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Apple Ridge Pool and Bathhouse renovations to begin soon

With the pool season winding down and Apple Ridge Pool closed for the season, the pool and bathhouse renovations at Apple Ridge will soon be under way. Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) staff has been draining the pool and moving out equipment, supplies and pool furniture to other locations in preparation for the renovation.

It is anticipated that the contractor will begin getting the site ready for demolition next week. The site preparation will include installing construction fencing around the perimeter of the pool and parking lot. During the renovation, the parking lot will not be acces-

sible to the public, as it will be used for storing materials and as a construction entrance for dump trucks and other construction vehicles.

The tennis courts will still be open, but will only be accessible through the tennis court gate on the side of the courts closest to the Georgetown Hill Early School (GHES). All other gates will be locked. The basketball court will also only be accessible through the MVF greenspace between the tennis courts and the GHES property. The soccer field will be accessible through the MVF

See APPLE RIDGE page 5

Residents enjoyed the last swim of summer at the Apple Ridge pool before its closing on Aug. 14. The renovation will begin in the next few weeks, and the new Apple Ridge Pool is scheduled to reopen for the 2017 pool season. Visit www.montgomeryvillage.com for the new pool plan.

Pool season ending soon

Summer is coming to an end, and with it, the end of "pool season" in Montgomery Village. Apple Ridge Pool is now closed and will begin renovation for the 2017 season; watch the *Village News* and www.montgomeryvillage.com for updates. Watkins Mill pool is also closed for the season. North Creek Pool will close on Sunday, Aug. 21 and Hurley Park Pool will close on Sunday, Aug. 28.

From Monday, Aug. 29 through Monday, Sept. 2, Lake Marion and Whetstone pools will be open daily from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Both pools will be open from noon to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3 and Sunday, Sept. 4, and will close at 6 p.m.

on Monday, Sept. 5 (Labor Day).

Because of the heater at Stedwick Pool, hours can be extended daily and through Sunday, Sept. 25. From Monday, Aug. 29 through Monday, Sept. 5, Stedwick Pool will be open daily from noon to 7:30 p.m. Following Labor Day, the pool will be open from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays; from noon to 7:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; and closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. The pool will close for the season at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 25.

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

Community Meeting with 6th District Police

The Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors will host a Community Meeting with the 6th District Police at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

Commander Dinesh Patil and other 6th District Officers will be discussing crime trends, crime prevention and new police technology with Village residents. All are encouraged and welcome to attend.



For ages 5 to 12

Monday, Sept. 12

8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lake Marion Community Center
8821 East Village Avenue



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\$55/Resident, \$65/Non-resident

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50th Anniversary Nature Center Celebration



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Last chance for specialty end-of-summer camps



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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. 25 in the North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Following discussion, the Audit Committee will forward their recommendation re: the 2017 Budget to the MVF Board, which will then approve the draft 2017 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. 25 in the North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 7 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.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

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

ELECTION COMMITTEE

The Election Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8 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

EASTGATE

The Eastgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at the Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

HERON'S COVE CONDOMINIUM

The Heron's Cove Condominium Annual Meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 25 at the Heron's Cove Office, 19101 Mills Choice Road.

HORIZON RUN

The Horizon Run Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 22 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

NORTHGATE

The Northgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13 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. 24 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS

The Thomas Choice Gardens meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 12 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This meeting will include the Annual Meeting.

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South Valley Park paving update

Residents should be advised that paving work is being performed in South Valley Park. Work includes paving, patching, repairs and path widening for emergency purposes. Work is expected to finish on or around Wednesday, Aug. 24. For more information or questions, contact Ron Schroers at 240-243-2341 or e-mail rschroers@mvf.org.

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EVP'S MESSAGE

This and that...



by David Humpton

MVF Executive Vice President

SWIM TEAMS 2016

We are so proud of our three swim teams here in Montgomery Village – the Lake Marion Lasers, the Whetstone Whales and the North Creek Neptunes – all of which had an excellent season. The coaches and volunteers who support the individual teams should all be commended for their commitment to good, healthy and wholesome summer fun for our young residents! I always hear from other local swim team leaders how our pools shine when their teams come to visit Montgomery Village. Special thanks to our aquatics staff for their hard work in making our pools stand out so that our swim teams can continue to be successful.

VILLAGE CENTER UPDATE

Atlantic Realty Companies (ARC) has formally filed a sketch plan application with M-NCPPC for redevelopment of the Village Center. This is the beginning of a lengthy process during which the county planning department will coordinate an intensive review of the application by many county agencies and will entertain comments from interested parties.

The new application seeks to create a mixed use development of approximately 300 dwelling units and approximately 150,000 square feet of commercial development on approximately 19 acres of land. The redevelopment will include construction of replacement pad sites, revisions to the shopping center layout and construction of the new residential units to the rear of the site, closest to Watkins Mill Road.

An even more detailed site plan must be approved by the Planning Board, which will follow approval of the sketch plan. There is some information on the MVF website about this project, and further information or questions can be addressed to M-NCPPC Planner Crystal Myers at crystal.myers@montgomeryplanning.org. The MVF Board of Directors and the Commercial Architectural Review Committee will continue to review plans as the process continues.

BUDGET MEETING

The MVF Board and Audit Committee will begin a joint review of the proposed 2017 MVF Budget at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 25 in the North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Once the Board has approved the draft budget for publication, it will be published in the following issue of the *Montgomery Village News* and online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

It is very important as a member of the association for you to review the budget and be aware of how your assessment dollars are being spent. The MVF Board and staff look forward to your comments and suggestions throughout the process. Adoption of the budget takes place in October so that assessment notices and coupons can be mailed to you before the end of the year.

MVF BOARD AGENDA

JOINT BUDGET MEETING OF AUDIT COMMITTEE AND MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS Thursday, August 25, 2016 North Creek Community Center - 7 p.m. AGENDA

Presentation of 2017 Draft Budget

Residents Time – As a courtesy to fellow residents and the Board, please limit your remarks to no more than 3 minutes.

1. Call meeting to order
2. Audit Committee: Consider recommending 2017 draft budget to the MVF Board for publication and public comment
3. Adjourn joint meeting

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING*

Agenda

Residents Time – As a courtesy to fellow residents and the Board, please limit your remarks to no more than 3 minutes.

1. Call meeting to order
2. President's Remarks
3. Review and Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting July 28, 2016
4. Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements
5. Executive Vice President's Report
6. Acceptance of Action List
ACTION LIST
Decision Items:
A. Consider 2017 draft budget for publication and public comment
B. Consider Nominating Committee appointments
7. Committee Reports – barring any questions, these reports will be accepted as a group:
A. Executive Committee
B. Architectural Review Board (ARB)
C. Audit
D. Commercial Architectural Review (CARC)
E. Committee on Environment (COE)
F. Communications
G. Election
H. Nominating
I. Personnel
J. Recreation
K. TD&PF
L. Investment Committee
M. 50th Anniversary Committee
8. Board Member Issues
9. Vote on Closed Session - Pursuant to Section 11B Real Property, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Maryland Homeowners Association Act) to –
(viii.) Discussion of individual owner assessment accounts.
10. Adjournment

*Meeting will begin following the Joint Budget Meeting



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Responsibilities of the Treasurer 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.

