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Oh Susannah! and our other KidjA.M. guests Pam the Kindersinger, Ray Owen and Kidsinger Jim got crowds of tots up on their feet and having fun. The performers were at Apple Ridge Recreation Area on Wednesday mornings in July beginning this year.

### MVF 2022 Draft Budget overview

As Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) staff works to prepare the 2022 Draft Budget for review, initial projections show another conservative budget focused on keeping assessment rates as low as possible and continuing to provide a high volume of services to Village residents. The below preliminary summary reflects a proposed, non-approved outline for FY22.

Currently, staff estimates no assessment increase for the MVF Fund and a \$1.45 increase for the DU Fund. While continued review of the 2021 budget may change these estimates, the current proposed assessments are: MVF Fee - \$21.05 per unit, per month; DU Fee - \$39.87 per unit, per month.

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Overall Expenses are projected to total \$3.3 million from the MVF Fund and \$3.26 million from the DU Fund.

Despite inflationary pressures driving up Personnel, Operating and Reserve costs, Undesignated Reserve Balances would be used to offset increases in the MVF and DU fees. For FY22, \$74,656 and \$259,055 are proposed to be spent from MVF and DU Undesignated Reserves, respectively.

MVF estimates a total Contribution to Reserves of

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### **MVF** awards four scholarships to Village high school graduates

The Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) once again joined the Watkins Mill and Gaithersburg High Schools' Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) to continue the MVF Scholarship Fund, now completing its 30<sup>th</sup> year. Since the program's inception in 1991, scholarships amounting to over \$53,000 have been awarded to Village high school seniors. Through this fund, Village residents are able to show their support by encouraging student leadership and scholastic achievement, while assisting graduating seniors in furthering their education. The amount available for each school is entirely determined by the amount donated by Village residents.

This year, MVF scholarships were granted to four Village students: Christopher Crews and Alyssa Holt of Watkins Mill High School; and Emmanuel Demissie and Tayietu Gebretsadic of Gaithersburg High School. MVF Board approved guidelines for the awards require that the applicants be Montgomery Village residents who have actively participated in and been leaders of community or civic activities, clubs or organizations, and who have demonstrated high scholastic achievement.

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#### **MVF MEETING AGENDAS**

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

The MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Aug. 26, Sept. 23 and Oct. 28. The August agenda will include review of the 2021 Draft MVF Budget prior to approving it for publication. The Board packet will be posted on the MVF website the week before the meeting, with call instructions attached to the agenda for those who wish to attend the meeting.

#### **ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesdays, Sept. 1, Oct. 6 and Nov. 3.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, Aug. 17 and Oct. 5. The committee will review the Draft 2021 MVF Budget prior to forwarding it to the MVF Board of Directors for review at the August meeting.

#### **COMMERCIAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

The Commercial Architectural Review Committee (CARC) meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Fridays, Aug. 6 and Oct. 1.

#### COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

The Committee on the Environment (COE) meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 13.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

The Communications Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 3.

#### **ELECTION COMMITTEE**

The Election Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 14. The agenda includes review of election guidelines and discussion of anticipated election procedures for the 2022 MVF Board of Directors election.

#### **INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

The Investment Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 18.

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 13. The agenda includes review of Nominating Committee guidelines and discussion of anticipated procedures for nomination of candidates for the 2022 MVF Board of Directors election.

#### **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

The Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 4.

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

#### **MVF BOARD MOTIONS**

#### Montgomery Village Foundation **Board of Directors** Motion List July 22, 2021

- Ms. Prince moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 24, 2021 as presented. The motion was seconded and passed (7-0-1) with Mr. Bird abstaining.
- 2. Ms. Bort moved to accept Items A, C and D on the Action List as presented, with the removal of Item B for a later date. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Ms. Prince moved to award the bid to Sports Systems Pro 3. Recreation LLC in the amount of \$11,847, and authorize an additional 10% for any unforeseen expenses. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 4. Ms. Ayres moved to appoint Mr. Besufekad Tadasse and Mr. Pete Young to the Audit Committee as voting members. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Anderson moved to appoint Mr. Taylor as the MVF 5. Board of Directors Treasurer. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Ms. Bort moved to accept the committee reports. The mo-6. tion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 7. Mr. Anderson moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:14 p.m. pursuant to Section 11B Real Property, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (Maryland Homeowners Association Act) to go into closed session for (iv) Consultation with staff personnel, consultants, attorneys, board members, or other persons in connection with pending or potential litigation or other legal matters. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Ms. Prince moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8. 8:14 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.





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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Keeping things moving forward



#### by Pete Webb **MVF** President

As summer rolls along here in Montgomery Village, the activities and action are really picking up for all of us to enjoy. Construction has begun in earnest with the Bloom development with model homes nearing completion, Lidl is putting the finishing touches on the new location at the corner of Centerway Road and Montgomery Village Avenue and soon ground will be broken for the new Starbucks that will be located in the Village Center.

The Farmers' Market has been a pleasant staple all summer long. The peaches have been excellent and all the produce has been helping make excellent meals for the last few weeks. My son looks forward to his crepe every weekend, and my daughter loves her empanada, which I always hope she doesn't finish so I can sneak a few bites.

The Summers at South Valley Park Signature Concert Series has not been diminished by the construction occurring on the Lake Whetstone Dam. While we have had some rainouts and rescheduling, the August lineup looks great and should bring in excellent reviews. On Saturday, Aug. 7, The Reagan Years will be in town playing all sorts of tributes to the 80's. Their show is always one of the highlights of

the summer. There are concerts every Saturday in August, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Bowie Music Pavilion in South Valley Park, 19003 Watkins Mill Road – check out the full listing at www.montgomery village.com.

Also on Aug. 7 is the return of the Touch-A-Truck event. This is a great event that shows off some of the cool trucks we see in and around our community. The fire trucks are always the favorite for my kids. Check out the variety of trucks and equipment from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the North Creek Community Center Parking Lot, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

August is also a busy month in the Village in terms of setting the budget for the coming year. Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) staff works tirelessly to draft up a budget that not only allows us to grow and improve our community, but also ensures we are on a path for stability for years and decades to come. We constantly focus on keeping assessments as low as possible, while also maximizing our investment in the community. A perfect example of this would be the improvements we are seeing at the North Creek Community Center. That water slide is going to be such a highlight, and the overall pool will be secondto-none in the area.

Once the budget is drafted it will be presented to the MVF Audit Committee and MVF Board of Directors for review, and then published for the entire community to see. MVF is in a very strong financial position and I am excited to see what the future will hold.

As always, if you have any community issues, concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to e-mail me with your cordial communication at webbmvf@ hotmail.com. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

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#### NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

#### **CENTER COURT CONDOMINIUM**

The Center Court Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, Sept. 28 and Oct. 26.

#### EASTGATE

The Eastgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Sept. 14 and Nov. 9.

#### EAST VILLAGE

The East Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Sept. 21, Oct. 19 and Nov. 16.

#### HORIZON RUN CONDOMINIUM

The Horizon Run Condominium meeting is scheduled for Mondays, Aug. 23, Oct. 25 and Nov. 15. The October meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

#### MARYLAND PLACE

The Maryland Place Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, Sept. 15 and Nov. 17.

#### MIDDLE VILLAGE

The Middle Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, Aug. 24 and Oct. 26.

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

The Normandie-on-the-Lake I (NOLI) Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursdays, Aug. 19 and Oct. 21. The annual budget will be discussed at the August meeting.

#### NORTHGATE

The Northgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, Sept. 14, Oct. 12 and Nov. 9.

#### NORTH VILLAGE

The North Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursdays, Aug. 19, Oct. 21 and Nov. 18.

#### PARK PLACE I CONDOMINIUM

The Park Place I Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, Aug. 10 and Nov. 9. The August meeting will include the Annual Meeting.

#### PARK PLACE II CONDOMINIUM

The Park Place II Condominium meeting is scheduled for Wednesdays, Aug. 11 and Nov. 10. The August meeting will include the Annual Meeting.

#### PATTON RIDGE

The Patton Ridge Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, Sept. 28, Oct. 26 and Nov. 16.

#### SOUTH VILLAGE

The South Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesdays Aug. 25, Sept. 22, Oct. 27 and Nov. 17.

#### **STEDWICK**

The Stedwick Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20 and Nov. 17.

#### THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Gardens Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Mondays, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11 and Nov. 8. The August meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

#### THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Gardens Condominium meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Sept. 21 and Oct. 19.

#### WHETSTONE

The Whetstone Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Sept. 9, Oct. 14 and Nov. 11.







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# MONTGOMERY VILLAGE **Calendar of Events**

### August

- 6 *Village News* Fall Rec Guide CARC 9 am
- 7 Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm - CTS
  - Touch-A-Truck 9 am to 1 pm - NCCC The Reagan Years
- 7 pm ŠVP 9 Thomas Choice Condo 7 pm (Annual Meeting)
- 10 Park Place I Condo 7 pm (Annual Meeting)
- 11 Park Place II Condo 7 pm (Annual Meeting)
- 14 Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm – CTS MV Community Band
- 7 pm SVP 17 Audit Committee 7 pm
- 18 Stedwick HC 7:30 pm

#### 19 NOLI 7 pm North Village HC 7 pm

- 20 Tailgate BINGO 6 pm – AR
- 21 Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm - CTS
- Ocho de Bastos 7 pm – SVP

Horizon Run Condo

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- 7:30 pm 24 Middle Village HC
- 7 pm 25 South Village HC

7:30 pm

- 7 pm 26 MVF Board of Directors
- 28 Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm – CTS

Back Pages Band 7 pm – SVP

### September

#### 1 ARB 7 pm

- 4 Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm – CTS
- Labor Day 6 MVF Office Closed Lake Marion and Peggy

