	71,832
Business Expenses	12,460	23,002	10,543	68,339	86,663	18,324
Office Supplies	1,931	4,433	2,502	16,457	26,717	10,260
Program/Maint Supplies	22,857	19,500	(3,357)	79,349	66,700	(12,650)
Occupancy	46,797	37,375	(9,422)	151,705	149,959	(1,746)
Office Expenses/Svc Contracts	23,113	33,798	10,685	161,779	166,343	4,563
Equip Maintenance	4,697	9,050	4,353	14,930	19,750	4,820
Vehicle Expenses	2,937	1,967	(970)	9,702	11,700	1,998
Financial & Legal	6,918	9,053	2,135	60,475	71,079	10,603
Insurance	11,738	12,178	440	50,822	44,673	(6,150)
Printing	3,936	6,133	2,197	37,837	46,000	8,163
Landscape/Maintenance	90,427	85,545	(4,881)	385,433	431,198	45,765
Security	12,395	10,222	(2,173)	39,987	54,150	14,163
Other	(560)	-	560	(541)	-	541
Operating Costs	239,646	252,257	12,611	1,076,275	1,174,931	98,656
Contribution to Reserves	90,830	90,830	(0)	544,980	544,980	(0)
Contribution to CCF	13,489	12,973	(516)	77,631	60,819	(16,812)
Purchases of Assets	100,433	-	(100,433)	102,598	10,000	(92,598)
Other Equity Transfers	-	(30,000)	(30,000)	-	(30,000)	(30,000)
Reserve/capital	204,752	73,803	(130,949)	725,209	585,799	(139,410)
Operating Expenses	1,042,075	893,379	(148,695)	3,943,828	3,974,906	31,079
Excess/Deficit Revenue	(289,370)	(149,188)	(140,181)	241,107	162,998	78,109

MVF BALANCE SHEET

For the Period Ended June 30, 2017

	Current	Prior Year
ASSETS		
Cash & Cash equiv	1,323,840	2,721,080
Investments	6,113,455	5,725,223
Due from Reserves	1,608,293	104,384
Assessment Receivables	499,639	625,623
Other Receivables	110,579	105,222
Current Assets	9,655,805	9,281,532
Gross Fixed Assets	14,987,960	14,019,590
Accumulated Depreciation	(6,287,451)	(7,450,523)
Fixed Assets	8,700,509	6,569,067
Other Assets	45,554	49,043
Assets	18,401,869	15,899,643
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Due to Operating	1,608,293	104,384
Payables	598,143	288,944
Sunstream Cap Lease	119,491	124,686
Deferred Revenue Liab	639,491	548,636
Liabilities	2,965,417	1,066,650
Undesignated Reserves	9,710,346	8,912,876
Designated Reserves	5,726,101	5,920,112
Equity	15,436,447	14,832,988
Liabilities & Equity	18,401,869	15,899,643



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

IN THE NEWS

Golf Course

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The design of the extension of Stewarttown Road has also been a major discussion point with the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (DOT). The master plan calls for a two-lane minor arterial, and a cross section detailing the design was included in the document. So far, DOT has objected to Monument Realty’s engineering of the proposed new roadway and has requested modifications to the design and its intersection with Watkins Mill Road.

Monument Realty continues to work diligently to address the request by the planning department staff, while maintaining design principles developed through the open community charrette process in 2013. Monument Realty is working with the planning department staff to keep the project moving forward to a hearing before the planning board, which is now anticipated to take place in November.

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IN THE NEWS



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Lizards, Turtles and Snakes – OH MY! Tiny Feet Campers enjoyed a special visit from Reptile Wonders last week! Campers got to touch, rub and even hold a variety of reptiles including snakes, lizards, turtles and a bearded dragon.



Soaring Stars and Racing Wind campers and staff enjoyed a trip to Rockin' Jump this week as well as daily activities like Fire, Water, Burn! and cool crafts like this fire-breathing dragon! They also look forward to their daily dip in the pool at Lake Marion Community Center.

IN THE NEWS

Pepco Peak Energy Savings Credit program

When the temperature rises in the summer, so does the demand for electricity. The Peak Energy Savings Credit lets you earn a credit off your bill when you reduce your energy use on specially designated Peak Savings Days.

Peak Savings Days are a few days each summer when demand for electricity is highest, and they typically occur for a few hours between noon and 8 p.m. During these periods, you'll earn a credit of \$1.25 off your bill for every kilowatt hour (kWh) you save below your average energy use. The more you reduce your energy use, the more you can save. For example, if your average energy use is 19 kWh and you reduce your energy use to 15 kWh, you'll receive a \$5 credit.

Pepco customers can choose whether or not to participate on a particular Peak Savings Day—and there is never any enrollment and signing up is not necessary. There is also no penalty if you choose not to participate in the Peak Energy Savings Credit program.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- **No enrollment.** When a Peak Savings Day is announced, you'll automatically receive a phone call the night before with the hours for reducing your energy use. You can also choose to be notified by text or email. To set your preferences, visit www.pepco.com and click "My Home" or call 1-855-730-PEAK (7385).
- **Save energy.** Reduce your energy use below your average during the specified hours of a Peak Savings Day to earn a credit off your bill.
- **View your credit.** On average, customers receive a \$5 credit on each Peak Savings Day. You'll see your credit on your next bill or through your account online.

ENERGY SAVING TIPS

Saving energy on Peak Savings Days can be as simple as waiting to run major appliances until later or reducing air conditioner use, if health permits. Additional savings can be found by:

- Closing shades and blinds to the hot sun
- Unplugging chargers and electronics
- Switching off unused lights
- Using a fan to circulate air instead of air conditioning
- Running major appliances before or after specified hours
- Cooking outside or use a microwave instead of an oven
- Putting computers in sleep mode or turning them off entirely

For more information, visit www.pepco.com or call 1-855-730-PEAK (7385).