KEY:					
BMP	Bowie Music Pavilion (See South Valley Park)	NCCR	North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Rd.	TCPR.....	Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Pl.
CTS	Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 9801 Centerway Rd.	NCCC	North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Rd.	WCC	Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Ct.
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.
MVF Office.....	10120 Apple Ridge Rd.	SVP	South Valley Park, 19003 Watkins Mill 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.

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.

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E-mail letters to mvnnews@mvmf.org.

IN THE NEWS

Apple Ridge

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greenspace along the west and north sides of the pool (there is a pedestrian tunnel under Apple Ridge Road that leads from the MVF Office parking lots to the described MVF greenspace).

The pool and bathhouse renovation will take approximately 9 months, and the pool is scheduled to re-open for the 2017 pool season. The new "leisure" pool will feature a "lazy river" or current channel; an open body slide; a double family slide; water features including dump buckets and pipe falls; spray ground; beach entry; in-water sun-shelf lounging area; an underwater bench sitting area with cool water jets; a bridge to an island pool deck; and an ADA compliant access ramp. Additionally, the wading pool

will feature a beach entry and water features suitable for younger pool-goers.

The bathhouse renovations will include a family bathroom; individual shower/changing stalls; new sinks, counters and plumbing fixtures; and new lighting. The pool and bathhouse will be fully ADA compliant and will have new handicap parking in front of the building.

Residents are reminded to remain out of the construction area while the renovation is taking place for safety reasons. The construction work will conform to Montgomery County noise ordinances. Updates will be provided in future issues of the *Village News* and at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

50th Anniversary Nature Center Celebration

Enjoy a day of natural fun at North Creek Nature Center as we continue to celebrate Montgomery Village's 50th Anniversary! Families can enjoy a variety of nature-themed activities from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17 at the North Creek Nature Center, 20300 Aspenwood Lane. Rain location and additional parking are located at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

Families and friends can work together to build their very own birdhouse to take home (while supplies last). Selected birdhouses will attract wrens and small swallows. Learn about and meet some of Maryland's native reptiles during a presentation from Reptiles Alive beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Learn about an owl's diet as you dissect owl pellets. Take some time to explore North Creek Lake Park with a scavenger hunt created by Girl Scout Junior Troop 4206. Nature craft activities will also be available.

Take this opportunity to get out with friends, family or neighbors and explore one of the Village's most "historic" sites, the North Creek Nature Center. Celebrate nature and our 50th Anniversary at the same time! MVF will again open the doors to the Nature Center for this fun-filled day! Originally, the building was used as a bus stop for commuting to Washington, D.C., before it was moved to the current location. Since then, it has been used for nature camps and programs along North Creek Lake.

Parking will be available at the Nature Center lot on Shadow Oak Drive, as well as at North Creek Community Center; visitors will be directed through the tunnel under Montgomery Village Avenue for safe crossing to the activities. Don't miss this great opportunity to reconnect with nature in your own backyard. For more information, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

REMINDER:

The first day of school for MCPS is MONDAY, AUG. 29



Letters to the Editor



Editor:

The Goshen Run non-resident parking controversy on Whetstone Drive has served to shine a light on the question of the County Roadway Reimbursement tax break, the value it delivers and the costs it extracts. The refusal of the Whetstone board and the Whetstone Community Manager to supply ready details of the County Road Way Reimbursement prompted research into the matter. The county refers to this tax rebate as "aid to Montgomery Village."

Just what are the facts? With 48.5 miles of eligible roads under the HOA Roadway Reimbursement Program in Montgomery Village, the county program is supposed to reimburse HOAs for eligible

roads at roughly the amount that the county spends to maintain its own roads. However, the actual reimbursement amount has steadily eroded due to Highway User Revenue shortfall and paid out \$1,000 per mile for 20 years before being reduced to \$250.

What does this mean to Whetstone? It appears that Whetstone Drive's 1.05 mile stretch would have returned Whetstone residents a dollar or two per household per year. In line with this, the 2016 WHC Income Statement shows an Annual Budget Income amount of \$1.00 for H4140 entitled Road Way Reimbursement.

But wait! One board member blogger placed the tax break at \$15,000 to \$35,000,

and the H4184 Unrealized Gain/Loss of \$9,836 closely resembles the \$22 per household figure tossed out by another board member at the Whetstone town hall meeting. Just what is the correct tax rebate value?

Timid compliance by the Whetstone board to retain the tax break is saddling Whetstone with county rules for governing Whetstone Drive, resulting in unchallenged non-resident parkers from Goshen Run, the use of Whetstone Drive as a shortcut by free riders and an influx of unwanted door-to-door solicitors.

Don O'Neill
Whetstone

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IN THE NEWS

Schedule for 2017 MVF Budget Process

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 public 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 (if approved by MVF Board)

THURSDAY, SEPT. 22

- MVF Board Meeting
- Opportunity for public 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

- 2017 assessment coupons mailed

All above referenced meetings will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road, unless otherwise noted.

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. 3. 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 Director of Communications Mike Conroy at 240-243-2331 or e-mail mconroy@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. 3, 2016.
- 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.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

An attempted residential burglary occurred in the 18400 block of Lost Knife Circle in the early morning hours of July 22. Two of the three suspects were arrested.

Arrested: W/M, age 16, of Baltimore

Arrested: W/M, age 19, of Gaithersburg

Suspect: W/M, age unknown

THEFT FROM VEHICLES

Multiple thefts from vehicles occurred in the area of Horizon Run Road in the early morning hours of July 22. No force; property was taken

Discounted amusement park tickets 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. Payment for these tickets must be made in person at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road and will be accepted in cash or by credit card.

The prices are as follows:

Busch Gardens	\$59
Diggerland	\$25
Dorney Park.....	Adult \$44
Dutch Wonderland.....	\$36
Hershey Park	Adult \$50.50
.....	Junior/Senior \$38.50
King's Dominion.....	Adult \$42
Summer Savings (through Aug. 21)	\$37
Sahara Sams.....	\$25
Sesame Place	\$54
Six Flags America	\$44
Special Days (through Aug. 21)	\$33.50
Six Flags Great Adventure (New Jersey)	\$41
Hurricane Harbor	\$32
Water Country.....	\$39





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Montgomery Village Eye Center moves to new location!



Montgomery Village Eye Center, Dr. Gabriela Miller's office, has moved to the Montvale Building at 18310 Montgomery Village Avenue. This new location offers more space, expanded parking and more convenient handicap access to the office. There is now more room for state-of-the-art examination equipment, including the OPTomap panoramic retinal imaging, which gives a wide angle view of the entire retina, making pupillary dilation unnecessary in many instances. The retinal images are amazing!

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All these improvements are happening just in time for the Back to School Season!

This is a hectic time of the year after family vacations end

and before school starts back up. There is not much time left to buy school supplies, clothes for the coming year and make doctor's appointments. One of the most important appointments to schedule is your annual eye examination.

The pediatrician only does a vision screening, which can miss more subtle focusing difficulties.