Mark pools close at 6 pm Rosh Hashanah begins

At sunset 9 Whetstone HC 7:30 pm

11 Fall Flea Market 8 am to 1 pm - NCCC

> Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm – CTS Family Movie Night

"The Lion King" 7:30 pm – SVP 13 Nominating Committee

7 pm Thomas Choice Condo

14 Election Committee 7 pm

7 pm

Northgate HC 7 pm Eastgate HC

7:30 pm

### October

1

15 Maryland Place HC

Stedwick HC

Yom Kippur begins

7:30 pm

At sunset

18 Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm – CTS

21 TC Gardens Condo

East Village HC

South Village HC

23 MVF Board of Directors

8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Farmers' Market

28 Center Court Condo

Patton Ridge HC

9 am to 1 pm – CTS

7 pm – Heron's Cove Office

6:30 pm

7:30 pm

7:30 pm

NCCC

7 pm

25 Shredding Event

22 Fall begins

16 Yom Kippur

7 pm

- CARC 9 am 2 Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm – CTS
- 4 **Recreation Committee** 7:30 pm
- 5 Audit Committee 7 pm
- 6 ARB 7 pm
- 9 Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm – CTS Great Pumpkin Race
- 11 am to 3 pm NCCC 11 Thomas Choice Condo
- 12 Northgate HC 7 pm
- 13 Committee on the Environment 7:30 pm
- 14 Whetstone HC 7:30 pm
- 16 Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm – CTS
- 18 Investment Committee 7 pm
- 19 TC Gardens Condo 6:30 pm

East Village HC 7:30 pm

- 20 Stedwick HC 7:30 pm
- 21 NOLI 7 pm
  - North Village 7 pm
- 23 Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm - CTS
  - Flashlight Halloween Hunt 6 to 7:30 pm - SVP
- 24 Halloween Band Concert 3 pm – LMCC
- 25 Horizon Run Condo 7:30 pm (Annual Meeting)
- 26 Center Court Condo 7 pm – Heron's Cove Office

Middle Village HC 7 pm

Patton Ridge HC 7 pm

27 CCLA 4:30 pm

South Village HC 7 pm

- 28 MVF Board of Directors 7:30 pm
- 30 Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm – CTS

### November

3	ARB 7 pm	Park Place I Condo 7 pm	13 Holiday Craft Bazaar 9 am to 3 pm – LMCC	17 MD Place HC 7 pm	20 Holiday Farmers' Market 9 am to 1 pm – CTS
	Communications 7 pm	Eastgate HC 7:30 pm	15 Horizon Run Condo 7:30 pm	South Village HC 7 pm	Notice: Until further notice, all MVF-managed board meetings will be con-
8	Thomas Choice Condo 7 pm	10 Park Place II Condo 7 pm	16 Patton Ridge HC 7 pm	Stedwick HC 7:30 pm	ducted via audio/videoconference until allowed to meet in person. Individu- als desiring to attend a virtual board meeting may find the meeting agenda and instructions to attend the meeting online at www.montgomeryvillage.
9	Northgate HC 7 pm	11 Whetstone HC 7:30 pm	East Village HC 7:30 pm	18 North Village HC 7 pm	com/communities/village-communities. Likewise, MVF committee meeting packets will be posted online with instructions on how to listen in or partici- pate in Residents Time.
( 	TS Christ the Servant Lu	n (See South Valley Park) utheran Church, 9801 Centerway Rd. unity Center, 8821 East Village Ave. Rd.	NCCC North Creek Com SCC Stedwick Commu	d Room, 20125 Arrowhead Rd. munity Center, 20125 Arrowhead Rd. nity Center, 10401 Stedwick Rd. <, 19003 Watkins Mill Rd.	TCPR Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Pl. WCC Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Ct. WHPR Walker House Party Room, 18700 Walkers Choice Rd. All facilities are handicap accessible. All information tentative and subject to change.

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homes corporation elections or referencing a previously published article with a byline.

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or contain information about topics relatable to all Montgomery illage residents. Letters addressed to or specifically about homes corporation or condominium association business and affairs will not be printed and may be directed to those association boards of directors when appropriate.

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

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

E-mail letters to monews@mof.org.

### **End of summer Pool Schedule**

With the last month of summer upon us, MVF will start to close pools for the season, being mindful of usage and staff availability. Sunday, Aug. 8 will be the last day for Hurley Park Pool to be open for the season (closing at 6 p.m.), leaving Whetstone, Lake Marion, Peggy Mark and Stedwick pools for resident enjoyment. Through Sunday, Sept. 26 the remaining pools will be open in various capacities as noted below.

- THROUGH SUNDAY, AUG. 29:
- Whetstone Pool

Open daily, 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Will close at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 29

- Lake Marion and Peggy Mark pools Open daily, Noon to 8 p.m.
- **Stedwick Pool** Open daily, Noon to 10 p.m.

- MONDAY, AUG. 30 TO MONDAY, SEPT. 6 (LABOR DAY):
- Lake Marion and Peggy Mark pools Open weekdays, 4 to 7:30 p.m.

Open weekends, Noon to 7:30 p.m. Will close at 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 6

- **Stedwick Pool**
- Open daily, Noon to 7:30 p.m.

Take advantage of the pools to beat the heat or relax in the evening – before you know it the summer will be over! To view the pool schedule online, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

### Inspect electrical systems and wiring to avoid potential electrical fires

Faulty wiring is a leading cause of residential fires, with over 30,000 fires involving home electrical systems each year. While these cases are not specifically tied to the age of a home, the older a home is, the greater the chance the wiring is outdated and may need to be inspected by a qualified professional.

When undertaking a major project like a bathroom or kitchen renovation, exposed wires are easy to inspect. But if you've never done a renovation, or at least one that opened up your home's walls, then getting to wiring can be a messier and costlier-but still doable-project.

It may be time to have your electrical system inspected if you notice any of the following warning signs:

- Dimming or flickering lights
- Sizzling or buzzing sounds

- Odor of overheated plastic Plugs that pull out of receptacles easily
- Warm, discolored or sparking switch plates and outlet covers
- Circuit breakers trip or fuses blow frequently
- throughout the house
- bathrooms or other areas exposed to moisture

doesn't automatically mean your house is unsafe, but it's a good idea to have a licensed electrician look it over to determine if any changes are necessary in order to safely handle your current use of electronics and energy consumption. Not having enough power can damage sensitive electronics, adding to more replacement

expenses. If you are planning a major project, or are concerned about older wiring in your home, have a licensed electrician inspect your electrical system and recommend the best options to keep your home and family safe.

WEDNESDAY,

SEPT. 8 TO SUNDAY,

**SEPT. 26** 

7:30 p.m.

to 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 26.

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### 2022 MVF Budget **Schedule**

#### FRIDAY, AUG. 6

Village News article with high level overview in reference to 2022 Budget availability of end of month.

**TUESDAY, AUG. 17** 

Audit Committee Budget Work Session, Virtual, 7 p.m.

#### **THURSDAY, AUG. 26**

- MVF Board Meeting, Virtual, 7:30 p.m.
- Presentation of 2022 Proposed Budget
- Approve proposed budget for Publication

#### FRIDAY, AUG. 27

- Village News Online Edition Publish 2022 proposed budget on MVF website/ Village News
- 30-day public comment (if previously approved by MVF board)
- Hard copy of Budget available at MVF Office

#### **THURSDAY, SEPT. 23**

- MVF Board Meeting, Virtual, 7:30 p.m.
- Opportunity for public comment on proposed budget

#### **THURSDAY, OCT. 28**

- MVF Board Meeting, Virtual, 7:30 p.m.
  - Adopt 2022 Budget
  - Set 2022 Assessment Rates

**NOVEMBER 2021** Notify owners of 2022 assessments

**DECEMBER 2021** 

2022 Assessment coupons mailed



Having older wiring



### New MVF Board Treasurer, volunteer Audit Committee members appointed

#### by Mike Conroy

Since April 2021, when former Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors Treasurer Bob Carey stepped down, the Board has been seeking a new volunteer for the position. Carey served as the MVF Treasurer for 7 years. After putting out a call for volunteers for both the Treasurer position and Audit Committee members, several residents submitted applications to serve in the community.

At the July 22 MVF Board of Directors meeting, Stephen Taylor was appointed as the new Treasurer. Taylor, who was previously interviewed by the Board, has nearly 40 years' experience in the finance industry, including controller, consultant, finance director and auditor, among other qualifications. He will be seated as a non-voting member of the Board at the Thursday, Aug. 26 meeting.

In addition to his Board duties, Taylor will also participate on the MVF Audit Committee as the Treasurer. To fill other vacancies, the Board also appointed Besufekad Tadesse and former MVF Board President Pete Young to the Audit Committee. Both Tadesse and Young bring a wealth of experience to the committee, including risk management, compliance auditing, executive-level professionalism and MVF historical knowledge.

#### OTHER AGENDA ITEMS During the meeting, it was

noted that MVF received its 33rd consecutive Tree City Award from the National Arbor Day Foundation. This annual award solidifies MVF's commitment to effective urban forestry management. Other environmental topics included the results from the annual goose count, which was held in June. A total of 421 geese were counted between the six counting locations.

Director of Recreation and Parks Duncan Mullis reported on the progress of the North Creek Pool and Bathhouse Renovation Project. Mullis said although much progress is being made-tile work was complete in the main pool and wading pool; umbrella locations were finalized; pools were ready for plaster; the pool deck would be poured in the near future; wiring was complete in the bathhouse; and the elevator shaft was complete and awaiting the installation of the elevator - the pool will likely not be ready for an opening on Labor Day Weekend, as had been hoped. He noted the timeline was tight, and once the construction is complete, the pool is still subject to inspection before opening to the public.

Mullis also updated the Board on the county's Lake Whetstone Dam Toe Drain Replacement Project. He said a representative from the county Department of environmental Protection (DEP) attended the July 14 Committee on the Environment meeting to discuss the recent events of the project that led to the accidental drainage of the entire lake. The county admitted their contractor had left the drain valve open over the July 4 holiday weekend, but has since put in more oversight measures to ensure that does not happen again. He reported the water level had returned to the expected level and would be kept as such for the duration of the project, which is expected to continue through December; major excavation has begun on the Lawn Theater of the dam.

Finally, the Board awarded a bid to Sports Systems – Pro Recreation LLC for \$11,847 for the repair and resurfacing of the Martin P. Roy Basketball Court. The court will receive similar updates as were performed at the Whetstone courts: cleaning, repairing, striping and painting the court surface and installation of new goals with polycarbonate backboards.

#### PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Board President Pete Webb noted he recently received several resident questions concerning parking and reminded those in attendance that the MVF Board of Directors is responsible for parking regulations at MVF facilities, and new parking regulations were put in place in October 2020. He directed any parking issues that were within the local associations' purviews to those boards of directors for consideration.

Webb also thanked the Recreation staff for the recent addition of swimming lessons to the long list of summer programming they continue to provide.