Community discussion on Universal Pre-K

Did you know the return on investment of high quality Pre-K programs is \$7 for every \$1 invested in terms of academic achievement and future employment and earnings?

Montgomery County Councilmember Craig Rice and MCPS Superintendent Dr. Jack Smith invite residents to a community discussion on Universal Pre-K scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 23 at Richard Montgomery High School (Cafeteria), 250 Richard Montgomery Drive, Rockville.

Join the discussion to learn more about Universal Pre-K. Topic questions include:

- What would it look like in Montgomery County?
- How is it different from programs already in place?
- Why should we invest in it?

For more information, contact Councilmember Rice's office at 240-777-7955 or e-mail Councilmember.Rice@montgomerycountymd.gov.



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IN THE NEWS

Picnic Pavilion Rentals

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

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



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IN THE NEWS

Share your photographs with the Village

What do you love most about living in Montgomery Village? The abundance of wildlife? The parks and greenspace? Fishing at the lake? Playing with friends and neighbors? Now is your chance to show off your favorite Village places, activities or captured moments. Each year, the Montgomery Village Foundation runs a photo contest for our annual calendar, asking residents to highlight their favorite things about living in the Village.

The annual calendar contest requires photos that are at least 10" (w) x 8" (h) at 300 dpi (high resolution suitable for commercial printing) in JPG format. Photos must be received by 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 2. Two photos will be chosen to represent each month, one large and one small; each entrant can submit up to five photos for the contest.

Photos can be e-mailed to mvnews@mvf.org, with the appropriate contest name in the subject line. Original photos or those on CD may be dropped off at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road. Please include name, address and phone number for identification purposes.

For more information or questions, contact Graphic Designer Maria Pullifrone at 240-243-2328 or e-mail mpullifrone@mvf.org. The annual calendar is expected to be delivered with a December issue of the *Village News*.

CALENDAR CONTEST RULES

- Photos must be received by MVF by close of business on Monday, Oct. 2, 2017.
- 35mm photographs must be in color and no smaller than 3" x 5" in size.
- Digital photographs must be 300 dpi in JPG format.
- Digital photographs must be at least 8" x 10" in size.
- Original photographs will be returned to contributors after they are scanned; CDs, disks and other materials received will not be returned to contributors unless requested.
- Entrants may submit up to five photographs.
- Photographs must be of Montgomery Village scenes, seasons or events.
- All photographs are subject to the policies and by-laws set forth by the Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc., Board of Directors.



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.

COMMERCIAL ARMED ROBBERY

A commercial armed robbery occurred at the CVS Pharmacy located at 9140 Rothbury Drive at approximately 8:42 p.m. on July 12. For more information and to view video surveillance of the suspect, please visit: <http://www.mymcpnews.com/2017/07/19/detectives-investigate-montgomery-village-cvs-pharmacyarmed-robbery-surveillance-video-released/>

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

A commercial burglary occurred at the Montgomery County Liquor and Wine store located at 20004 Goshen Road in the early morning hours of July 14. Forced entry; merchandise was taken.

Suspects: B/M, age unknown Male, race and age unknown

A commercial burglary occurred at the Liberty Gas Station located at 19205 Watkins Mill Road in the early morning hours of July 24. Forced entry; merchandise was taken.

Suspect: Male, race unknown, age 12 or 13

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

Two residential burglaries occurred in the following areas:

In the 19000 block of Mills Choice Road between approximately 12 p.m. on July 17 and approximately 1:46 p.m. on July 20. Forced entry; property was taken;

In the 7800 block of Heritage Farm Drive between approximately 10:30 p.m. on July 20 and approximately 6:30 a.m. on July 21. No signs of forced entry, a door was reported to have been left unlocked; property was taken.

THEFT FROM VEHICLES

Multiple thefts from vehicles occurred between approximately 12 a.m. on July 11 and approximately 8:30 a.m. on July 12. Affected streets included Maple Leaf Drive and Beaver Ridge Road. No force, multiple vehicles were reported to have been left unlocked, unknown means of entry into the other vehicles; cash and property were taken.

MCP urges all residents to take a role in preventing this type of crime by removing valuables and locking all doors.

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ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS



Architectural Standards

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

Do it yourself projects to add curb appeal to your home

PAINT THE FRONT DOOR

Your front door may currently be a color that has been on your house for many years, or a color selected by a previous owner that is really outdated. It may be time to give your home a new personality! Painting a front door can be inexpensive and it can create an entirely new look for your home. With all the new, climate protected and durable paints in the local marketplace, this little task can be completed for a \$25 can of paint and a couple of hours of your time after receiving approval for the new color. Remember to always use a paint primer before using the actual paint. The paint will adhere better to the door. Many Village communities have new, updated color palettes at the MVF Office—come take a look!

PAINT YOUR HOUSE NUMBERS

Are your house numbers faded in color, falling off the siding or wood board to which they are attached? Repainting or replacing old house numbers is inexpensive, but can make a real difference in the appearance of your home. Remember, house numbers are different for different communities. Some communities require 4" to 5" black numbers attached to the siding; some must be attached to a diagonal board under entrance light fixtures; and brass numbers may also be required in other communities, or may be approved where black numbers were originally installed. Check your numbers to see if they are securely attached or need fresh paint. This project can be accomplished for under \$20.

SPRUCE UP YOUR MAILBOX

If you have a mailbox attached to your house or on a post in the front yard, then a coat of spray paint can freshen it up. If your mailbox is worn and dented, replace it with a new one, which will make the entrance to your home more attractive from streetscape (note that approval is needed for any new type of mailbox). A new mailbox may run \$20 to \$30 dollars, and MVF has been approving lockable mailboxes upon application. A new coat

of paint using a can of spray paint should only cost about \$5, but the effect will be priceless.