Schedule your child's eye exam appointment soon at Montgomery Village Eye Center to make sure they have all



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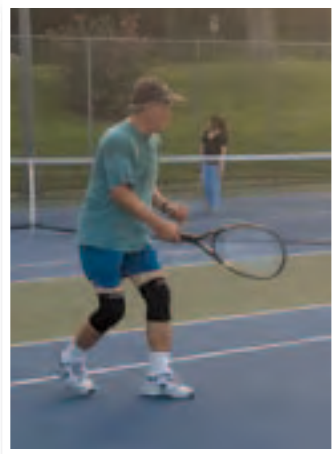
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College Name _____

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Field of Study and Degree _____

High School _____

Year Graduated _____

Awards/Achievements _____

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Bride's Father's First Name _____

M.I. _____ Last Name _____

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M.I. _____ Last Name _____

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Volunteer Work/Hobbies/Sports/Etc. _____

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Year Graduated _____

Field of Study and Degree _____

High School _____

Year Graduated _____

Awards/Achievements _____

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M.I. _____ Last Name _____

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M.I. _____ Last Name _____

Engagement Date _____

Wedding Date _____

Wedding Location _____

Honeymoon Location _____

Address Where Couple Plans to Reside _____

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Child's First Name _____ M.I. _____

Last Name _____

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Anniversary Date _____

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MVF REVIEW OF REQUESTS
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KEY	
A	Approved
AWM	Approved w/modifications
D	Denied
PEND	Pending

EASTGATE
20223 YANKEE HARBOR PL - Solar Systems, A
20308 TROLLEY CROSSING CT - Miscellaneous, A
7757 HERITAGE FARM DR - Solar Systems, A
7739 HERITAGE FARM DR - Replacement Patio Door, A
7738 HERITAGE FARM DR - Roof, AWM
6 SAWGRASS CT - Walkway Resubmitted, A
10 BATTERY BEND CT - Shed, AWM
21 BATTERY BEND CT - Miscellaneous, A

EAST VILLAGE
8225 GALLERY CT - Shed, AWM
8225 GALLERY CT - Miscellaneous, AWM
19828 HELMOND WAY - Deck Addition, A
8116 DRY RIDGE RD - House Addition, A
8116 DRY RIDGE RD - Deck Addition, A
19906 SILVERFIELD DR - Security Light, A
8314 FRONTWELL CIR - Replacement Windows, A
8314 FRONTWELL CIR - Replacement Patio Door, A
8439 BURCHAP DR - Solar Systems, AWM
8532 FOUNTAIN VALLEY DR - Security Camera, A
8662 FOUNTAIN VALLEY DR - Roof, AWM
8535 FOUNTAIN VALLEY DR - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, A
8531 FOUNTAIN VALLEY DR - Fence and Gate, A
8531 FOUNTAIN VALLEY DR - Patio, AWM
19807 LAUREL VALLEY PL - Roof, A
8 CASTLEBAR CT - Trellis, A
20308 STRINGFELLOW CT - Walkway Resubmitted, D
20232 RAVENSDALE CT - Exterior Paint, A
20232 RAVENSDALE CT - Patio, AWM
20232 RAVENSDALE CT - Storm Door, A
8823 THOMAS LEA TER - Replacement Windows, A

8823 THOMAS LEA TER - Replacement Patio Door, A
20509 OAK BLUFF DR - Shutters, AWM
20509 OAK BLUFF DR - Exterior Paint, AWM
20406 REMSBURY PL - Solar Systems, A
1 TINDAL SPRINGS CT - Exterior Paint, A
13 TINDAL SPRINGS CT - Garage Door, A
8419 MARKETREE CIR - Solar Systems, AWM

MARYLAND PLACE
19367 KEYMAR WAY - Solar Systems, A
9521 TIPPETT LN - Roof, AWM
19583 TRANSHIRE RD - Replacement Patio Door, A

MIDDLE VILLAGE
10315 RIDGELINE DR - Exterior Paint, AWM
10315 RIDGELINE DR - Attic Fan, A
9961 RIDGELINE DR - Patio, AWM

NORTHGATE
20230 LEA POND PL - Solar Systems, A
20210 LEA POND PL - Storm Door, A
20210 LEA POND PL - Front Door Replacement, A
20204 LEA POND PL - Front Door Replacement, AWM
20204 LEA POND PL - Replacement Patio Door, A
20204 LEA POND PL - Replacement Windows, A
9936 BROOKRIDGE CT - Front Door Replacement, A
9950 FOREST VIEW PL - Front Door Replacement, AWM
9914 TAMBAY CT - Deck, Withdrawn
10014 MAPLE LEAF DR - Storm Door, A
10014 MAPLE LEAF DR - Replacement Windows, A
10107 MAPLE LEAF DR - Vinyl Siding, A
10054 MAPLE LEAF DR - Exterior Paint, AWM
20423 MEADOW POND PL - Roof, AWM
9707 INLET POINT CT - Roof, AWM

NORTH VILLAGE
20337 BICKLETON PL - Fence and Gate, AWM
20317 HIGHLAND HALL DR - Exterior Light, A
20726 HIGHLAND HALL DR - Replacement Windows, A
20535 STRATHHAVEN DR - Vinyl Siding and Trim, A
20535 STRATHHAVEN DR - Front Door Replacement, A
20535 STRATHHAVEN DR - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, A
20601 PRUITT CT - Trim, AWM
8865 WELBECK WAY - Front Door Replacement, AWM
8865 WELBECK WAY - Vinyl Siding and Trim, A
20813 ASPENWOOD LN - Gutter, AWM
20813 ASPENWOOD LN - Trim, AWM

PATTON RIDGE
26 DELLCASTLE CT - Miscellaneous, AWM
10140 GRAVIER CT - Gutter Guard, A
10140 GRAVIER CT - Miscellaneous, A
9209 WEATHERVANE PL - Solar Systems, A
9310 WEATHERVANE PL - Gutter, AWM
9310 WEATHERVANE PL - Vinyl Siding and Trim, AWM
19808 BILLINGS CT - Replacement Windows, A
9359 BREMERTON WAY - Miscellaneous, AWM
19941 SPUR HILL DR - Miscellaneous, Withdrawn
9318 BREMERTON WAY - Shed, A
9318 BREMERTON WAY - Railing, A
9318 BREMERTON WAY - Miscellaneous, A
9412 CHATTEROY PL - Walkway, AWM
20129 WARINGWOOD WAY - Vinyl Siding, AWM
20103 WARINGWOOD WAY - Walkway, A
20103 WARINGWOOD WAY - Landscape Violations, A
20103 WARINGWOOD WAY - Roof, A

9626 DUFFER WAY - Mailbox, AWM
9633 DUFFER WAY - Roof, A
9633 DUFFER WAY - Downspout/Gutter, A
9751 DUFFER WAY - Shutters, A
9751 DUFFER WAY - Trim, AWM
9751 DUFFER WAY - Replacement Siding, AWM
9729 DUFFER WAY - Roof, AWM