#### EVP REPORT

**Executive Vice President** (EVP) Dave Humpton said that he and Assistant EVP Mike Conroy recently attended a retirement function for Cathy Matthews, whom the Board honored at the June meeting for her 20 years of service as the Director of the Upcounty Regional Service Center, and 48 total years of service to the county. Humpton also encouraged members of the MVF Board to follow the Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board (UCAB) - one of Matthews' accomplishments during her county tenure – and potentially get involved for the benefit of Montgomery Village.

Humpton reminded the Board in August, both the Audit Committee and the MVF Board would be reviewing the 2022 MVF Draft Budget.

He also noted that Starbucks was confirmed to be a new tenant at the Village Center; a new building will be constructed and will be subject to county permitting and architectural approval from MVF's Commercial Architectural Review Committee (CARC).

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

CFO Daniel Salazar presented the Treasurer's Report for the year-to-date (YTD) and the month ending June 30, 2021, noting that overall results were favorable to the budget. Net Income was reported favorable by over \$760,000 mainly due to Investments (up \$288,000), Capital Contribution Fees (up \$41,000) and Pool Memberships (up \$39,000). Additionally, MVF saw lower-than-expected Personnel Costs (favorable by \$91,000) from open positions and temp labor (due to the North Creek Pool not being open), as well as Operating Costs (favorable by \$143,000) driven by savings in utilities, maintenance and landscaping.

Salazar said the Contributions to Reserves (CTR) were made monthly in accordance with the budget; YTD CTR was reported at \$674,724. The Balance Sheet continues to show MVF's strong financial position with over \$10.6 million in Reserves.

Accounts Receivable decreased \$118,000 due to judgement payments received from the condominium lawsuit, covering June 2019 through September 2020. He reported that Investments were up 3.8%, but behind the benchmark of 4.3%; MVF currents has \$7.8 million in Investments.

The Q2 Delinquency Rate was reported at 6.9%, which is lower than the same quarter from the prior year, as well as lower than the 5-year average.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next MVF Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 26, as a conference call/Zoom meeting. Residents are invited to join the call; full meeting details, the meeting packet and/or participation instructions will be posted online at *www.montgomeryvillage.com* the week before the meeting.

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**MVF BALANCE SHEET** 

For complete details and explanations, please refer to the Transver's Report in the MVP Board meeting packet which can be found online at even-montgomeryodiage.com

### **Draft Budget**

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\$1,397,292, and total Reserve Expenses of \$1,330,674 (\$494,066 from MVF and \$836,609 from DU). The Reserve Study is currently being finalized, and based on this, the proposed assessment rates may change.

The Audit Committee will review the Draft Budget at their Tuesday, Aug. 17 meeting, before sending it to the MVF Board of Directors. The MVF Board will then review the Draft Budget at their Thursday, Aug. 26 meeting, with the goal of approving it for publication. Once published, the budget will be open for a formal public comment (30 days) and subject to further revisions before its final approval in October. Comments or questions can be directed to CFO Daniel Salazar at *budget@mvf.org* or in writing

to Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc., ATTN: 2022 Proposed Budget, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886. The Draft Budget will be published online at *www.montgomeryvillage.com*; a hard copy will be available at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, following the August 26 meeting for those who cannot access it online.

All meetings continue to be held virtually, and meeting information—including packets and connection instructions—can be found online at *www.montgomeryvillage.com* in advance of each meeting.

MVF 2022 As	sessm	ent Sumn	nary	(prelimin	ary	)
	I	MVF Fund	I	DU Fund		Total
Current, per month	\$	21.52	\$	38.42	\$	59.94
Assessment Increase	\$	0.00	\$	1.45	\$	1.45
Proposed Assessment	\$	21.52	\$	39.87	\$	61.39
Increase percentage		0.0%		3.8%		2.4%
Undesig	nated F	Reserves Su	ımma	ary		
Undesignated as of Jan 1, 2021	\$	1,307,584	\$	524,904	\$	1,832,488
Projected use in 2021 (1)		-		(25,000)		(25,000
Proposed use in 2022 (2)		(74,656)		(259,055)		(333,711
Remaining Undesignated	\$	1,232,928	\$	240,849	\$	1,473,777
		34.8%		5.5%		

MVF 2022 P&L Summary (preliminary)							
Revenues	<u>MVF</u> \$3,491,397	<u>DU</u> \$4,111,650	<u>UF</u> \$210,000	<u>PS</u> \$2,475	<u>CM</u> \$953,720	<u>Total OPS</u> \$ 8,769,242.00	
Personnel Costs	\$3,038,648	\$1,362,762	\$103,234	\$0	\$703,101	\$5,207,745	
Operating Costs	\$1,371,398	\$772,813	\$94,863	\$2,471	\$66,635	\$2,308,180	
Overhead Allocation (from MVF)	(\$1,318,066)	\$1,126,275	\$35,539	\$0	\$156,252	\$0	
Total Operating & Allocations	\$3,091,980	\$3,261,850	\$233,636	\$2,471	\$925,988	\$7,515,925	
Contribution to Reserves Fund	\$288,437	\$1,108,855	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,397,292	
Use of Undesignated Reserves	(\$51,020)	(\$259,055)	(\$23,636)	\$4	\$27,732	(\$305,975	
Contribution to CCF	\$162,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$162,000	
Total Other (increases)/decreases	\$399,417	\$849,800	(\$23,636)	\$4	\$27,732	\$1,253,317	
Excess/Deficit Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	

	2022 Reserve Budget Su (preliminary)	innar y	
Reserve	Assumptions:		
	Inflation 30 year annualized ROI	4.00% 4.50%	
Contribu	itions to Reserves:		
	MVF Fund		288,437
	Designated Users Fund		1,108,855
Total C	Contributions	_	1,397,292
Reserve	Expenditures by Fund:		Total
	MVF Fund		494,066
	Designated Users Fund		836,609
Total Ex	penditures	_	1,330,674
Reserve	Expenditures by Category:		
MVF:	Facility Repairs		72,393
	Parks		68,360
	Technology		353,313
	Other		-
	Total MVF		494,066
DU:	Apple Ridge recreation area		61,718
	Community Centers repair/replacements		118,915
	Edward A. DeSimon recreation center		28,816
	General repairs/maintenance		23,899
	Hurley Park Bathhouse & pool		46,419
	Lake Marion Community Center & pool		303,919
	North Creek Community Center & pool		7,222
	Peggy Mark Pool		24,258
	Pool repair/replacements		81,693
	Stedwick Community Center & pool		16,837
	Tennis Courts		1,141
	Watkins Mill Playground/tennis		7,705
	Whetstone Community Center & pool		114,066
	Watkins Mill Bathhouse & pool		-
	Total DU	_	836,609







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### Condominium lawsuit ruling finalized

It is official. The Maryland Court of Appeals (the highest court in Maryland) denied the appeal from the three condominiums to withdraw from Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF). The case is finally over.

The three condominiums were appealing the decisions of both the Circuit Court and The Maryland Court of Special

### **Scholarships**

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#### CHRISTOPHER CREWS

Christopher has shown a consistent level of excellence in and out of school and especially around the water. As a 4-quarter, 4-year, straight A, honor roll student; multiple national honor society member; and 4-year, tri-sport Varsity athlete, it's a wonder where he found the time to also participate in leadership clubs, community swim teams and log over 300 service hours in the community. Christopher proved to be a leader on and off the field, as Lacrosse or Swim & Dive Team Captain, local swim team coach or in the Principal's Leadership Council, among many other activities.

One thing is for certain, being around the water from a young age has helped cultivate this young man's passion for success. He is trading in his hat as a Whetstone Whale to study sharks and technology as an Ocean Engineer at Virginia Tech (his chosen school of the 8 acceptances he received). Christopher will certainly make a splash no matter what water he finds himself in.

#### ALYSSA HOLT

Alyssa embodies the spirit of living in a planned community. Outside of the numerous athletic teams (both in and out of WMHS), leadership groups and clubs at Watkins Mill, honor rolls, achievement awards and engagement in her church, she has taken full advantage of all Montgomery Village has to offer. From participating in youth activities, to community functions, from engaging MVF in her Girl Scout Gold Award pursuit, to lifeguarding at community pools, Alyssa has immersed herself in Montgomery Village life, and proven she is a true leader. She has already relied on her experiences in the IB Medical Careers Academy and Appeals, arguing that they could unilaterally leave MVF and stop paying assessments. All the courts determined that this was incorrect and contrary to both the MVF governing documents and each condominium's respective governing documents.

MVF engaged in the process to collect past due assessments from Normandie-on-the Lake-

Minority Scholars Program to

viding African-American

women the same medical

treatment as others, in a com-

fortable and relatable setting.

Alyssa strives to be the friendly

face that other African-Ameri-

can women can know and trust

schools, over 620 service hours

and the educational founda-

tion to succeed in the medical

field, there is no doubt Alyssa

will become a leader among

those she encounters while

**EMMANUEL DEMISSIE** 

studies on biology and com-

puter science, relying on the

emphasis of STEM in schools

to fuel his passion. Combined

with his extracurricular expe-

riences with the BROTHERS

Academy and leadership roles

in sports and clubs, he has put

together a great base for a ca-

reer in bioinformatics, where

he plans to pursue a Ph.D. His

enrollment in the PLTW Bio-

medical Science program has

served as a great beginning to

room, Emmanuel has taken

to making a difference in the

community, participating in

many food drives, Toys for

Tots programs, Montgomery

County VisionWalk and Uk-

night Arts and Leadership

Program, among others. The

350+ hours of community ser-

vice have helped him realize

his impact on helping others

and his contributions have

already helped shape the next

generation of young leaders in

senior was accepted to for ma-

for area universities and will certainly continue to make an

impact, excelling in both his

academic studies and contribu-

tions to the local community

wherever he finds himself in

This award-winning GHS

the community.

the future.

When not in the class-

this goal.

Emmanuel has focused his

pursuing a career in nursing.

With acceptances to 10

in a medical facility.

Her passion lies with pro-

forge a strong career path.

II Condominium and Heron's Cove Condominium, and has collected all of the almost \$300,000 in past due assessments and interest from both condominiums. While a named party in the case, Thomas Choice Gardens Condominium continued to pay MVF assessments during the litigation. MVF will be seeking to recover the legal costs for this case.