ADD PORCH FURNITURE

If your home has a front porch, adding a rocking chair or a bench can add some curb appeal. Used furniture bought at a yard sale or thrift store can look like new with a coat of paint and some elbow grease, and all this could possibly be accomplished for slightly more than \$50.

MAKE AN INVITING ENTRANCE

Another way to enhance curb appeal is to strip and repaint peeling, worn out porch rails and front entrance trim boards. Approaching a front entrance to a home can be a positive experience for you as well as your visitors. Check with MVF for the proper trim color for your home.

UPDATE LIGHTING FIXTURES

Replace broken or damaged front entrance light fixtures with either the same type of fixture or update your current light fixture with one of the new style fixtures being offered in catalogs or the local marketplace. Remember any change in style or color requires prior approval, but the MVF review process is easy and quick. New entrance lights can bring new beauty and curb appeal to your home. The cost of a new fixture can be anywhere from \$20 to \$50.

DECORATE WITH POTTED PLANTS OR NEW SHRUBBERY

If you don't think you have a green thumb and are afraid of tackling front yard landscaping, you can beautify the front entrance to your home using green plants and healthy flowering plants in pots. Potted plants can be placed along front steps, on porches and along walkways. Pots should be in good condition and there should be thoughtful use of pots so the yard does not become cluttered in appearance.

Potted plants are easy to use. Start with a nice pot, then, add some stones in the bottom to drain the water, add potting

soil, and insert plants or flowers. Large pots can be placed near the steps or front door. A local garden center can advise on the best types of plants for the lighting conditions at the front of your home. The cost can be anywhere from \$20 to \$50, and a little time needs to be included to water and care for the plants.

GREENERY AND FLOWERS FOR CURB APPEAL

It is amazing how much beauty can be added to a home by simply adding a few green plants, such as hosta plants, or one of the lovely grasses now in garden centers. Flowering azaleas or geraniums, or the hardy variety of pansies, can make a front entrance bright and alive with color.

Local garden center employees are trained to assist customers with creative ideas and plant education. Many hardy green plants and flowering plants require little time once planted. If planted correctly, the plants can continue to provide you with beauty and curb appeal for many years to come.

Please remember that any exterior modifications to your home must be approved by the Architectural Review Board before they are started on the home. For more information, contact the MVF Architectural Standards Department at 301-948-0110.



MILESTONES

We have “All Americans” amongst us

Last month a Montgomery Village teen traveled to Kansas to compete on the national level for the 51st USATF Junior Olympics from July 24 to July 31. Donovan Brown, age 14, is an upcoming eighth grader at Neelsville Middle School and runs with the Firebirds Track Club.

During the Regional Championships in North Carolina, Brown qualified for high jump, 4x400 relay, 4x800 relay and the pentathlon, earning him a spot on the big stage, the Junior Olympics.

The first day of competition was the pentathlon, which combines five events—shot put, long jump, high jump, hurdles and 1500 meters—and gives each athlete points based on what place they finished. Out of 25 athletes, Brown won 7th place, earning him a spot on the podium. As a special treat, he received his medal from Ashton Eaton, a retired American decathlete, and two-time Olympic champion.

Brown wasn’t the only member of his track team who saw success at the Junior Olympics. His 4x800 relay team, which consisted of Rowan Richards, Yariv Simhony, Okeyo Ayungo and Brown as anchor, placed 6th out of 17 relay teams.

Other Firebirds All-Americans from Nationals:

AGES 7 AND 8

- Tiana Welbon - 4x100 (5th place) and 4x400 (1st place) relays
- Jamia Gardner - 4x100 (5th place) and 4x400 (1st place) relays
- Parker Coes - 4x100 (5th place) and 4x400 (1st place) relays
- Brielle Taylor - 4x100 (5th place) and 4x400 (1st place) relays

AGES 9 AND 10

- Ethan Long - 800m (5th Place)

AGES 15 AND 16

- Taylor Wright - High Jump (5th Place)

AGES 17 AND 18

- Genevieve DiBari - 3000m (4th Place) and 1500m (4th Place)

Firebirds practice weekly at Watkins Mill High School. The 2018 Outdoor Season begins in April. For registration information, visit the Firebirds website at www.firebirdstrackclub.com.



Donovan Brown pictured with two-time Olympic champion Ashton Eaton.

Kudos to Denise Shores Studio of Dance

These dancers from Denise Shores Studio of Dance just returned from the World Dance Championship, sponsored by Star Dance Alliance, where they achieved Semi Finalist status with honorable mention. Dancers came from all over the

United States and 17 countries to compete at the Meadowlands complex in New Jersey. The Denise Shores Studio dancers are from Montgomery Village, Gaithersburg, Derwood, Poolesville and Urbana.



Discounted amusement park tickets now available

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

- Busch Gardens\$59
- Diggerland.....\$25
- Dorney Park..... Adult \$43
- Dutch Wonderland.....\$37
- Hershey Park..... Adult \$52
- Jr. (Ages 3 to 8) \$40
- King’s Dominion.....\$37
- (Summer Fun Days – through Aug. 20)
- Sahara Sams.....\$26
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MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

Middle Village bulk trash pickup no longer available

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

Due the large volume of bulk trash, the cost to have it collected and the fact that bulk trash attracts rodents and lowers the property values, it was decided that residents will now be responsible for disposing of their own bulk trash.

Residents can take bulk trash to the Shady Grove Transfer Station, 16101 Frederick Road, Derwood, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Items the transfer station accepts include:

- metal appliances and other large scrap metal items
- small scrap metal items
- building materials in usable condition
- clothing and shoes
- commingled ("blue bin") materials
- cans
- glass bottles and jars
- plastic bottles, containers, tubs and lids
- electronics
- fluorescent, LCD and LED bulbs and tubes
- hazardous waste (fees may apply)
- mixed paper and cardboard
- bulky rigid plastics
- yard trim (grass, leaves, brush) up to 6" in diameter (fee-based)
- rechargeable batteries
- motor oil
- antifreeze
- propane cylinders
- tires

Placing bulk trash in the community is a violation that is subject to a fine.