SOUTH VILLAGE
9823 SAILFISH TER - Vinyl Siding Resubmit, AWM
9757 LAKE SHORE DR - Front Door Replacement, AWM
18621 NATHANS PL - Solar Systems, A
9515 TUNSTALL PL - Storm Door, A
9515 TUNSTALL PL - Replacement Windows, A
9515 TUNSTALL PL - Gutter, A
19034 MONTGOMERY VILLAGE AVE - Trim, A

STEDWICK
19100 N KINDLY CT - Front Door Replacement, A
19100 N KINDLY CT - Storm Door, A
19006 COLTFIELD CT - Exterior Paint, A
19622 ENTERPRISE WAY - Miscellaneous, AWM
19346 FRENCHTON PL - Garage Door, A
10528 WAYRIDGE DR - Mailbox, A
10528 WAYRIDGE DR - House Numbers, A
19405 FABER CT - Play Gym, AWM
19531 DESMET PL - Replacement Patio Door, A
19531 DESMET PL - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, A
10008 WEDGE WAY - Fence and Gate, A
10218 CRESTED IRIS DR - Gutter, A
10207 COVE LEDGE CT - Deck, A

WHETSTONE
9836 CANAL RD - Roof, A
9808 CANAL RD - Roof, A
9817 FREESTATE PL - Replacement Windows with Capped Trim, A
9757 WHETSTONE DR - Storm Door, AWM
9733 LOOKOUT PL - Deck, AWM
9733 LOOKOUT PL - Deck Removal, AWM
19127 ROMAN WAY - Exterior Paint, AWM
9301 KOBE WAY - Fence and Gate, AWM
9604 WHETSTONE DR - Solar Systems, A

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PATTON RIDGE REPORT

Personal safety tips

by the Patton Ridge Board of Directors

As we enjoy our summer activities, there are some common sense personal safety tips to remember when you take a walk along our streets or park your car:

- Limit your valuables by carrying only what you need.
- Have your cell phone easily accessible in case you need to call 911. Keep your cell phone fully charged as much as possible.
- Protect your laptop from theft by transporting it in a nondescript bag.
- When on the street, be alert and aware at all times. Most victims will be targeted because they appear not to be paying attention.
- Digital music players are a common target of robbers. Be wise about where you choose to use them in public. Wearing headphones or ear buds greatly reduces your ability to hear and distracts you from potential danger.
- ATM transactions should be made inside a store or at a location that is well lit and visible. Shield the key pad while you input your code. Have your card ready and do not count or display your money. Take your receipt with you.

- Trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable or threatened by another person(s), seek help immediately. A whistle is a great device to have.
- Protect your vehicle from theft. Always lock your doors and glove compartment; never hide a spare key in your car.
- Never leave valuables unattended in the car or in a store.
- Whenever possible, park your car in a well-lit area with plenty of walking traffic.
- Activate your anti-theft device(s) when leaving your car.

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NEXT BOARD MEETING

There is no August board meeting. The next Patton Ridge Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27 in the North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Residents time is from 7 to 7:30 p.m.; please limit your remarks to no more than 5 minutes.

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

WHETSTONE WATCH

Whetstone HOA budget and ballots

by Dennis Barnes

Formulation of the 2017 annual budget has been accomplished following in-depth board examination of current financial and program statements. Expenditure data for maintenance, non-maintenance and special contract budget categories were analyzed to determine projected 2017 budget goals for these budget categories. Annual assessments and contribution to current reserves were reviewed in light of current performance budget and justification data. The 2017 final budget will be published this fall.

BALLOT UPDATE

Under the leadership of elected board member and Treasurer Brian Clark, aided by Block Captains, volunteers will soon commence door-to-door homeowner visits to respond to questions and concerns related to the Whetstone ballot initiative. Ballots were mailed to homeowners this past June.

Campaign volunteers will distribute a ballot form and return envelope upon request to individual homeowners who still have not voted. A homeowner signature on the official envelope is required in order for your vote to be counted. The board is aware that some homeowners may not have had the opportunity for a variety of reasons to attend the several town hall meetings conducted since last June or misplaced the ballot.

The volunteers are available to provide information on the ballot amendments. A

homeowner may also authorize people listed on a proxy vote form to vote on behalf of the owner for any and all covenant and by-law votes put forth to the members of the Whetstone HOA through a date to be entered.

NO PARKING

The board discussed the legal opinion prepared by the board's attorney concerning the tax exemption status, should the board approve the installation of no parking signs on community streets. Currently the community is exempt from taxation on interest from the reserve funds and the county road reimbursement fee. Sign installation must meet county regulatory criteria if Whetstone is to continue its tax exempt status.

ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY

A homeowner's request to open an assisted living facility in collaboration with a government agency was not viewed favorably. Additional information from the owner is needed prior to the rendering of a final decision by the board.

LAKE WHETSTONE UPDATE

The dredge contractor has left the Whetstone dredging site, which has been restored except for some tree planting, scheduled for this fall. Next for the lake is repair of the concrete riser. The riser contains a sluice gate that controls water level and flow rates and has a metal grate on top of it to prevent large debris from entering the

structure. The metal grate will be removed, cleaned and re-coated.

Deteriorated concrete inside the structure will be repaired and the sluice gate will be replaced. This will require lowering the lake's water level by approximately 4-feet. The lowering of the lake will occur after Labor Day. Cranes will be used to remove and install the metal grate and sluice gate.

The lake was created in the late 1960s by building a dam across Whetstone Run in the Great Seneca subwater shed. It was originally designed to be a recreational lake and provide storm water management benefits. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is responsible for structural maintenance of the lake. The last dredging occurred in 1985. More information is available at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/water/major-storm-water-project.htm#Whetstoneriserrepair.

BOARD VACANCY

Whetstone homeowners interested in being considered for a vacant board director position are encouraged to send a Candidacy Statement to amandato@mwf.org.

NEXT MEETING

The next Whetstone Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

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



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STEDWICK SIGNALS

Dog days of summer

by Keith Silliman

The dog days of summer are with us. The many trees in our community provide shade from the sun and cooling benefits through the transpiration of water from their leaves. The Stedwick Homes Corporation waters entryway plantings to help maintain the attractiveness of those features. Montgomery County approved our plan to develop a rainscape, and we have built it. The cost will be partially reimbursed by Montgomery County, and we may see a minor reduction in Stedwick's Water Quality Protection Fees. It should reduce the volume and force of rainwater runoff into our local streams.

Pepco has agreed to provide replacement trees for those cut down earlier this year along the Pepco right-of-way adjacent to the Clusters II and Frenchton Place communities. The types of trees and locations will be identified and the trees will be planted next spring.

Thank you to our residents who place their trash out for collection in hard containers, rather than plastic bags. We are seeing some improvement in the number of residents using the hard containers. The trial installation of trash cans in selected areas of Stedwick has been expanded, and we are seeing a considerable amount of trash being placed in those new cans. Thank you to those of you who are using them.

The Stedwick Homes Corporation budget for 2017 is in the development process. The first draft of the budget was reviewed at the August board of directors meeting. Preliminary indications are that we will have a budget that provides the same level of services at approximately the same assessment level. If you have suggestion regarding the 2017 budget, please let us know.