#### TAYIETU **GEBRETSADIC**

Tayietu's positive attitude and outlook have given her the perspective to always find the good. She says "as a natural optimist, I've been given the gift of hope." This guiding principle has led her to want to pursue a career in Speech-Language Pathology at Towson University. Realizing that she wanted to work with children from the earliest stages, being a part of the Child Development Program has given her a great foundation of experience.

With a clear career path in mind, Tayietu purposefully chose to spend her time working with children, coaching Girls on the Run, being a summer camp counselor and interning at Goshen Elementary School. Her commitment in community service will always focus on youth, where she has the ability to pass on her optimism to the most impressionable.

All of us at MVF are extremely proud of all of these fine Watkins Mill and Gaithersburg high school students and wish them all the best in the future! On behalf of our award-winning students, we thank all those who donated funds toward this year's scholarship awards. Although the scholarship amounts awarded by MVF are small in light of college costs, every bit of aid is helpful in a practical sense, and the symbolic meaning of your gift is immeasurably great. Thanks also to the volunteer MVF Scholarship Committee members who once again gave of their time and effort to select this year's recipients from the large pool of applicants: Clare Conlon, Sharon Levine and David Cline.

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### Updates from the EVP by David Humpton, EVP

#### **NEW 6TH DISTRICT** COMMANDER ANNOUNCED

Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) recently announced the appointment of Eric Stancliff as the new Commander. Stancliff has worked for MCPD for 28 years, including a short time previously on the Montgomery Village beat. Commander Stancliff will be invited to an upcoming Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board meeting in the near future.

#### DRAFT 2022 MVF **BUDGET PROCESS** WELL UNDERWAY

The budget cycle began in earnest after the MVF Board of Directors Annual Strategic Planning Retreat in June, and will close with the Board's adoption of the 2022 MVF Budget in October, which includes the establishment of assessment rates. Budget time is a time for setting goals, re-evaluating programs and identifying priorities, including how to effectively allocate resources within the budget plan.

All MVF staff are part of the budget process in some way, but the department heads and senior staff do the heavy revenue and expenditure analysis and put together their draft budgets for review. Residents are encouraged to bring budget ideas/comments forward for consideration during Residents Time at the Thursday, Aug. 26 MVF Board meeting; connection instructions for the virtual meeting can be found online at www.montgomery village.com.

The Audit Committee does a careful review of the budget and offers suggestions to the Board during the process. They will be meeting virtually on Tuesday, Aug. 17 to review the draft budget.

#### STARBUCKS COMING **TO VILLAGE CENTER**

The owner of the Village Center has reported to that construction of a new Starbucks (where the former Denny's was located along on Montgomery Village Avenue) will begin as early as November. Permits are being processed by Montgomery County and the purchase of construction materials are in progress.



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#### IN THE NEWS

### Dealing with mosquitoes around your home

In the summer months, Village residents spend plenty of time enjoying the parks and paths throughout the Village. One of the most annoying pests we have in this area is the mosquito, which can make an otherwise enjoyable evening relaxing on the deck or playing outside with your children a challenge. Some tips for avoiding mosquito bites can be found at the following link: www.mda.maryland.gov/plantspests/Pages/tips\_for\_avoiding\_ mosquito\_bites.aspx.

The Maryland Department of Agriculture, Mosquito Control Program, is responsible for mosquito control in the state, and the Montgomery Village Foundation has signed up for this voluntary program again for 2021. The program consists of larviciding (control of immature stages of the mosquito) and public education.

Mosquitoes are insects that develop through four life stages: egg, larva, pupa and adult. Both male and female adult mosquitoes feed on plant nectar as a food source. Only female mosquitoes feed on blood as a protein source for egg development. In Maryland, there are 62 different species of mosquitoes with around 17 of those species having the greatest abundance and/or impact on human comfort, public health and economic growth. All of these species require stagnant water for breeding and larval development.

The Montgomery Village Foundation has partnered with the Mosquito Control Program since 2003. Technicians were given a map of areas in the Village that could be potential breeding spots for mosquitoes. Every year there is monitoring of these known sites on a threeweek rotation, and if necessary, a larviciding treatment is done according to presence or absence of larvae.

Since this program doesn't take into account private homeowner property, here are some tips for reducing the breeding spots for mosquitoes in your own backyard.

1. Clean rain gutters to allow water to flow freely.

2. Remove old tires or drill drainage holes in tires used for playground equipment.

3. Store plastic wading pools inside or turn them upside down when not in use. 4. Turn over or remove clay

ots and plastic container 5. Dispose of all empty beverage containers, plastic wrappers, discarded toys, etc.

6. Arrange plastic or canvas tarps used to cover boats, pools, etc. so rainwater drains. 7. Pump out bilges in boats.

Turn canoes and small boats upside down for storage.



8. Replace water in bird baths at least twice a week. 9. Remove unused pet food

and water dishes.

10. Flush livestock water troughs twice a week.

11. Empty water from the bottom of garbage cans and upside down lids.

12. Flush water in the bottom of plant holders twice a week.

13. Fix dripping outside water faucets.

14. Turn wheelbarrows upside down when stored outside.

15. Check around construction sites or do-it-yourself improvements to ensure that proper backfilling and grading prevent drainage problems.

16. Check ornamental ponds, tree holes and waterholding low areas for mosquito larvae. Call the nearest Mosquito Control Office (see below) if you find, or suspect, mosquito larvae are present.

17. If ditches do not flow and contain stagnant water for one week or longer, they can produce large numbers of mosquitoes. Report such conditions to a Mosquito Control Office. Do not attempt to clear these ditches because they may be protected by wetland regulations.

Contact: Mosquito Control Section of the Maryland Department of Agriculture nearest you for additional assistance and advice.

Maryland Department of Agriculture Mosquito Control Offices Annapolis (Headquarters) 410-841-5870 Central & Western Maryland 301-927-8357 410-543-6626 Eastern Maryland Southern Maryland 301-373-4263

Additional mosquito control information can be found at https://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/mosquito\_control.aspx.



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### **Staying Aware** in the Village

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

#### **RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY**

A residential burglary occurred in the unit block of Crested Iris Court at approximately 8:30 p.m. on July 13. Forced entry; nothing was taken. Victim/Witness described suspects as: B/M, age unknown, B/F, age unknown.

#### THEFTS FROM VEHICLES

Two thefts from vehicles occurred between July 9 and July 13. One theft occurred in the area of Shadow Oak Drive and Maple Leaf Drive and one theft occurred in the 10400 block of Stedwick Road. Force was reported in one event; property was taken. No suspect(s) information available.

### New members needed for MVF Investment Committee

Are you looking to get involved in your community? Do you have a few hours every few months to help keep Montgomery Village moving forward? Then consider applying for appointment to the MVF Investment Committee.

Following a change to the Investment Committee Guidelines approved by the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors at their July 23, 2020 meeting, an additional volunteer community member position was added to the committee. Additionally, a volunteer member also stepped down from their position. As such, the committee is currently seeking two volunteer members to aid in making investment recommendations to the MVF Board.

This important ad-hoc committee addresses and advises the Board on matters specifically related to MVF's investment activities. The committee reviews quarterly investment performance and makes recommendations to the Board on investment strategy and policy and approves investment transactions that are in line with the policy. The committee works with MVF's Investment Advisors.

The committee meets quarterly on Mondays, at 7:30 p.m. at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road (currently meeting virtually).

Applicants should have a recent background, education or professional experience that includes expertise in investment



management/banking. Certified Financial Advisors, Investment Advisors and Chief Financial Officers are encouraged to apply.

To apply, a Committee Membership Application can be found online at *www. montgomeryvillage.com* under "MVF," "Committees."

For questions or more information, contact CFO Daniel Salazar at 240-243-2332 or e-mail *dsalazar@mvf.org.* 



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### Montgomery County Recycle Right "Oops Tag" Program

The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is highlighting its Recycle Right "Oops Tag" Program to inform residents about materials that should not be placed in recycling bins.

DEP inspectors are visiting all residential areas where the county is responsible for recycling collection. Each neighborhood will be inspected two to three times. The program, which started in May, is being hailed as a success as with each inspection. Crew's report finding fewer non-recyclable materials in residential recycling bins.

DEP aims to reduce the amount of non-recyclable material going to the recycling center. In 2020, the Montgomery County Recycling Center received about 7,500 tons (about 15 million pounds) of non-recyclable material. This represents about 22% of all non-paper recycling received at the recycling center. "We know most people have good intentions when tossing items they believe are recyclable into their recycling bins," said DEP Director Adam Ortiz. "We call this 'wish-cycling,' but not everything that is plastic or glass is recyclable. The 'oops tags' let people know the specific items in their bins that cannot be recycled. It is our hope that this targeted education will provide an 'ahha' moment for residents who want to recycle right." DEP teams are inspecting individual residential recycling bins looking for items that are not recyclable. If any non-recyclable materials are found, inspectors will tag the bin, identifying the items that are not recyclable. No materials will be collected from bins that receive a tag. Crews have found the recycling bin rejection rate is about 22% for the first week of inspections. By week three, the rejection rate typically drops to about 15%. The most common nonrecyclable items found in recycling bins are plastic bags, plastic wrap, hazardous or toxic product containers, electronics, packing peanuts or foam blocks used to protect items in shipments and home health care medical supplies.

For more information on how to properly dispose of materials, visit *www.mygreen montgomery.org*.



# HOMES CORPORATIONS

## & CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS

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

#### NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

### **Pleasant Ridge Entrance no-parking signs**

### by the North Village Board of Directors

New no-parking signs were recently installed on Pleasant Ridge Drive at the entrance to North Village. Non-North Village residents were parking along the street entrance causing safety concerns for residents entering and leaving the area. Adding to the problem were trucks and other vehicles that are not permitted there per the North Village Parking Policy. We are in the process of finalizing a new permit parking policy for all North Village residents. More information will be forthcoming.

#### MOWING SCHEDULE AND TREE REMOVAL

Our landscaping company, BrightView, is scheduled to mow common areas in North Village until November. Please note that Montgomery County is no longer allowing pesticides to be used in grass applications. This means you will see more weeds mixed in grassy areas. We are working with BrightView on a plan to help mitigate the problem as much as possible within the county restrictions. Elliott Tree Service is also in the process of cutting down dead or dying trees that were on a previously evaluated list. If you have a concern about a tree near your residence or in the common area, contact the community manager who can schedule a tree assessment.