Any resident dumping bulk trash on Middle Village property after August 1 will be fined \$250.

There is also now a \$100 reward for picture or video proof that identifies violators of the community trash policy. Picture or video proof is required to collect a reward, and some restrictions apply. All reports will remain anonymous. Homeowners will be fined if

they or their tenants violate the trash policy.

Trash policy violations include, but are not limited to:

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

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

Remember, do not place household trash or recycling out until the evening before pickup or the morning of pickup. Any other time is a violation of the community trash policy and is subject to fines.

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

Middle Village trash/recycling collection schedule:

Tuesday and Friday - household trash collection only

Wednesday - recycling collection only

RECYCLING CONTAINERS

Is your recycle bin overflowing? You can order up to two new recycling bins (limit of five bins per calendar year) free of charge from Montgomery County and they will be delivered to your home by County staff (not the recycling collection crew).

To order, visit www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/depwebstore/default.aspx and click "Recycling Bins and Containers." Bins will arrive within two weeks, depending on when the order is placed.

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

SOUTH VILLAGE SCENES

Capital projects

by the South Village Board of Directors

People sometimes wonder where their association dues are going. Well, a lot of money goes to routine projects like security and trash collection and keeping the snow shoveled (yes, in the middle of this heat wave, there really was snow and there will be snow again) and the grass mowed. But there are a number of larger projects being launched this month, and it's a pleasure to announce that the community will be better off when they're done.

- Grover's Forge is going to see step replacement in a number of areas. Both concrete and wooden steps are scheduled for replacement.
- New "speed humps" are being installed in The Hamptons as part of a traffic calming effort.
- There's been a lot of "fence mending" in the community in general, and at least whole fence replacement in The Millrace.
- An extensive list of tree work has been started and will continue for some time. In addition to pruning and (in some cases) removal, the maintenance commit-

tee is creating a second tree list to begin planting new trees when the weather is right (this fall).

- Our latest big project will be extensive pavement repairs in Nathan's Hill, including milling and overlay paving.

These are "big ticket" items, and while it may seem like they're taking a while, please remember that there is a process. They must first be prioritized, budgeted, approved, bid and finally contracted before work can begin. It's not like we get to open our personal checkbooks, write out the funds and work can start. It's a process of getting the most for our money, because we on the board live here, too.

LIVING IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY

Recently, the Upcounty Citizen's Advisory Board (UCAB), an advisory group to the Montgomery County government, voted to make recommendations on the county's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the next fiscal years. UCAB has input to (but does not make any decision upon) a number of budget and policy measures that affect life in the northern half of Montgomery County. We are pleased to report that

this year's list included a recommendation that the project for the Sixth District Police Station be included as a "top priority." This reflects a view on the UCAB board that more police presence is required on the north side of I-270, to meet the issues of the greater Montgomery Village area.

STAYING SAFE

In this period of extreme high temperatures, seniors and infants are at increased risk of medical problems related to the heat. Montgomery County is not operating cooling centers at this point in time.

However, county facilities, including libraries, swimming pools, recreation and senior centers, as well as regional services centers, will be open and may provide respite from the heat. Recreation centers will waive normal sign-in procedures and access card requirements when operating as a cooling center. If a decision is made that a cooling center is needed, information will be posted on the Montgomery County Home page, under "News Releases."

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

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EASTGATE EXPRESS

Eastgate community picnic

by the Eastgate Board of Directors

Get ready for a great, fun-filled afternoon with your Eastgate neighbors! The Eastgate community picnic is scheduled for noon on Saturday, Sept. 9 at Martin P. Roy Park, 20121 Cinnabar Drive. Come and enjoy great food, fun and neighborhood camaraderie. Dance and twirl to the sounds of the DJ and participate in games, face painting and the moon bounce. Don't forget to grab a snow cone and some popcorn while you wait to tour the Fire Safety House which will be on site as well. See you there!

SUMMER PROJECTS

Residents of Charlesgate, Hickory Ridge, Kings Point, The Mews and Wood Edge have all received notification of work to be done in those communities Monday, Aug. 7 to Monday, Aug. 14. Projects include some concrete replacement, parking lot re-striping and fire lane re-painting.

Eastgate Express: for residents of Charlesgate, Hickory Grove, Kings Point, The Meadows, The Mews, Ridgefield and Wood Edge.

HERON'S COVE CONDOMINIUM

Notice to all owners of Mills Choice Condominium T/A Heron's Cove Condominium

In accordance with Section 50206 of the Maryland Corporation and Association Code, notice is hereby given that a subsequent Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, Aug. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at 19101 Mills Choice Road. Those members of the Association present will constitute a quorum and a majority of those present will have the authority to decide any and all proposed actions.

WHETSTONE WATCH

What is that brown spot? A mid-summer tale.

by William R. Ott

I mean the large brown spot on the lawn, not the one on my arm. There are lots of brown spots on our lawns these days. The simple truth is that grass is hard to grow and, once grown, hard to maintain. It is one of the reasons that many residents have chosen to have a lawn service. Even then, the homeowner needs to cooperate to ensure a nice, green lawn. Brown spots can come about for lots of reasons: pets, squirrels, rabbits, deer, insects, poor soil, too much fertilizer, not enough water, too much shade and roots from nearby trees, to name a few.

The brown spot I am talking about, however, is the one on the edge of my lawn where a cherry tree was removed last fall. There are similar brown spots, about 2 to 4 feet in diameter, located throughout Whetstone wherever trees were removed. The stumps were ground down, the chips removed, dirt and grass seed applied and straw overlaid to retain moisture. And presto, grass appeared a couple weeks later. Not.