Concerns about a 40% increase in Montgomery County's charges to Stedwick Homes Corporation to support the Commission of Common Ownership Communities, as well as the relatively poor sur-

face condition of Watkins Mill Road and the increased number of trailers being 'stored' on that road, were topics brought to the attention of Montgomery County Council President Nancy Floreen and 6th District Community Service Police Officer Scott Zimmerman, during a meeting hosted by Heron's Cove Condominium Association in late July. Thanks to Joe Simcox and the Heron's Cove Board of Directors for inviting Ms. Floreen and hosting that meeting.

The Law Offices of Miller, Miller & Canby have submitted a "sketch plan" for the redevelopment of the Montgomery Village Center. Interested residents may participate in the review process by sending written comments to the Development Application and Regulatory Coordination Division (DARC), M-NCPPC, 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3760, or by contacting the M-NCPPC lead reviewer. Contact information for the lead reviewer is available by linking to the Development Activity Information Center (DAIC) on the MNCPPC website at www.montgomeryplanning.org/development.

If you have suggestions for maintenance and/or repairs of SHC-owned property in your neighborhood or questions or concerns about conditions in Stedwick, contact the Stedwick Community Management Team at 240-243-2326, e-mail stedwickhc@mof.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, Sept. 21 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Residents time is the first item on the agenda.

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

NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

North Village August board meeting

by the North Village Board of Directors

The regular meeting of the North Village Board of Directors was held this past week on August 18. Since this article had to go to press on Monday, we were unable to cover news of the meeting. Look for full coverage of the meeting in our next article, which will appear on Friday, Sept. 9. Some business items on the agenda are the appointment of the nominating committee, approval of the election calendar in preparation for the upcoming board elections at the end of the year, the approval of the corporate calendar for the coming year and also a discussion of the draft 2017 budget that was prepared at an earlier meeting (see below). The board must vote to approve the publication of the proposed 2017 budget in the *Village News* prior to the actual approval of the budget itself, which will be on the agenda at the October board meeting.

WORK CONTINUES ON THE 2017 BUDGET

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Treasurer Jeanne Powell, the draft North Village budget for 2017 was completed at the budget meeting on August 4 with participation by nearly all board members. The budget was not voted on at Thursday's meeting since there needs to be more discussion and information generated before it is approved by the board for publication and passed. The proposed budget will be reported in a future article.

Generating the budget is always a difficult task. For example, how much should we set aside for snow removal? Last winter was extraordinary and the cost of snow removal far exceeded our expectations. Will next winter be the same? Should we set aside a greater amount of funds than last year at the expense of other pressing items in the budget? These are the types of difficult questions that the board must deal with in generating the budget. The board must balance the needs against the available funds while trying to avoid a significant assessment increase.

IMPROVING SECURITY

One of the issues that was discussed at the 2017 budget planning meeting was the amount we are spending for our security company. Recall that our security costs nearly doubled last year, and the board is questioning if we are getting our money's worth from our security patrols. The board would like to take suggestions from our residents on ways that we may be able to get better performance from our security company. Some of the ideas that were tossed around by the board members were:

1. Reduce the security patrols in neighborhoods where there have not been any incidents so that we can increase them in areas where there continues to be problems.
2. Change the hours of security coverage.
3. Cut back on security (and security costs) in the winter months when there are fewer incidents.
4. Review the relationship between our security team and the Montgomery County police: Are they working well together and do the police respond quickly when called for more serious incidents? Do we need stationary coverage (fixed observation from parked cars) in the more difficult areas rather than infrequent and brief drive-throughs?

We welcome any suggestions from concerned residents. Please call or e-mail our community manager with your comments and suggestions at the number and address listed below. And remember, if you see suspicious activity anywhere in Montgomery Village please call the police non-emergency number at 301-279-8000. Of course, if it is an emergency dial 911. We want to keep criminal activity out of North Village.

BOARD VACANCY

North Village Homes Corporation is seeking a new member for the board of directors. Since filling two seats at the last election we still have one vacancy on the board. Please notify us if you are interested in contributing some of your time and talent to the management of our community.

THE NEXT MEETING

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 20 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@mof.org.

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



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MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

Revised Parking Policy in effect

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

The Middle Village Parking Policy revision is now in effect. **All vehicles parked overnight in the Middle Village community must have a 2016 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 per address can be purchased annually from ComSource starting in December.

Residents must now go to the ComSource office to get their parking tags. Permits will not be mailed. ID will be required to pick up the tag and homeowners must be current with their homeowner assessment fees to receive the additional tag.

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.

All commercial vehicles must park on the street between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. Any commercial vehicles parking in the parking lots between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. will be towed.

Towing is in effect! A 2016 Middle Village parking hang tag must be displayed in the front car window—no exceptions!

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 throughout the community continues to be a problem—especially on sections of Ridgeline Drive. The association spends a significant amount of money because of how much trash—both bulk trash and litter—is present in the community on a daily basis.

Homeowners will be fined if they or their tenants violate the trash policy. Effective immediately, there will be a \$25 reward for picture or video proof of violations to the trash policy that identifies the violators. Picture or video proof is required to collect a reward, and some restrictions apply. All reports will remain anonymous. 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 put 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, trash in cans and bulk trash.

Log in at www3.senearthco.com to view or download the entire trash policy if you have an online account. Click "Community Information," then "Property Information" to view the current trash policy. Contact Shirley Umali at sumali@comsource.com if you would like to register for a Sourcelink account.

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.

There will not be a Middle Village Homes Corporation (MVHC) board meeting in August. The next MVHC board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27 in the Thomas Choice Clubhouse, 19401 Brassie Place.

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

Rental Facilities in the Village

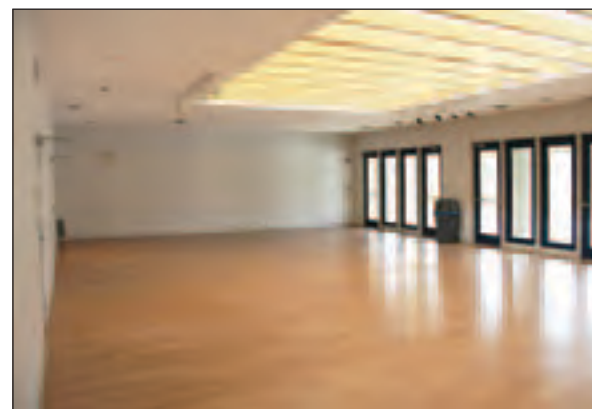
Looking for space to hold your party, celebration or sports practice? Look no further than Lake Marion or North Creek community center. Montgomery Village residents who pay the MVF fee are able to rent these centers for their non-alcoholic private parties or functions.

Lake Marion has a wood-floored room that can be rented for parties with a maximum capacity of 85 people. There also is a full-size gymnasium available for rent at Lake Marion.

North Creek is a tile-floored L-shaped room that may be divided into two smaller rooms with a maximum capacity of 125 people.

We are currently accepting rental requests for functions to be held through October 2016. Fees for these facilities begin at \$50 per hour and require a \$250 security deposit. Requests must be submitted at least three weeks in advance. Potential renters can obtain a copy of the "Procedures on the Private Use of Facilities" and the "Private Rental Request Form" from the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road or online at www.montgomeryvillage.com. Please remember that all functions must be non-alcoholic, and that the renter must be present the entire length of the rental.