#### 2022 BUDGET IN PROCESS

We are now working on the 2022 budget with information and decisions still pending on a security contract, a trash contract and the management agreement with Montgomery Village Foundation. Security and trash contracts have previously been priced as frugally as possible. We are getting estimates from other companies, and thus, we are weighing our options carefully. Every year the Consumer Price Index (CPI) plays a key role in the budget. The CPI has gone up this year compared to previous years. We will be finalizing and approving the budget at the August meeting.

#### DON'T DUMP THAT STUFF! BULK TRASH COSTS EVERYONE MONEY

We really ask everyone's help with the amount of bulk trash in the common areas (a.k.a. dumping large household material). Every time a special call must be made to our special vendor to pick up the bulk trash, we must pay for that separately. Ultimately, the "we" is all of us in the North Village community. If you see neighbors putting out bulk trash, please ask that they call Potomac Disposal for one of their bulk pickups, if they haven't already.

#### REMAINING HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION FOR 2021

Below is the remaining holiday trash schedule for 2021. The holidays with an asterisk (\*) indicate that the county transfer facility is closed. If one of these holidays falls on a service day (Monday or Thursday), North Village will have service the following day (Tuesday or Friday). Check NextDoor messages for weather-related updates to the calendar.

#### IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO KEEP: Security/APS: 240-631-2399

Potomac Disposal: 301-294-9700 MC Recycling – New Blue Bins – Scrap Metal: 311 Pepco: 877-737-2662 WSSC: 301-206-4001

#### NEXT MEETING

The next regular North Village Homes Corporation board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 19, location to be announced. Please see the North Village community web page at *www.montgomery village.com* for more information.

You many also contact Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2327, with your interest in attending the meeting. If you have any questions or want to report any problems in the community, please reach out to her at that number 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.

### MARYLAND PLACE MESSAGES

### Trash and recycling is still the number one problem here in Maryland Place

by the Maryland Place Board of Directors

Unfortunately, trash continues to be a problem. The Maryland Place board receives complaints regularly about trash, recycling, furniture, appliances and building materials placed on community property. Placing anything on community property is illegal, and if caught you will be fined for the cleanup costs. We have come to point where we will be strictly monitoring and enforcing fines for these actions.

At no time should you place anything on community property. If you mow your grass on Saturday and put your grass clippings in a brown paper recycling bag, the bag is to remain in your backyard until Thursday morning. Do not place it on community property as soon as you are finished mowing. Instead, place it in your front yard on Wednesday night for collection.

All trash and recycling should be stored on your property at all times! Trash is to be placed in a vermin-proof container, and set out on Sunday and Wednesday nights after dark at the rear of your property for collection on Monday and Thursday morning. Recycling (plastic, glass, cardboard, paper lawn/leaf bags) is to be placed in the front of your property on Wednesday night after dark for collection on Thursday morning. Again, at no time should trash, recycling, furniture, appliances and building materials placed on community property.

The expense for cleanup of the mess on community property is out of control, and unfortunately, will be passed on to the homeowners.

Please, if you see someone placing items on community property, remind them that it is illegal do so. We all need to work together to make Maryland Place the best place to live.

Remember, it really does take a village to keep Maryland Place clean. Thank you and enjoy your summer!

Maryland Place Messages: for residents of Maryland Place.

Labor Day*	Monday, Sept 6*
Columbus Day	Monday, Oct. 11
Veterans Day	Thursday, Nov. 11
Thanksgiving*	Thursday, Nev. 25"
Native American Heritage Day	Friday, Nov. 26
Christman Day*	Saturday Dec 25*
New Year's Day*	Wednesday, Jan 1, 2022*
Martin Luther King Jr. Day *	Monthly, Jan 17, 2022*





#### HOMES CORPORATIONS

**STEDWICK SIGNALS** 

### Fall into Autumn

#### by Keith Silliman

Summer is starting to wane as the days start to get shorter. Are the hottest days of summer behind us? The Cicadas have come and gone with little damage to our trees. There are signs of twig damage on some of the Oak trees where the Cicadas laid their eggs. Otherwise, our community looks attractive with summer flowers still blooming and the grass mostly green. Schools will be opening soon with an increase in pedestrian, car and bus traffic.

Visit the MV Farmers' Market on Saturday mornings and patronize our local merchants. It's open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Christ the Servant Lutheran Church Parking Lot, 9801 Centerway Road. With the Labor Day Holiday on Monday, Sept. 6, Montgomery County's recycling pickup will move from its usual Tuesday pickup to Wednesday, Sept. 8.

#### PARKING UPDATE

At the July meeting, the Stedwick Board of Directors discussed the feedback from many of our residents regarding the draft parking policy that was posted online. Most of the feedback was not in favor of the proposed changes. As a result, the board is working on revising the policy so that hang tags will not be involved, but would be optional for additional reserved parking. The next step will be to review the revised draft at the upcoming Wednesday, Aug. 18 board meeting.

#### RECENT MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Most of the streets and parking areas of Clusters I were repaved, and significant sidewalk and curb work was done on Stedwick Drive. The work has significantly improved the appearance of the Clusters I community. Thank you to our residents on those streets for their patience with that process and for dealing with the inconvenience associated with that work.

#### 2022 BUDGET OUTLOOK

Very preliminary estimates of the Stedwick Homes Corporation's 2022 budget suggest a moderate increase in overall assessments. Anticipated increased trash collection fees and Maryland State Legislaturemandated reserve contributions are the primary contributors to that estimated increase. A draft of the budget is scheduled for review at the August meeting.

#### NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Stedwick Homes Corporation Board of Directors is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 18. The first portion of the meeting is residents time, when residents can talk to the board members, express concerns or otherwise make the board members aware of needs and items of interest. It will be a virtual meeting via Zoom. If you would like to attend that meeting, contact Karen Kodjanian at 240-243-2336 or e-mail kkodjanian@mvf.org for the meeting contact information

If you have an issue, concern or item to report, please visit the Stedwick Homes Corporation website at *www.stedwickhc. com*, contact the community manager at 240-243-2326, e-mail *stedwickhc@mvf.org* or communicate via regular mail to the Stedwick Homes Corporation, at 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

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

#### PATTON RIDGE REPORT

### **Repair projects in Patton Ridge**

### by the Patton Ridge Board of Directors

Summer is now in full swing and we hope that all Patton Ridge residents have had the opportunity to enjoy the greenspaces, pools, trails and other amenities that our community has to offer. The Patton Ridge Board of Directors continues to focus on the ongoing maintenance of our community assets. The board has continued to review the condition of walking paths, parking areas and other infrastructure that are within its

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purview and approve repairs as needed.

With respect to ongoing projects, the retaining wall project near Doolittle Street in Fairidge has received a permit. Work will begin on the wall following a county inspection. In April, the board voted to renovate the equipment at the playground near Spur Hill Drive in Partridge Place I. The equipment has been ordered and will be installed in the coming weeks.

Please remember that residents should never place trash or recycling on community property. All trash and recycling should be stored on residents' property. Trash should be put out no earlier than 6 p.m. the evening before collection and must be in an appropriate container. Thanks for your continued help in keeping Patton Ridge a clean and vibrant community!

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

# Lake Whetstone Dam Toe Drain repair continues

by the Whetstone Board of Directors

Lake Whetstone Dam Toe Drain repairs continue to be managed by the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection. The corrugated metal toe drain pipes have corroded and are being repaired. Total duration of the project is 6 months. The level of water is being increased by the summer rainfall – the repair and restoration of the shoreline on the Whetstone Homes Corporation (WHC) side of the lake will be evaluated by WHC.

On July 8, a WHC meeting was conducted via Zoom in which residents could attend. The Whetstone landscape maintenance contract was discussed, including the increase in mowing schedule and coordination with the county to provide access to the lakeshore on the Whetstone side of the lake for any necessary maintenance/work. Asphalt repaving on Whetstone Drive was recently completed, commencing at the entrance to Whetstone Drive at Montgomery Village Avenue. The path behind Breckenridge Place and the Courts was repaved. In addition, Roman Way and Brook Grove Court areas also were repaved.

Violations of the truck parking regulation were noted, and the weekly inspection indicated that a number of residents are in violation of this covenant. Violation letters are sent to those residents not in compliance.

There is a vacant position on the Whetstone Board of Directors. If interested, e-mail MVF Director of Community Management Karen Kodjanian at *kkodjanian@mvf.org*.

The Montgomery County Council continues to study the role of county police officers in public schools and the participation of health specialists in the public school community. A retirement ceremony for Upcounty Regional Service Center Director Cathy Matthews was held at the Black Rock Center for the Arts in Germantown, recognizing her many years of service to upcounty residents. Senior county officers and staff participated in this excellent event including, Montgomery Village officers.

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

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

MVF-managed homes corporation and condominium association budgets will be published on community web pages at *www.montgomeryvillage.com* and the online *Village News* at *www.mvnews.online* in the near future. Check those resources for draft budget information. Doors · Windows · Kitchens · Baths Tile Work · Roof Repairs · Masonry Rotten Wood Repairs

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HOMES CORPORATIONS

# **Shredding Event** and Donation Drive

### Saturday, Sept. 25 | 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road

**BRING UP TO THREE BAGS OR BOXES OF PERSONAL DOCUMENTS FOR** SECURE SHREDDING Non-perishable food items and cash donations will be collected to benefit Women Who Care Ministries. Rotary Club of Montgomery

Village

#### NORTHGATE NEWS

### It is budget season

#### by the Northgate Board of **Directors**

The Northgate board will begin work on the FY2022 budget this month. Several contractors have notified us that fees will be increasing. A major focus for the board is community infrastructure, such as roads and sidewalks. Once a draft budget is adopted by the board, residents will be advised of any potential assessment increase.

We would like to welcome Jen Schiller to the board. Jen is filling the vacancy left when longtime board member Bob Graham relocated. Jen is the chief programs officer for the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless and holds a Master's Degree in cultural anthropology from George Washington University. We are very grateful that she has volunteered to help the community.

Lack of proper trash disposal continues to be an issue in some sections of Northgate. Please help keep our community clean by observing the appropriate pickup days for regular and bulk trash.

Regular trash pickups for Overlea and The Points are on Mondays and Thursdays. All other sections have pickups on Tuesdays and Fridays (McKendree I & II, Apple Ridge, Shadow Oak, Dorsey's Regard and Williams Range).