Even though it was the fall, and even though I cooperated by watering the area on my lawn faithfully for about 10 days, twice a day, there wasn't much grass. It was mostly a big brown spot with straw on top of it. I asked our lawn service to help out. Together we cleaned up the soil, removing lots of little stones and some of

the remaining grindings that seemed to have the consistency of shredded mulch. We added more seed and tried again with the watering protocol, but it was really too late in the season. We were hopeful that the grass would rise again in the spring.

There wasn't much more new grass this spring. Then, in mid-April, the lawn service had to apply weed control, which meant that additional grass seeding would have to wait till mid-June. I was told that it is hard for grass seed to germinate when weed control is being applied. The lawn service applied more seed in June, and I followed up with daily watering. The large brown spot is mostly gone, but there are still a few patches of plain dirt where the cherry tree once stood.

Why am I telling you this story? There are other such brown spots, maybe even some on your lawn where a tree only recently stood. My experience has been that it is not necessarily the fault of the contractor who removed the tree, serviced the spot afterwards and then walked away. Grass is hard to grow and maintain under the best of circumstances, but especially when the soil is not ideal, the watering is not sufficient and the timing of the seeding is not optimum. My best efforts, working together with my lawn service, have been only partially successful.

Sod is an alternative, but it

is seasonal and also requires good soil and water. So, what to do about your local brown spot if it is still bothering you? I would say, don't rely on the community contractor. Too many uncertainties, too few controls and not enough personal interest on a daily basis. Instead, give it your best effort and, if you have a lawn service, ask for their help. Above all, be patient. It is not easy to grow grass.

NEW PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Good news for Montgomery Village "pioneers" circa 1976, and also for military retirees and certain uniformed service retirees. If you are 65 or older and either (1) have owned and lived in your home for 40 or more years or (2) are a military retiree, you may be eligible for a 20% credit on your annual county property tax, according to a new bill passed by the county council in March 2017. You can receive this credit up to five times. If you want a tax credit this year, you must fill out an application form before Friday, Sept. 1. The form and detailed information on eligibility are available online at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/finance/bill-42-16.html.

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

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PATTON RIDGE REPORT

The importance of architectural standards

by the Patton Ridge Board of Directors

On July 25, 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 underwent a complete property inspection in 2015, and the next inspection will be in 2018.

Since the inspections were last done, a new pilot program for violations enforcement was initiated by Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF). The program entitled "Smartwebs" involves the use of mobile devices to track architectural and maintenance violations on residents' properties. The reports generated by Jenark in coordination with Smartwebs now include both architectural violations and maintenance violations.

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."

Currently there are 200 active violation cases being processed by the MVF Architectural Standards Department.

The active violations fall into 15 distinct categories. The majority of the violations include: exterior color problems; security lights that replace original decorative light fixtures; unapproved changes made to house and/or property; missing house features; violation of community criteria; and landscape matters. Overall, 70 violations have been closed this year as the violations were corrected.

Also there are 22 are 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" on the impact of the community, or are not highly visible from common areas.

Ten cases have had MVF membership privileges suspended pending a correction of the violation(s). These cases have had some type of legal correspondence including attorney letters.

Four cases are actively involved in legal action and two lawsuits have been filed.

MVF no longer requires a \$25 application review fee for exterior modifications; however, there is still a review fee for violations to cover the administrative cost of pursuing the violation.

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

NEXT BOARD MEETING

There is no board meeting in August. The next Patton Ridge Homes Corporation board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 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 three minutes.

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

NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

August highlights

by the North Village Board of Directors

The recent cooler weather, the first exhibition football game and back-to-school ads are sure signs that summer is winding down. But August is a busy month for many residents with final vacation plans and school preparation. There is also the solar eclipse on Monday, Aug. 21 where our area will see more than 80% shadow.

August is also a busy month for your volunteer board of directors. The board will meet next Thursday, Aug. 17, with a full agenda. Some business items on the agenda are the appointment of the nominating committee and the approval of the election calendar in preparation for the upcoming board elections at the end of the year. We plan to discuss the draft 2018 budget and prepare to approve it for publication in the *Village News*. Look for full coverage of the meeting in our next article, which will appear in the Friday, Aug. 25 issue.

A SAFE NORTH VILLAGE

In an effort to keep our neighborhood safe, remember these six words: "If you see something, say something." In other words, if you see suspicious activity anywhere in Montgomery Village, please call the police at 301-279-8000 or our security service, American Protective Service (APS) at 240-631-8383. Of course if it is an emergency, dial 911. We want to keep criminal activity

out of North Village. You can report non-criminal violations by calling or e-mailing our community manager with your concerns at the phone number or e-mail address at the end of this article. We must all be aware of what is going on around us. This includes keeping an eye on our neighbors' house if we know that they are not home. Call the police or APS if you see any suspicious trucks, cars or people that just don't belong.

A CLEAN NORTH VILLAGE

On the subject of keeping our neighborhood clean, we want to thank all the residents who are picking up after their dogs. Folks are certainly doing a much better job and using the newly installed pet stations. We also want to thank all those residents who carefully manage their trash and recycling. They promptly bring in their trash cans and blue bins after the pickups. If containers stay out all week on common ground, they will be picked up and trashed. Putting out trash cans, blue bins, loose trash and bulk items anytime you feel like it gives a terrible appearance. We want North Village to look nice all the time.

One problem that has gotten worse over the summer is the dumping of bulk trash on community property. The cost of removing the trash has grown six-fold in just the past few years. We are making every effort to track down the offenders and bill them.

Another problem is abandoned cars. APS is tagging cars that are clearly abandoned without license plates, disabled or have not moved for months. The list is given to our towing company so that they can be removed. We need these cars towed so that folks can park in our parking lots. If you see cars that have not been moved for a long period of time, please report them to our community manager at the number listed below.