For more information, contact Lauren Hydorn at 240-243-2361 or e-mail lhydorn@mvf.org.



Lake Marion
8821 East Village Avenue
85 people max.*



North Creek
20125 Arrowhead Road
125 people max.*

**Please note: there is a maximum of 75 people allowed per rental during pool season.*

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. 25, 2016 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.

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KIDS PAGE



MV Kids Learn About Coconuts

A coconut is not actually a nut, but a drupe or stone fruit. Coconuts grow in bunches on a type of palm tree. It is grown inside a green husk that must be taken off. All parts of the coconut can be used. Coir or coconut fiber from the husk can be made into floor mats, brushes and mattresses. Charcoal can be made from the hard shell and the flesh can be eaten or processed into oil or milk and used in cooking, soaps and cosmetics. The coconut water can be sipped right from the coconut or used in recipes (like the smoothie, below).

How to Eat a Coconut (with a parent's help)

1. Use a screwdriver or skewer to poke holes in the "eyes" of the coconut and drain the water.



2. Put the coconut in the freezer for 10 minutes then use a hammer to crack the coconut along the seam.



3. Use a spoon to pull the meat out of the coconut shell.



4. Use a peeler to shave the thin brown skin. A parent can cut thin slices. Now you're ready to eat it.

www.wikihow.com/Open-a-Coconut

Coconut Art



Coconut Smoothie

Blend ingredients together and serve with a straw.

- ½ cup fresh coconut flesh
- 1 cup coconut water
- 1 banana
- ½ cup vanilla ice cream
- ½ cup milk
- ½ cup crushed ice



RECREATION

Water Aerobics Mini-Session at Stedwick Pool

Burn fat and increase your flexibility and range of motion. Improve muscle tone and cardiovascular endurance with this aquatic exercise and interval aerobics program. This class is appropriate for all swim levels—your head is always above water.

Participants must have a valid MVF activity card or a class pass purchased at the MVF Office. Class will be held from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. on Fridays, Sept. 2 to Sept. 23. Enjoy the whole session for only \$30 or drop in at your convenience for \$8/class.



Karate Open House Friday, Sept. 9

Stop by Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road, between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 9 to meet Champion Karate master instructor Michael Tull. All guests can try out the karate program at no charge! This is a great opportunity to see the benefits of karate firsthand and to find out if it's something you/your child want to get into!

For more information, call Melanie Maggi at 240-243-2338 or e-mail mmaggi@mvpf.org.

Health screenings at Lake Marion Community Center

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will hold their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, on Wednesday, Aug. 31.

Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation

or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Interested residents can register for a Wellness Package, which includes the four vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with a member discount). All five screenings take 60 to 90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

T-ball for ages 4 to 6

Let's play T-ball at Lake Marion Community Center and Patsy Huson Park! Boys and girls will start to develop an understanding of how the game is played with plenty of time to enjoy the thrill of swinging for the fences! T-ball will run from Sept. 7 to Oct. 26 on Wednesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. No class Oct. 12. Participants will develop the skills and fundamentals of hitting, base running, fielding, throwing and catching, all in a fun atmosphere!

The class will provide posi-

tive group interaction, cooperation and teamwork. This well-structured learning experience is for all skill levels, with a low player-to-coach ratio!

We will start outside during those beautiful September summer days at Patsy Huson Park; when the temperature drops, we will move to Lake Marion Community Center. See you on the diamond!

Class costs \$40/Resident, \$50/Non-resident. For more information or to register, call 301-977-0110 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



50th Anniversary North Creek Nature Center Celebration

North Creek Lake Park & Nature Center, 20300 Aspenwood Lane

Rain location and additional parking are located at
North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

Enjoy a day of natural fun at North Creek Nature Center as we continue to celebrate Montgomery Village's 50th Anniversary! Families can enjoy a variety of nature-themed activities.

- Build your very own birdhouse to take home (while supplies last).
- Learn about and meet some of Maryland's native reptiles.
- Learn about an owl's diet as you dissect owl pellets.
- Explore North Creek Lake Park with a scavenger hunt created by Girl Scout Junior Troop 4206.
- Nature craft activities will also be available.

For more information, visit www.wmontgomeryvillage.com.

www.montgomeryvillage.com



Free Shredding Event and Food Drive

Saturday, Oct. 1 • 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

MVF Office • 10120 Apple Ridge Road

Bring up to three bags or boxes of
personal documents for secure shredding

Donate any of the following to
benefit Montgomery Village-
based Women Who Care
Ministries outreach efforts:

- Canned Tuna or Chicken
- Canned Ravioli
- Juice Boxes
- Single-serving Apple Sauce
- Cash donations

Donate new or gently used
sporting equipment to
Leveling the Playing Field:

- Flat Bottom Shoes
- Clothing
- Roller Blades
- Any Sporting Equipment
- Cash Donations



RECREATION

Family Paint Party

Enjoy a fun night of creativity with your favorite family member/s ages 6 and older! Bring the family to North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road, from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 30.

This casual and easy painting experience will allow for each attendee to make their very own masterpiece of hearts and flowers on a stretched canvas. Price includes all supplies and light refreshments. The cost is \$22/Resident and \$25/Non-resident. To register, call 301-948-0110 or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



Creative Discovery

Enrollment in Montgomery Village's recreational preschool program is underway! Under the instruction of experienced teachers, 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! Creative Discovery's curriculum is based on Montgomery County Public School's kindergarten readiness guidelines in order to ensure that students are up to speed and ready to shine in elementary school.

For more information or to register, contact Mel-



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

Yoga on the Lake
Whetstone Dock

Come to the Lake Whetstone Dock, 18701 Montgomery Village Avenue, on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 9 to 10 a.m. to participate in an hour-long yoga session overlooking scenic Lake Whetstone. Taught by Susan Young as a beginner/Intermediate class. \$10/Participant.

Argentine Tango
open house

Meet teachers Viviana and Isidoro and enjoy a complimentary Tango lesson from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on either Wednesday, Aug. 31 or Wednesday, Sept. 7 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

In an age of hip-hop, rock and salsa, students will learn the intricate art of Argentine Tango. Students will gain a whole lot more in terms of physical stamina, social skills and confidence. Tango classes will focus on dancing in open and close embrace, pivots, rock step turns and intro to tango rhythms. For more information, call Melanie Maggi at 240-243-2338 or e-mail mmaggi@mvf.org.

Holiday
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Saturday, Nov. 5

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lake Marion Community Center
8821 East Village Avenue

FREE ADMISSION for shoppers
\$40/table for Village residents
\$45/table for non-residents

Electricity is available
at selected tables for
an additional \$5.



For more information or to register, visit
www.montgomeryvillage.com or call 240-243-2361.

END-OF-SUMMER SPECIALTY CAMPS

Register Online
www.montgomeryvillage.com

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. North Creek Community Center.

\$175/Resident
\$185/Non-resident

**Tiny Chefs**

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9 a.m. to noon



For more information or to register,
e-mail jhydorn@mvf.org or call 240-243-2314.