If you need a bulk trash pickup, please place your items out on the following schedule: Thursdays: Overlea and The Points

Fridays: Apple Ridge, Dorsey's Regard, McKendree I & II, Shadow Oak and Williams Range

All bulk pickups must be placed curbside. Residents of Overlea and McKendree I & II must bring their bulk items to the curb. No recyclable items will be taken as bulk, nor will construction material generated by a contractor. If a resident places a rug or carpet out for bulk pickup it is acceptable. If a homeowner has a carpet or rug contractor replacing rugs or carpet in the home, the contractor is responsible for the removal of the carpet or rugs.

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

#### HOMES CORPORATIONS CALL FOR CANDIDATES

### Volunteers needed for homes corporation boards of directors

Each year, the Village homes corporations seek candidates for election to their boards of directors. Interested residents are invited to submit applications for candidacy to the Nominating Committee of their local homes corporation.

Directors of homes corporations are responsible for setting assessments and managing the maintenance of all open spaces, streets, paths and lights that belong to the individual homes corporation.

Basic qualifications for board membership are time and interest, but whatever other knowledge, training, skills or experience one has will almost certainly be used in some capacity.

1. According to the documents, a candidate is not required to be a resident of Montgomery Village, except in Whetstone Homes Corporation and North Village Homes Corporation, where the candidate is required to be a resident homeowner. However, resident candidates must be in good standing with the Montgomery Village Foundation and their respective homes corporation with regard to covenants and policies and must be current in all assessment payments. In

several cases, the Nominating Committee is given the authority to determine which of the nominees will be on the final slate of candidates.

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2. To apply for candidacy, a prepared statement of the applicant's qualifications and interests must be delivered to any member of the Nominating Committee or to the Montgomery Village Foundation office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, no later than 5 p.m. on the closing dates stated in the box.

3. A candidate may be solicited or may volunteer. A resident nominating another resident must secure his/her written consent.

4. The number of candidates is unlimited.

5. All nominees will be requested to submit a single page (typewritten, double spaced) statement, which will be reproduced in the December, January or February issue of the *Village News* and will be sent to all voters along with the ballots (standard form will be supplied to board nominees).

6. Also, per a new Montgomery County Law, effective January 1, 2016, if elected, candidates must participate in a Montgomery County Commission on Common Ownership Communities (CCOC)-approved board member training class, to be scheduled and completed within 90 days of the start of their term of service.

Ballots will be mailed to the electorate either in December, January or February, depending on the specific corporation's election calendar.

In addition to electing directors, each homes corporation also elects a representative and an alternate representative to the MVF for one-year terms. Suggested names for the position will appear on the ballots.

Each board of directors consists of nine directors who serve three-year terms. The terms are staggered, creating three vacancies every year.

Note: While the word count for candidates' statements varies among homes corporations (check with your community manager), the word count for candidates' statements for the *Montgomery* Village News must not exceed 200 words per candidate. To view Village News guidelines, visit www.montgomery village.com, select Press Room, select Village News, then Village News Editorial and Submissions Policy (see #4 under Homes Corporations/Condominium Associations).

#### EASTGATE

Nominating Deadline: Friday, Dec. 17, 2021 Nominating Committee: Whole Board

#### EAST VILLAGE

Friday, Jan. 7, 2022 Nominations Close: Nominating Committee: J. Helenek, J. Shukla, T. O'Grady

#### MARYLAND PLACE

Nominations Close:

Friday, Jan. 7, 2022 Nominating Committee: S. Lake, A. Summers, K. Thomas

#### NORTH VILLAGE

Nominations Close:

Monday, Nov. 2, 2021 Nominating Committee: D. Rabil, L. Rishell, T. Wills

#### PATTON RIDGE

Nominating Deadline: Nominating Committee: M. Black, A. Ewing

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021

#### SOUTH VILLAGE

Nominations Close: Nominating Committee:

#### Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2021 Whole Board

#### STEDWICK

Friday, Jan. 7, 2022 Nominations Close: Nominating Committee: Whole Board

#### WHETSTONE

Nominations Close: Nominating Committee:

Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022 J. Taylor, K. Webb

#### **MILESTONES**

### Whetstone Principal wins Mark Mann Award

Article supplied by MCPS, as printed in "The Bulletin"

Responsive Teaching & The Brain." Under her leadership,

Loretta Woods, principal at Whetstone Elementary School in Gaithersburg, is this year's winner of the Mark Mann Excellence and Harmony Award.

The Mark Mann award is presented annually to an MCPS administrator who has shown exceptional performance in promoting academic excellence, positive human relations and community outreach.

Woods is in her third year as principal at Whetstone. Born in Ghana, West Africa, Woods moved to the U.S. in her elementary years, and graduated from Paint Branch High School. She has been a teacher and staff development teacher, on a skillful teaching team and served as an assistant principal in MCPS.

She works with her staff to analyze data to determine strengths and needs of students. She gives effective feedback to improve instruction and facilitates conversations with staff about student performance. She has increased the numbers of Black and Hispanic students enrolled in enriched literacy curriculum, math 4/5 and math 5/6. Whetstone has received iPads for English Language Learners, and implemented DreamBox Learning to help all students with math.

She has a strong commitment to restorative justice and anti-racism. She has led the core and leadership teams in book studies, reading "How To Be An Antiracist and Culturally Under her leadership, more than 30 staff members are formally trained in restorative justice and facilitating community circles.

She is committed to leading a school with a healthy climate. She appreciates staff with handwritten, individualized notes, food trucks and phone calls. She provides opportunities for teachers to lead meetings, professional development sessions and trainings. She supports student leadership by offering fifth graders the opportunity to apply for a job within the school; she even continued it in the virtual environment.

Woods has led several building improvement projects, including bathroom renovations (adding electronic hand dryers and ADA-compliant entrances); the replacement of ceiling and floor tiles; an upgrade to the staff lounge; and the installation of a secured fence around the perimeter of the school's fields so that students can play safely at recess.

She advocated for Whetstone to receive Title I status, which allowed the school to offer community events, such as parent coffees, and literacy, math and STEM nights to bring families together. She partnered with local churches that donate clothing, backpacks and school supplies. Woods also worked with other community partners, including Walter Reed Medical Center to present information to families of children newly diagnosed with autism; Identity, which supports literacy growth for Hispanic students; and Excel Beyond the Bell, which provides after-school academic and enrichment support to students.

During her first year as principal, Woods organized a Back-to-School Bash instead of a traditional open house, allowing an opportunity for staff and families to connect on a more personal level. She organized a fifth grade virtual promotion ceremony, and spearheaded two of the PTA's largest fundraisers – Bingo Night and the annual coin drive.

#### SCHOOL NEWS

### Living Grace Christian School Girls Soccer Team achieves winning season



The Living Grace Christian School (LGCS) Varsity Girls Soccer Team achieved a winning season of four wins and two losses this past spring. Posting its first winning season, the team has many young players. With only two graduating seniors, the team is looking forward to next season with many returning players. The school's sports program has a strong emphasis on developing younger players. This growth is continuing from year to year.

Midfielder Melissa Salas led the scoring this season with 7 goals and 3 assists. Seniors Emily Guardado Toledo (Captain) and Thyler Williams both contributed in the scoring category and exhibited excellent leadership. Gabriela Lamy, Alejandra Lievano and Deborah Holdbrook were persistent offensive threats, while the defensive units saw solid play from Arriana Wolohan, Brianna Mayhew, Hannah Switzer, Trinity Freeman, Luisa Serrano and Lia Wong.







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### **Easterday Farm Walk**

The Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club, Inc. and the Antietam Pathfinders Volksmarch Club, Inc. are sponsoring an Easterday Farm Walk on Saturday, Sept. 11. The 10km walk, with one 5km option, is rated 2B. The trail is around the fields of the farm with beautiful views and local history. The trail will be marked.

The Start/Finish point is Easterday Farm, 11847 Easterday Road, Myersville. All walkers ages 12 and over must pay \$3 to participate. Children under 12 may earn IVV credit for no charge at all events sponsored by these two clubs. The start time is between 9 a.m. and noon, however, walkers must finish the walk by 3 p.m. All participants must abide by



CDC regulations in effect at the time of the walk. Port-a-johns are available at the Start/Finish point. Pets are allowed on this trail but must be leashed and cleaned up after. Food vendors will have lunch for sale at the Start/Finish point.

For more walk information, contact Carolyn Thurber at 301-926-0915 or e-mail cbthurber@ verizon.net or Anna Nevius at 240-994-1748 or e-mail nevius@comcast.net.

first responders, teachers or anyone else, they are honored with an individual medallion which is attached to each flag on which is the name of the Sponsor and the corresponding

Whether they be veterans,

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munity Organizations, Student Scholarships and Rotary International Humanitarian Projects. For more information about this program or other Rotarian events please contact Mr. David Zeff at david@ aprigalassociates.com.

Flags for Our Heroes – Thank You!

About Flags For Our Heroes-Flags For Our Heroes (www.flagsforourheroes.org) is

a community service project of the Montgomery Village Rotary Club, funded through contributions to the Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc. a 501(c)(3) charity, in partnership with the Rotary Clubs of Gaithersburg and Historic Emory Grove.

### Official Monarch Butterfly Waystation installed at North Creek Lake

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their lives.

by Paula Brooks and Pat Cuff

In partnership, the Montgomery Village Garden Club and the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) officially registered a section of the North Creek Lake as a recognized Monarch Waystation with the Monarch Waystation Network. By creating this dedicated habitat, our community contributes to monarch butterfly conservation, an effort that will help in the preservation of the species and the continuation of the monarchs' migration phenomenon.

As the program explains: "Monarch Waystations are places that provide resources necessary for monarchs to produce successive generations and sustain their migration. Without milkweeds throughout their spring and summer breeding areas in North America, monarchs would not be able to produce the successive generations that culminate in the migration each fall. Similarly, without nectar from flowers these fall migratory monarch butterflies would be unable to make their long journey to overwintering grounds in Mexico."

For more program details, visit www.monarchwatch.org/ waystations.

The waystation's space lies between the North Creek Nature Center and the Diane Stasiewicz Butterfly Garden (park bench currently designates that area). The official "Monarch Waystation" signs will be

displayed at both the Nature Center and Butterfly Garden.