BOARD VACANCY

Your board of directors would like to fill our one board vacancy to bring the board up to the full nine members. Since filling two seats at the last election, we still have one vacancy on the board. If you would like to get involved in the management of your community, please submit your name to our community manager, whose phone number is given below.

NEXT MEETING

The next board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 17, in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. If you have any questions or want to report any problems, 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.

NORTHGATE NEWS

Revised parking policy coming soon

by the Northgate Board of Directors

The Northgate board is currently working on updated parking and towing policies for the community. It has been a few years since the parking policy was updated. The revisions include updated county regulations brought to our attention by officials. Prior to adoption, the policies will be sent to homeowners for comment.

Safety concerns, such as cars parked in a manner that they block emergency vehicle access, prompted the thorough review. An official from Montgomery County visited Northgate and pointed out a number of issues. We have to respond to them.

Please note that you may not block another vehicle when parking. Residents may call security, the police and the towing company if blocked in a parking space.

TRASH INFO

Finally, trash. Again. Northgate provides ample resources to handle trash, including twice-weekly trash pickups and bulk pickups once-per-week as needed. The county provides once-per-week recycling. With few exceptions, that should cover every resident's trash removal needs. Those exceptions can almost always be handled by taking the items to the Shady Grove Transfer Station, a short

distance from Montgomery Village (MVA>Midcounty Highway>Shady Grove Road>Left on 355>almost immediate Left into Transfer Station).

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

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

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

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

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



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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 MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886. Information can also be emailed to mvnews@mvf.org or faxed to 301-990-7071. Announcements should be received 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.

AT YOUR LEISURE

Vacation Bible School at Covenant UMC



photo submitted by Kerri Garland

Covenant United Methodist Church, located on the corner of Wightman Road and Montgomery Village Avenue, just finished up Vacation Bible School (VBS), and it was nothing short of amazing! Over 80 kids from the community, 50 middle school/high school youth and adult volunteers, and other church members were in attendance.

The kids enjoyed stations that included crafts, where they created their own robots, mazes, wind chimes and

stuffed bears; a second station where they discovered how a balloon could be inflated with only a bottle of soda and Nerds candy; a third station explored how to get soda to shoot into the sky using Mentos; and the most delicious station taught how to make your own ice cream. All these activities did relate to their daily Bible Point!

VBS days also included snack, recreation, Bible story and music where kids experienced great core values while having fun; it was amazing!

In addition to the wonderful volunteers putting their time and love into the event, we were also blessed with many donations from the church members that were vital in putting everything together to create an enthusiastic learning atmosphere for the kids throughout the entire week.

For information about upcoming events at Covenant UMC, call 301-926-8920 or visit www.covenant-umc.org.

SCHOOL NEWS

MCPS GIVE BACKpacks

Once again, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) is raising funds to provide students with backpacks and school supplies. With each year, the programs success grows. Last year, MCPS provided nearly 18,000 backpacks to students in need thanks to the generosity of hundreds of people in the community. This year, the goal is to reach even more students.

August is a critical month for the campaign as we will begin to place orders for schools with a vision of as many students as possible having a backpack with supplies at the start of the school year.

There are several ways to conveniently donate to the MCPS GIVE BACKpacks Campaign. Residents can donate by check, credit card online or via a new text feature—simply text 'Backpac' to 301-329-2238 and following the prompts on your cell phone.

Every donation helps a student in need. For more information or questions, visit

www.mcpsgivebackpacks.org, or contact Cynthia Bangali at 301-217-5370 or e-mail Cynthia_D_Bangali@mcpsmd.org. Together, we are making the future bright for all our students. Thank you for your support!



For just \$10, supporters can purchase a backpack filled with school supplies for one student. The following campaign levels of giving help even more students:

- **\$10—Student Level**
- **\$300—Class Level**
- **\$1,500—Grade Level**
- **\$6,500—School Level**
- **\$25,000—Cluster Level**
- **\$50,000 and up—District Level**

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Youth Corps, F.O.W.L. team up at Lake Whetstone

On Thursday, July 27 the Montgomery Village Youth Corps, led by Griffin Bentzel, joined forces with members of Friends of Whetstone Lake (F.O.W.L.) to clear out invasive vines from healthy trees. The group worked hard to make a difference at the lake.

For several years, the invasive vines have been slowly choking the healthy trees. Removing the vines allows

for old and new trees to thrive and provide cover and protection for all wildlife and park attendees. F.O.W.L. members Jeannie and Eve Pizzonia extend a large "Thank You" to everyone—residents and non-residents alike—who contribute time and energy to maintaining the park and making a difference at Lake Whetstone and in Montgomery Village.



photo submitted by Jeannie Pizzonia

The MVF Youth Corps and members of F.O.W.L. worked together to clean up invasive vines around the Lake Whetstone. Back row (l to r): Griffin Bentzel, Michelangelo R. and Caryl Agopome. Front row (l to r): Saumya K., Jeannie Pizzonia, Letitia F. and Eve Pizzonia.

Gaithersburg HELP seeks volunteers for transportation program

Gaithersburg HELP is an all-volunteer non-profit organization that provides support to individuals and families in the Gaithersburg area. For over 40 years, they have hosted programs for food, infant needs, prescription funding and transportation with assistance to resources that are available, and providing information and referrals to other organizations and agencies.

Currently, Gaithersburg HELP is in need of volunteers to work in the transportation program, serving as drivers, schedulers and technical assistants. Drivers are needed to take program participants to medical and social service appointments in the area; sched-

ulers are needed to coordinate participants and drivers; and technical assistants are needed for general computer and administrative support for the program.

Volunteer help is needed during weekday hours. Each position has a minimum age and other requirements; in some cases a background check may be required.

For more information, or specific information about any of the volunteer positions, visit www.gaithersburghelp.org, call 301-216-2510, box 6 or e-mail volunteer@gaithersburghelp.org. To apply directly, visit www.gaithersburghelp.org/volunteer-application.