MV SENIORS

seniors in action

Daily activities!
Stedwick Community Center
10401 Stedwick Road
\$20/Resident
\$40/Non-resident

FALL SESSION

Sept. 6 to Dec. 16 (no meeting Nov. 23 or 24)

Thank you to all the SiA members who made this another great summer! SiA will be taking a small break before our fall session begins on Tuesday, Sept. 6!



Holy Cross Memory Academy

This 5-week course is scheduled from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Thursdays, Sept. 6 to Oct. 8. The course was created by UCLA Center on Aging, and provides memory improvement techniques designed to work for everyone. It explains how memory works; offers quick strategies for remembering names, faces and numbers; provides basic memory tools, such as linking ideas and creating visual images; and maximizing the effectiveness of using memory aids, such as lists. The \$25/SiA member, \$35/non-member cost includes supplies. This program is not intended for people with Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia.



Birthday Celebration

Happy Birthday to all our summer and fall members! We will be celebrating these birthdays on Wednesday, Sept. 28 at noon!



Fall Open House
Monday, Sept. 19 to Friday, Sept. 23
Stedwick Community Center,
10401 Stedwick Road

Want to give Seniors in Action a try? Come by any programs to meet new friends and try new activities during our fall open house week!



Fall Trip

Surveys are being reviewed and there will be more information to come about our Fall Trip and Fall Social!

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!

Calendar

MONDAY



Arts and Crafts
10 a.m. to noon
Work side-by-side with other members while you each explore your creative side
Sept. 12: TBA



Book Discussion Group
10 to 11 a.m. - third Monday each month
March 21: TBA



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

TUESDAY



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



Seated Tai Chi
Noon to 12:45 p.m.
Instructor Marcy takes you through the low impact movements of Tai Chi.

WEDNESDAY



SiA Games / Social Hour
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Enjoy a variety of card and board games, conversation and refreshments.

THURSDAY



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



SiA Games / Social Hour Take 2
10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Games, socializing and table tennis with your friends.

FRIDAY



Bingo & Brown Bag Lunch
Noon to 2 p.m.
second Friday each month
Bring a lunch (beverages will be provided) and play bingo with friends. Members may bring friends and family to join in the fun.
Free for members, \$2/Non-member

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.

AT YOUR LEISURE

Asian Dance Showcase

On Saturday, Aug. 27, from 2 to 4 p.m., residents are invited to the Gaithersburg Library, 18330 Montgomery Village Avenue, to enjoy the free summer indoor performances by two Asian dance groups: The Wild Lilies and the Flowing Lilies.

Performances include American and Chinese Songs, Google Flute and Ba-wu musical instruments, poem reciting and dances. In addition to traditional Indian dance, classical Chinese single silk fan, double fan, long fan and round fan dances, there will be ethnic Dai, Mongolian, Tibetan and Uyghur dances. The Grand Finale is a Mandarin Gown Broadway Show. The programs will conclude with an audience sing-along and dance-along.

For more information, call 240-773-9476.



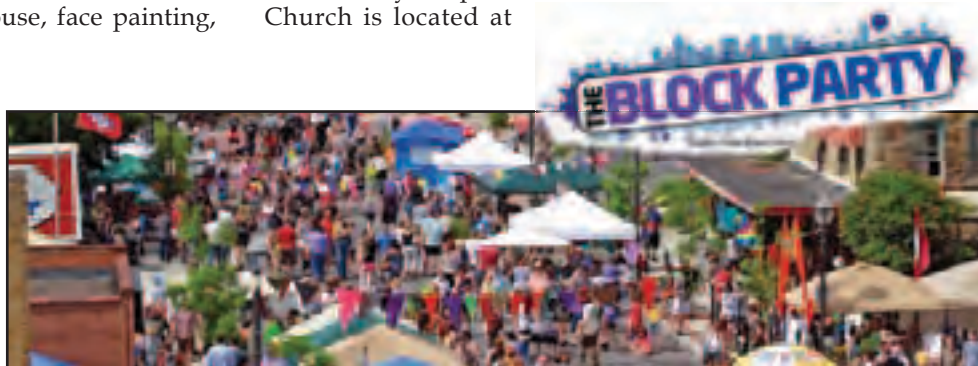
Pathways Baptist Church event

The Pathways Baptist Church invites Village residents and neighbors to attend a special church-wide "Block Party" event on Saturday, Aug. 27 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This festive event will include: a bounce house, face painting,

sports, challenges, a fishing booth, an obstacle course, a dunking booth, prizes, free food and drinks, balloons, frozen pops, live outdoor music all day and much more!

Pathways Baptist Church is located at

200 West Diamond Avenue (Former First Baptist Church of Gaithersburg), Gaithersburg. For more information, call 301-977-9007 or e-mail info@PathwaysBC.org.



Arts on the Green

The City of Gaithersburg Arts on the Green presents a variety of opportunities to experience the arts. Whether it's music, drama or artwork, there's always something happening at the Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg.

IN CONCERT

The Singer Songwriter Series is back for 2016-17! Leading off is the New England-based Americana roots duo, The Meadows Brothers on Saturday, Sept. 10. They are best known for their close sibling harmonies, melodious, unsweetened songwriting and expressive musicality. *The Boston Globe* writes that they have "...an engagingly twangy sibling sound all their own."

It can be difficult to put the diverse and talented artists in the Singer Songwriter Series into any particular musical "box." So we introduce the "genre guide." For the Meadows Brothers the genre guide is

"folked-up, countrified American Rock n Roll." Check out the workshop at 3 p.m. or catch the Meadows Brothers in concert at 7:30 p.m.

GAITHERSBURG CHORUS OPEN HOUSE

Singers ages 16 and up (experience not required) are invited to join Gaithersburg Chorus. See if it's right for you at the free Open House at the Activity Center at Bohrer Park, 506 S. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, on Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Meet choral director Daniel Hopkins, hear about plans for the fall session and December concerts, and enjoy light refreshments and singing. Formal rehearsals start on Tuesday, Sept. 13 for the non-audition chorus. Registration is required; financial aid available.

ON STAGE

"The Mystery of Edwin Drood" is set in the comical,

raucous and risqué world of the English music hall. In the small town of Chesterham, England, the young and charming Edwin Drood has been mysteriously murdered. But by whom? There are many colorful characters who may have done it—and it is the audience who ultimately solves the mystery. Based on the unfinished Charles Dickens novel of the same name. Recommended for ages 15 and over, "Drood" runs through Sunday, Oct. 2. Tickets are \$25.

IN THE GALLERY

From Friday, Sept. 2 to Monday, Oct. 31, enjoy "Autumn Glory," a juried multimedia exhibit at the Arts Barn and Kentlands Mansion, celebrating the beauty of fall.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Arts Barn at 301-258-6394 or visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov. Arts on the Green is located at 311/320 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg.

MILESTONES

Village woman brings home National Miss 2016 crown



photo by Amanda Ferguson Photography

Layilah Nasser, a 21-year-old Village resident who is a student at Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia, recently won the coveted national title of USA National Miss 2016. Layilah bested delegates from throughout the United States to claim the national crown, scholarship money and an extensive prize package during the national pageant, which was held at the Boca Resort and Beach Club in Florida this summer.