On July 8, the Montgomery Village Garden Club and the Montgomery Village Conservation Corps, led by John Baldridge (also a garden club member), worked together to restore the area on the left side of the North Creek Nature Center. Under the direction of Paula Brooks (a Montgomery County Master Gardener and garden club member), the MVF Conservation Corps planted native plants, pulled weeds and placed various herbs donated from garden club members. Nina Chace, another garden club member, helped to make labels and provide identification for plants. Markers now iden-

tify three different types of milkweeds: Common, Swamp and Butterfly. Additionally, labels show the mandatory butterfly support plants, such as Joe-Pye Weed, Cone flower (Echinacea), Black-eyed Susan, Hyssop, Mint, Thyme, Yarrow and Bee Balm.

MV Garden Club will continue to add more plants to the areas. Individuals or groups wanting to donate butterfly milkweed (asclepias tuberosa) for planting should e-mail Paula Brooks at pcbrooks44@ yahoo.com.

To report sightings of Monarch Butterflies that appear at your home or around Montgomery Village, visit https:// *journeynorth.org.* The herbs planted in the

four raised containers at the

North Creek Nature Center are also maintained by the Montgomery Village Garden Club. Persons are encouraged to take clippings of the herbs, which include thyme, basil, oregano, fennel and mint. Montgomery Village Garden Club always welcomes new members. For more information, visit https:// montgomeryvillagegardenclub. weebly.com/.





The Montgomery Village Conservation Corps added milkweed to the garden at the North Creek Nature Center.



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### Montgomery Village Community Band



Apple Ridge Road. Participants will perform in occasional weekend concerts. There is a \$30 annual membership fee.

Come be a part of this elite group of musicians and exercise your creative soul and love for music! For more information, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

#### Halloween Concert Sunday, Oct. 24 | 3 p.m. Lake Marion Community Wednesday, Dec. 1 | 6 p.m. Center

Enjoy the eerily-beautiful ley; "Do Not Go Gently into celebrate. that Good Night" by Elliot del Borgo; "March to the Scaffold (Symphonie Fantastique)" by Berlioz, Hector; "Thriller" by Rod Temperton/arranged by Jay Bocook; and "At a Dixieland Jazz Funeral" arranged by Jared Spears.

#### 2021 PERFORMANCES Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

The Village Shopping Center Center Kick off the holiday season

sounds of the spooky season. with the Montgomery Village giving from your heart to The sounds of All Hallows Eve Christmas Tree Lighting! Bring others in need? Join us for the will fill the air as the Montgom- the family to enjoy festive annual Toys for Tots collecery Village Community Band music, an opportunity to sing tion and holiday music selecperforms selections including along with classic carols and tions. Support the U.S. Marine Jitterbug!" by Robert Buck- complimentary treats to help



Musicians welcome, percussionists needed - join

Practice is held on the first, second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road, and on the third Wednesday of each month in the band room at Watkins Mill High School, 10301

your community band!

Holiday Toys for Tots Concert Sunday, Dec. 12 | 3 p.m. Lake Marion Community

What could be better than Corps Reserves Toys for Tots Program effort by donating a new, unwrapped toy to this annual holiday event at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Following the show, mingle with the musicians and enjoy complimentary refreshments. Admission is free.

### **Tailgate BINGO**

Do you love BINGO as much as we do? Bring a chair and your lucky marker for an exciting night of Tailgate BINGO in the Apple Ridge Recreation Center Parking Lot, 10101 Apple Ridge Road. Take a chance at winning prizes, or just come for the fun.

BINGO is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 20; parking opens up at 5:15 p.m. Pre-registration is required,

### **Family Movie Night**

Get out of the house and catch a movie in our "open air theater" on Saturday, Sept. 11. Catch Disney's "The Lion King" (2019) at the Bowie Music Pavilion (South Valley Park), 19003 Watkins Mill Road under the stars! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and watch Simba come to life in this live-action blockbuster!

Bring your family, friends and neighbors out for this free

outdoor movie. Movie begins at 7 p.m. – don't forget the popcorn! Parking available at the South Valley Park entrance; for handicap access, please call to arrange in advance.

the day of. Purchase 12 bingo

register, call 301-948-0110 or

visit www.montgomeryvillage.

For more information or to

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MVF follows state and county executive orders for COVID-19 requirements. Some classes and events may be subject to participants wearing facial coverings or other restrictions, or may change during the course of instruction. MVF reserves the right to change and update guidelines and restrictions as necessary.

**Signature Series Concerts** 

The 2021 summer series consists of a mixture of concerts and a family movie for the community! Families are encouraged to relax with a picnic and blankets or lawn chairs to enjoy an eclectic assortment of entertainment

Beer and wine sales by Mully's Brewery will be available at

concert series to those 21 and older. \*\*subject to change or cancellation due to COVID-19\*\*

This Latin Pop Rock Band brings

together people of all ages and back-

grounds. Get out of your seat and

start dancing to Top 40 hits, Latin Rock and other Pop tunes!

on a great night of music!

Back Pages Band – Saturday, Aug. 28

The Back Pages Band performs classic songs from the Golden Decade of Rock (1963-1973). Back Pages Band is

a popular favorite in Montgomery Village – don't miss out

Ocho de Bastos - Saturday, Aug. 21

Saturdays | 7 p.m.



Cost per session \$88/Resident \$98/Non-resident



In this Beginners Jazz class for Ages 2 to 3 and adults older than 18, students are introduced to how to participate in a classroom environment, including taking turns and building independence. Parents or caregivers participate actively in the class as children learn basic dance steps and terminology through songs, stories, and play. All participants will have the opportunity to perform in a mini recital at the end of the season.

Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue

For more information or to register, call Dylan Mckissick at 240-243-2367, e-mail dmckissick@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.



The Reagan Years - Saturday, Aug. 7 Love 80's music? The Reagan Years will take you back to the days of big hair, acid-washed jeans and good music. You'll hear your favorite songs from mega-artists such as Madonna Whitney Houston, Journey, Guns N' Roses and more! Rock out with the East Coast's Original 80's Tribute

Montgomery Village Community Band -Saturday, Aug. 14 Enjoy a wonderfully diverse repertoire of music including traditional and concert marches, show tunes and big band favorites.!

**Family Movie Night** Saturday, Sept. 11 | 7 p.m.



Band.

Catch a family movie night under the stars with the Disney's "The Lion King." The whole family will enjoy the re-imagined, live-action version of this classic movie. Bring a blanket or chairs and watch Simba come to life!

Parking for all South Valley Park events is available behind Watkins Mill Elementary School at 19003 Watkins Mill Road. Handi-capped parking is available at the site with prior arrangement. Call 301-948-0110 for more details.

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### Water Aerobics

Add a splash of fitness to your Monday and Wednesday nights with this class taught by Karin Baker at Stedwick Pool. This aquatics workout will improve your muscle tone and cardiovascular endurance while keeping your body afloat and your head above water in our heated pool! Both swimmers and non-swimmers alike are welcome to participate.

Water Aerobics is scheduled from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. on Mon-

days and Wednesdays, Sept. 8 to Sept. 22 at Stedwick Pool, 10401 Stedwick Road. Participation costs \$50/Resident, \$60/Non-resident or \$10 to drop-in per class. Non-resident participants must purchase a Class Pass.

For more information or to register, call Aiden Perrenoud at 240-243-2338, e-mail aperrenoud@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

### **Outdoor Yoga**

Exercise the body and the mind with Yoga. Find your happy medium outdoors on the deck at Lake Marion Community Center, East Village Avenue, in this hour-long energizing class taught by Kirsten. Yoga is scheduled from 7 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays, Sept. 8 to

Dec. 15 and are for beginner/intermediate levels. Participants should bring their own yoga mat.

Pre-registration is required; no drop- ins accepted at this time. Yoga costs \$175/Resident, or \$185/ Non-resident.

For more information or to register, call Dylan McKissick at 240-243-2367, e-mail dmckissick@mvf.org or visit www.montgomery village.com.



### **Montgomery Blue Notes**

The Montgomery Blue Notes is a jazz-inspired group. Come enjoy all your favorite songs from the Big Band Era and Swing to Jazz Fusion. The group is available to perform at various venues and events. This is a fee supported activity. Registration is required; membership in the Blue Notes Jazz

Band is \$40/Resident, \$50/ Non-resident.

Practice is held on the first and second Tuesdays of the month from 7 to 9 p.m., September through December at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.

Listen to the sounds of the Blue Notes as they perform their free Winter Concert.

Residents and music lovers are invited to North Creek Community Center on Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. for this one-of-a-kind winter performance.

For more information, visit www.montgomeryvillage. com.

### **Vision Board Workshop**

Have you ever struggled with setting or implementing your goals? If so, this program is just for you! This twopart goal setting workshop by Professional Life Coach Kari Primozic will teach individuals how to set, write and implement goals using a vision board created with articles or items brought by the participants.

Each part covers a different aspect of vision boarding and how you can use one successfully to accomplish your goals. The first part of this great workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 12 and the second for Tuesday, Oct. 26; each part runs from 6 to 7 p.m.

at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. The cost to attend is \$50/Resident and \$60/Nonresident.

For more information or to register, call Aiden Perrenoud at 240-243-2338, e-mail aperrenoud@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.





**Holiday Food Drive** 

Please join us in lending a helping hand this holiday season for families in need. Donate your unopened, nonperishable foods to a staff member during our Breakfast with Santa Event (8:30 a.m. to

noon) on Saturday, Dec. 11 at North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. You do not need to attend Breakfast with Santa to make a donation.

For more information, call Aiden Perrenoud at 240-243-2338, e-mail aperrenoud@mvf. org or visit www.montgomery village.com.