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RECREATION

Fall Flea Market

It's time to turn those unused items in your garage, attic and basement into cash! The Annual Fall Flea Market is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

Admission for shoppers is free! Vendor spaces are available now on a first-come, first-served basis for \$23/Resident and \$28/Non-resident. Spaces sell out quickly so don't delay. Register online at www.montgomeryvillage.com. For more information, contact Alex Alcon at 240-243-2314 or e-mail aalcon@mof.org.



Final Yoga on the Dock this season!



Join instructor Susan Young for a morning yoga session overlooking scenic Lake Whetstone. This beginner/intermediate class is scheduled from 9 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9 at Lake Whetstone Dock, 18701 Montgomery Village Avenue. \$10/participant, per date; drop-ins welcome!

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

Fall water exercise classes

Extend those summer workouts into fall with Water Aerobics or Deep Water Running classes at Stedwick Pool, 10401 Stedwick Road. Water Aerobics meets from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. on Fridays, Sept. 1 through Sept. 22. Join the fun for \$32 for the session or drop-in for \$10 per visit.

Deep Water Running meets from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. on Thursdays, Aug. 31 through Sept. 21. This class costs \$36 for the session, or drop-in for \$10 per visit. Stedwick Pool is heated so you'll be comfy no matter the air temperature! For more information or to register, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



Touch A Truck

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North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road

9 A.M. TO NOON
Rain or Shine

Quiet Hour
9 to 10 a.m.

This is a free, hands-on experience for the entire family!

Local businesses will be displaying a wide assortment of unique trucks in the North Creek Community Center Parking Lot. Kids will have the opportunity to get behind the wheel of their favorite vehicles, honk horns, explore and learn from their operators!

Children must be accompanied by an adult to attend this event.

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NEW!

BANG Power Dance™

Check out the new urban-inspired dance/fitness class using optional weighted gloves. A fusion of hip-hop, world dance, boxing, aerobics and body-weight training, this class will take your workout to a whole new level! Using a carefully designed mix of today's hottest music, BANG Power Dance will inspire you to get fit and move.

BANG Power Dance meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Sept. 19 to Dec. 19 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Register for the whole session for only \$84 or drop in to classes for only \$7 per visit.

Enjoy a free demo class on from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 12!

Babysitting course

NEW!

Enroll in this fun, fast paced course that includes hands on activities, videos, role play and discussion. Designed for teens who are interested in sharpening their child care skills, course topics will include how to choose age appropriate games, bedtime, discipline, safety, diapering and feeding. Learn to prevent injuries and mishaps, as well as First Aid and CPR. Successful partici-

pants will receive American Red Cross certification.

This full day class is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road and costs \$60/Resident or \$70/Non-resident. For more information, contact Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2361 or e-mail toshea@mof.org. To register, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

American Red Cross

Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED Training

Learn how to help in an emergency. This class will teach how to recognize and care for various first aid emergencies such as burns, cuts, scrapes, sudden illness, head, neck and back injuries, heat and cold emergencies and how to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies for victims of all ages.

Students who successfully complete this course will receive a certificate for Adult and

Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED valid for two years.

Minimum age for participation is 11 years old. Class is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 19 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road and costs \$60/Resident or \$70/Non-resident. For more information, contact Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2361 or e-mail toshea@mof.org. To register, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

RECREATION

Paints and Planks

Join us for a unique evening of fellowship, creating and painting, led by Cedar Rock Designs! Complete a personalized 12" x 24" wooden sign that you will be proud to display in your home. Price includes all supplies to help you create a one-of-a-kind piece along with one glass of wine (must be at least 21 years old to attend). We'll have two time slots with a maximum of 10 participants each.

Paints and Planks will meet at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road on Saturday, Oct. 7; register for the 5 to 7 p.m. or 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. timeslot for \$50/Resident or \$60/Non-resident. For more information or to register, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com or call 301-948-0110.



WHETSTONE
Afterschool Club

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

This program is open to

Stedwick and Watkins Mill students as well, however, parents are responsible for transporting their students to the community center each day, at the beginning of the program. Snacks will be provided for participants.

Registration is available with flexible options. Participants can attend every day or just occasionally. Each participant must purchase the minimum

20-day punch card. Punch cards expire at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

Not sure if the program is right for you? Register your child for the free trial week Tuesday, Sept. 5 through Monday, Sept. 11.

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

Argentine Tango
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Cost per camp per child:
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For more information or to schedule a visit call Jana Serlo at 240-243-2334.

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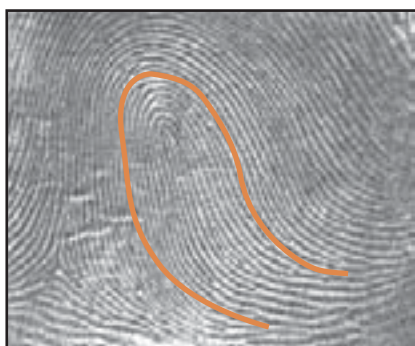


MV Kids Learn About Fingerprints

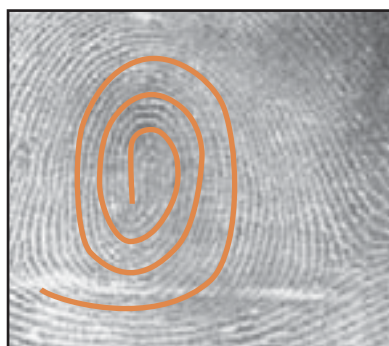
A fingerprint is an impression left by the friction ridges of a human finger. The recovery of fingerprints from a crime scene is an important method of forensic science. Fingerprints are easily deposited on surfaces like glass or metal by the natural sweat and oils on our skin. Human fingerprints are detailed, unique and durable over your lifetime.