As a national title holder, Layilah will be traveling the country for appearances, photo shoots, charity events and media interviews. One of Layilah's first ventures as national royalty will be a trip to Atlantic City to attend the Miss America Pageant. As part of her prize package, Layilah will also cruise to the Caribbean this spring, and will spend her year participating in professional photo shoots, extensive travel, speaking in schools, appearance opportunities and be featured in national ad campaigns.

Layilah is a professional model who is signed by JW Models in Atlanta, and has also been signed to MMG Model Management in New York City, as part of her national title. In addition to the many prizes and opportunities that the crown has afforded her so far, most recently, celebrity shoe designer Marc Defang named a shoe in her honor. Additionally, she will also be featured in ongoing national promotions and feature articles that will be published in national magazines and on the web as USA National Miss.

A rising senior pursuing a degree in Psychology, Layilah plans on participating in the dual degree program focused

in Quantitative Methods in Social Sciences and International Affairs at Columbia University. She also plans to earn a Ph.D. in Forensic Psychology from the Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Science. Layilah's career ambition is to work for the U.S. Department of Justice conducting research that improves the juvenile justice system.

Layilah has been actively involved in Girl Scouts since 1st grade. Over the years, she has received over 20 community service awards, as well as gaining over 3,000 hours of community service with Girl Scouts and her community. Recently, Layilah was an International Troop Leader in Denmark. Her troop included girls from Denmark, Finland, Dubai and London. During her free time, she traveled to 12 different countries.

As a charity-driven organization, USA National Miss will enable Layilah to continue pursuing her passions and platform, as well as work with the organization's national anti-bullying platform, The Crown CARES (Creating a Respectful Environment in Schools.)

"We are so thrilled to be represented by a young woman who is just as beautiful on the inside as she is on the outside, and who has a passion to serve her community and be a role model to other girls," said Jackie Watson, Executive Director of USA National Miss. "The USA National Miss Scholarship Organization is honored to have Layilah as one of our national queens and we know that she will inspire other girls to achieve their goals."

For more information about the National Miss organization, visit www.USANationalMiss.com.

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SCHOOL NEWS

WMHS program helps students get on the right track for college



In the dog days of summer, Watkins Mill High School was, as you'd expect, strikingly quiet. But in Room A006, where the CollegeTracks program has been headquartered since early this year, things were buzzing. More than 30 students met with the college access program's staff and volunteers to get ready for their senior year and the demands related to the college admissions process. Organized in small groups, students worked on college essays and resumes, explored career choices and researched appropriate colleges; most groups were led by dedicated volunteers who come each week to work with the students.

Ariel, a senior in the program, says, "CollegeTracks provides structure for the beginning of our college careers."

In a classroom near the CollegeTracks office, another group of students met with "Smiley," a volunteer and entrepreneur by day who was teaching a mathematics prep class, helping students get ready to take standardized tests like the ACT and SAT in the fall. Geometry was the topic, and the students were engaged and responsive to the instructor's encouragement and take-charge attitude.

Upstairs in the computer center, another group of 20 or so students were working on college essays, FAFSA applications (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), and researching colleges that meet their needs and interests. Program Coordinator Lindsay Barclay and Program Assistant Dominic Chappell moved from student to student making sure each was on task and answered questions about the application process.

CollegeTracks was co-founded in 2003 at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School by Executive Director Nancy Leopold, who herself had children at the school and saw

first hand that some of her children's friends who came from low-income, immigrant and minority backgrounds had no clue how to navigate the complex admissions process. In most cases, they came from households where their parents had no experience with the American higher education system.

"Higher education is no longer optional. Those who attend college and technical school see higher earnings, less unemployment, better health, more fulfilling work, more opportunity and more socioeconomic mobility. We must close the opportunity gap—all the county's high school grads must have the opportunity to get to postsecondary education. Right now, too many do not. By expanding to Watkins Mill High School, CollegeTracks can help hundreds more underserved students each year to get to the prosperous futures they deserve and the county needs them to have," said Leopold.

By all accounts, the program has proven to be a huge success and has been embraced by Watkins Mill High School and the community. Under the direction of Program Director Bridget Kasprzak, 151 rising seniors enrolled in the program, with another 26 rising juniors eager to start this fall. More seniors and juniors will enroll next year.

"The community has taken to the program in big way," says Kasprzak. "We received a warm welcome from Watkins Mill High School and are so pleased to have established a strong relationship with school administrators and the school community as a whole."

She emphasizes that support from the larger community has been gratifying. Collaboration has been established with Watkins Mill Partner Clusters and the Gaithersburg Chamber of Commerce. The business community at large

has come to the support of the program as well, connecting students with internships opportunities and spreading the word that volunteers are in demand who can spend two to six hours once a week helping students.

Currently, the program has 15 volunteers, five of whom oversee test prep, like Smiley. But more are needed. Criteria for selection includes daytime availability for several hours at least once a week, a college degree and the ability to sit side-by-side with a student and listen compassionately to what the student has to say.

Says Michele Parsonnet, who herself started as a volunteer with CollegeTracks and now coordinates the volunteer program: "The experience is powerful one. Our students have amazing stories to tell. As a volunteer, you see the power that higher education can have on the trajectory of a student's life."

Students are acutely aware of that power and the opportunity that going to college affords. The rapid growth of the program in a very short time is a testament to their understanding of that value.

"CollegeTracks provides friendship with new people, as well as access to many privileges," says Heidy, who will graduate from Watkins Mill in 2018.

CollegeTracks is an open program. Juniors are encouraged to join the new program during the second semester of their junior year. "However," says Kasprzak, "if a senior wants to join a month before graduation, we will welcome the student into our program."

For more information about the program, please visit collegetracksusa.org. For more information about volunteer opportunities, contact Michele Parsonnet at mparsonnet@collegetracksusa.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Senior Connection upcoming volunteer training

The Senior Connection is a 20+ year-old nonprofit that offers services to preserve and foster independence, mobility and quality of life for seniors in Montgomery County. Over 250 volunteers provide escorted transportation to medical and other appointments, assist with grocery shopping and offer monthly bill paying assistance to senior clients free of charge.

Many clients have offered heartfelt comments and appreciation, a true testimony to the tremendous efforts of the volunteers. The Senior Con-

nection is always seeking new individuals to help provide these services. Upcoming new volunteer trainings in Silver Spring include: Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 10 a.m. and Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m.

To learn more about the volunteering with the Senior Connection, call 301-962-0820, e-mail volunteer@seniorconnectionmc.org or visit www.seniorconnectionmc.org. The Senior Connection is located at 3950 Ferrara Drive, Silver Spring.



Help save lives—donate blood

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 20020 Montgomery Village Avenue, is sponsoring a community blood drive from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17.

Participants should pre-register at www.inovabloodsaves.org or call Milena at 240-364-4207 for an appointment. Donors must bring a photo ID and should allow one hour for donation.

For more information on restrictions for donating blood, visit www.Inova.org and click "Donate Blood."



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