Classifying

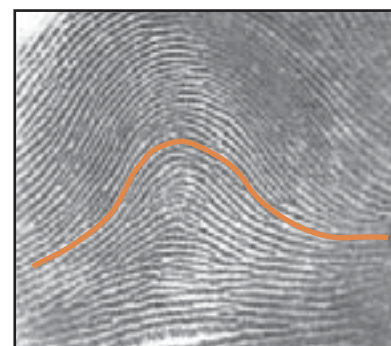
Before computers were used, fingerprints were filed in a large manual classification system based on ridge patterns. One of the most popular systems used was the Henry Classification System, developed in India. In the Henry system of classification, there are three basic fingerprint patterns: loop, whorl, and arch. Can you figure out which kind of pattern you have? You might even have all three on different fingers.



Loop



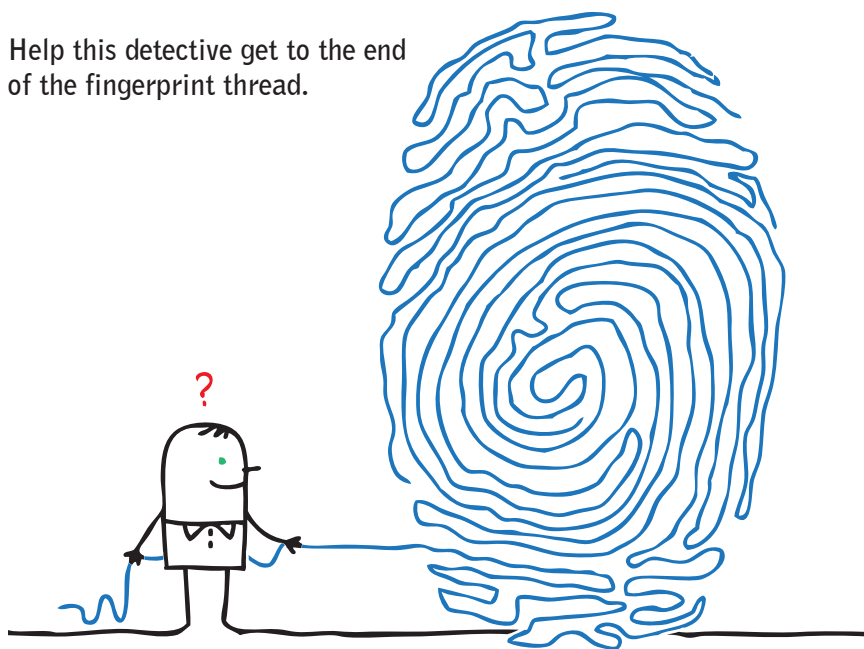
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FALL Session

Sept. 5 to Dec. 15

No activities Nov. 23 or Nov. 24

**Fall Field Trip to Toby's Dinner Theater**

"Dreamgirls" It's the 1960's, rhythm and blues blended with other styles of popular music creating a new American sound popular with black and white audiences alike. "Dreamgirls" follows the rise and fall of "The Dreams," an all-female, black singing group who learn the reality of show "business." This groundbreaking musical features the classic hits "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going," "I Am Changing" and "One Night Only."

Please note: Fog, haze and strobe effects may be used in this production.

\$53/Member, \$66/Non-member

**Total Body Tune-up**

Starting Thursday, Sept. 28, Marcy will be teaching a 10-session "Total Body Tune-Up" from 11 to 11:45 a.m. at Stedwick Community Center. The program will run through Thursday, Dec. 7, and will be included in the SiA membership fee

This fun, easy-to-follow, seated and standing movement class emphasizes light toning and stretching and can be done by people of any fitness level. Everyone works at their own pace, and all movements can be adapted to suit each participant's comfort.

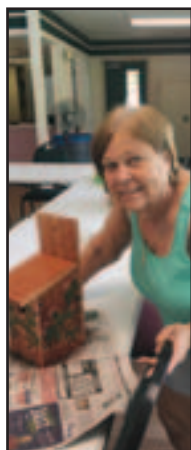
We will work on maintaining range of motion, increasing energy, improving circulation and having fun. Exercises are performed to lively, cheerful music from the '40s, '50s and '60s.

**Lunch Bunch**

Lunch Bunch (After SiA) will meet at the Stedwick Community Center the second Friday of each month during the summer session. Please see the SiA Bulletin Board for additional information!



SiA members working on Birdhouses for Arts and Crafts



Thank you to Nutritionist Nina El-Chebli and Pharmacist Dinh Estrada from Giant for coming to the Stedwick Community Center on Friday, August 4.

Calendar**MONDAY****Arts and Crafts**

10 a.m. to noon

Aug. 14: Candle Making

**Book Club**

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

Next Meeting: Sept. 18

**SiA Social Games**

10 a.m. to noon - every Monday except Book Club dates

Enjoy a variety of games, conversation and refreshments.

**PICKLEBALL**

10 a.m. to noon

This sport that combines tennis, badminton and ping-pong! Limited equipment available for use.

TUESDAY**Light Cardio Workout**

9 to 10 a.m.

Light weights and resistance bands. Guided by an interactive exercise video.

**Seated Tai Chi**

9:30 a.m. to 10:15 p.m.

Instructor Marcy will guide you through the movements to work on balance and control.

WEDNESDAY**SiA Social Games**

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

THURSDAY**Light Cardio Workout**

9 to 10 a.m.

Light weights and resistance bands. Guided by an interactive exercise video.

**SiA Social Games**

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Enjoy a variety of games, conversation and refreshments.

FRIDAY**Bingo & Brown Bag Lunch**

Noon to 2 p.m. - second Friday each month

Bring a lunch (beverages will be provided) and play bingo with friends.

Free for members, \$2/Non-member

Next date: Aug. 12

Fall Session dates: Sept. 15, Oct. 13, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8

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

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



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