#### **ADULT TENNIS** Holida Two levels of classes for adults ages 18+ right here in Montgomery Village 4045.402 Saturday, Nov. 13 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lake Marion Community Center 8821 East Village Avenue Adult Beginner Clinic **Adult Intermediate Clinic** Basic goals include stroke technique, grips, forehand, backhand, volleys, serves, rally drills, positioning and **FREE ADMISSION for shoppers** \$35/table for Village residents learning the rules learning general strategies. \$40/table for non-residents 4117.445 Wednesdays | 6 to 6:50 p.m. 4117.466 Wednesdays | 7 to 7:50 p.m. Sept. 15 to Oct. 20 Sept. 15 to Oct. 20 Electricity is available No class Oct. 13 \$100/Non-resident \$100/Non-resident No class Oct. 13 at selected tables for an additional \$5 **4117.446** Sundays | 9 to 9:50 a.m. Sept. 19 to Oct. 24 \$90/Reside **4117.468** Sundays | 10 to 10:50 a.m. Sept. 19 to Oct. 24 \$90/Residen \$90/Resident \$90/Resident No class Oct. 17 \$100/Non-resident No class Oct. 17 \$100/Non-resident 4117.465 Wednesdays and Sundays Wednesdays and Sundays 4117.469 Sept. 15 to Oct. 24 \$144/Resident No class Oct. 13 or Oct. 17 \$154/Non-resident Sept. 15 to Oct. 24 \$144/Resident No class Oct. 13 or Oct. 17 \$154/Non-resident North Creek Tennis Courts Private Lessons: \$65/Hour \$35/Half-hour 20125 Arrowhead Road For more information or to register, call Kimeshia Junkins at 240-243-2334, e-mail kjunkins@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com. For more information, call Susan Baldridge at 240-243-2361. e-mail sbaldridge@mvf.org or visit www.montgomervvillage.com





### Wine and Paint

It's date night! Summon your inner artist in this stepby-step class to create a beautiful painting accompanied by a glass or two of wine! Join professional art instructor Caryl from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, as she guides you through the creation of a beautiful Autumn landscape.

Participants will use acrylic paint on a stretched canvas to encompass the comfort of the season. The best part (besides

Pickleball is the talk of the

town, easy to learn and tons

of fun! Give it a try – MVF has

several options for various skill

levels, league play and drop-in

are scheduled for Mondays,

Sept. 13 to Nov. 29 at the North

Creek Pickleball Courts, 20125

Arrowhead Road and Lake

Marion Community Center,

Several sessions of classes

Pickleball

Pickleball!

the wine)-no experience required!

Pre-registration is required no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 11. Wine and Paint costs \$40/Resident or \$50/ Non-resident and includes all supplies needed and two glasses of wine. Participants must be 21 or older to attend.

For more information or to register, call Aiden Perrenoud at 240-243-2338, e-mail aperrenoud@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

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in the season). Each session

sick at 240-243-2367, e-mail

dmckissick@mvf.org or visit

www.montgomeryvillage.com.

### Montgomery Village Flag Football

Who's ready for some Thursday night football? Have your future pro develop their skills on the gridiron in this instructional, co-ed, non-contact flag football program for children ages 4 to 10. Players will learn the fundamentals of route running, throwing, catching and playing defense all while understanding the importance of teamwork! All equipment is

provided and no prior playing experience is necessary

Practices are scheduled for Thursday evenings, Sept. 9 to Nov. 4 at Patsy Huson Ball Field, 20300 Fulks Farm Road. Ages 4 to 6 practice from 4:30 to 5 p.m. and ages 7 to 10 from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m.

Pre-registration is required by Friday, Sept. 3. The costs vary age range: \$80/Resident

Soccer instruction is

scheduled Saturdays, Sept. 11

to Dec. 18 in two sessions.

The outdoor session will be

on the North Creek Futsal

Court, 20125 Arrowhead

Road, and the indoor ses-

sion will be at Lake Marion

Community Center, 8821

East Village Avenue. Times

or \$90/Non-resident for ages 4 to 6; \$90/Resident or \$100/ Non-resident for ages 7 to 10. No drop-ins will be accepted at this time.

For more information, call Aiden Perrenoud at 240-243-2338, e-mail aperrenoud@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage. com.

**MVF Soccer** 

MVF Soccer instructional classes will teach your little dribbler, ages 5 to 9, all the fundamentals of the game including dribbling, passing, shooting and some cool tricks along the way. Instructors will lead fun games and drills that will enhance play-

### **Basketball Express**

Open Gym Basketball

Basketball Express provides quality training for children that want to learn the fundamentals of the game in a dynamic atmosphere. Players will learn the core components of the game including shooting, dribbling and passing. This

Adults ages 18 and older

can play pickup style basket-

ball, maintain their basketball

skills and stay fit. Come join

the fast-paced action from 6

to 9 p.m. on Fridays, Sept. 10

to Oct. 29 at at Lake Marion

class is taught by experienced instructor and referee Charlie

Classes are available on Sundays and Mondays for kids ages 6 to 15. Times vary by age group. Basketball Express

Community Center, 8821 East

gram for \$60/Resident or \$70/

Non-resident. Can't commit to

the full time? Drop-in for the

days you can make it for only

Sign up for the full pro-

Village Avenue.

and pricing per session, per age group.

For more information or to register, call Dylan McKissick at 240-243-2367, e-mail dmckissick@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

#### Avenue, and costs \$105/Resident or \$115/Non-resident.

nity Center, 8821 East Village

For more information or to register, call Dylan McKissick at 240-243-2367, e-mail dmckissick @mvf.org or visit www.mont gomeryvillage.com.

### **Open Play Indoor Pickleball**

Pickleball is considered one of the fastest-growing sports in the United States. Join Pickleball enthusiasts for fun on the court with this popular sport that combines tennis, badminton and ping-pong. With specialized lines drawn just for pickleball, players use a paddle and plastic ball to volley over the net. Beginners and skilled players are welcome; limited equipment is available for use. Drop-in when you can from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Mondays, Sept. 13 to Dec. 30 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue for only \$5/Resident or \$10/ Non-resident per day.

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



### **Bone Builders**

Bone Builders is back! This free exercise class for adults 50 and older can help improve bone density and prevent or slow the development of osteopenia or osteoporosis. Exercises include balance and weight training. Trained volunteers lead the class, and participants must attend both classes each week. This is a free program offered in partnership with Montgomery Village Foundation, Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (Aging and

Disabilities) and the RSVP Program.

Classes are scheduled from 9:30 to 10:35 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Sept.21 to Dec. 16 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and athletic shoes. Space in this program is limited.

For more information or to register, e-mail Cathy Seissler at cseissler@comcast. net.



bag and a flashlight! Participants will be hunting for treats!

Ages 5 to 7 - 6:25 to 6:40 p.m. Ages 8 to 12 – 6:45 to 7 p.m All Ages - 7:05 to 7:20 p.m.

\$3 per child before Thursday, Oct. 21; \$5 at the gate. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Adults are free! South Valley Park/Bowie Pavilion, 19003 Watkins Mill Road



costs \$40/Resident or \$50/ ers' skills! Non-resident; visit www.mont *gomeryvillage.com* for specific level times and session dates. For more information or to register, call Dylan McKis-

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\$5/Resident or \$10/Non-resident per day.

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

### **Holiday Craft** Bazaar

Come show off your handmade wares and make a little extra holiday cash! The 2021 Montgomery Village Holiday Craft Bazaar is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Shoppers and vendors wanted!

All items for sale must be handmade by the vendor or an immediate family member and will be reviewed with registration. Vendor spaces are 6' x 8', include one 6'  $\overline{x}$  2 1/2' table and one chair and cost \$35/Resident or \$45/Non-resident (electricity available at select booths for an additional fee). Admission is free for all shoppers.

For more information or to register, including review of vendor items, contact Susan Baldridge at 240-243-2361 or e-mail *sbaldridge@mvf.org*.

### Montgomery Village T-Ball

Get into the swing of things this Fall with our instructional co-ed T-ball sessions for children ages 3 to 8! This class will introduce players to the sport of T-ball using fun loco- and finemotor skill games and develop hitting, throwing, catching, fielding and baserunning all while learning the importance of teamwork. All equipment is provided and prior playing experience is not required.

Practices are scheduled for Wednesday evenings, Sept. 8 to Nov. 3 at Patsy Huson Ball Field, 20300 Fulks Farm Road, for September, and at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue for October and November. Ages 3 to 5 practice from 4:30 to 5 p.m. and ages 6 to 8 from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m.

Pre-registration is required by Friday, Sept. 3. The costs vary age range: \$80/Resident or \$90/Non-resident for ages 3 to 5; \$90/Resident or \$100/ Non-resident for ages 6 to 8. No drop-ins will be accepted at this time.

For more information, call Aiden Perrenoud at 240-243-2338, e-mail *aperrenoud@mvf. org* or visit *www.montgomery village.com*.

### **Gentle Yoga via ZOOM**

Gentle Yoga will help those 55 and older build strength, balance and endurance from the comfort of their own home. Give your mental health a boost and relieve stress with these relaxing exercises.

Gentle Yoga is scheduled from 1 to 2 p.m. on Thursdays, Sept. 9 to Oct. 23, or 4 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Sept. 7 to Oct. 21 (there is a second session for either day scheduled through December). Sign up for one or two classes each week. Gentle Yoga costs \$104/Resident or \$114/Non-resident for each session.

For more information or to register, call 301-948-0110 or visit *www.montgomery village.com*. **SportsFit** 

SportsFit is a great new afterschool activity for 10 to 14-year-olds who enjoy playing sports. This program will expose them to a wide variety of sports that will help strengthen their understanding of fundamental movement principles and techniques. SportsFit participants will have a greater understanding of how to be physically, mentally and emotionally healthy.

Classes are scheduled from 5 to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Session one runs from Tuesday, Sept. 7 through Thursday, Oct. 28; session two runs from Tuesday, Nov. 2 through Thursday, Dec. 30.

Participants must register ahead of time; no drop-ins are allowed at this time. SportsFit costs \$160/Resident or \$170/ Non-resident, per session.

For more information or to register, contact Kimeshia Junkins at 240-243-2334, e-mail *kjunkins@mvf.org* or visit *www. montgomeryvillage.com.* 

MVF follows state and county executive orders for COVID-19 requirements. Some classes and events may be subject to participants wearing facial coverings or other restrictions, or may change during the course of instruction. MVF reserves the right to change and update guidelines and restrictions as necessary.



Tuesdays | 6 to 7 p.m. Sept. 7 to Nov. 16

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\$90/Resident, \$100/Non-resident



Grooving to the beats of Latin rhythm feels more like a dance party than a workout, which is exactly why Zumba is so popular! This high-energy class is set to upbeat music and feature choreographed dance numbers. All levels of dancers welcomed! The routines feature fast and slow rhythms combined with resistance training to tone and sculpt your body and burn fat.

Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue



For more information or to register, call Dylan McKissick at 240-243-2367, e-mail dmckissick@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com



### Aerobics

#### **AEROBIC DANCING**

Add some rhythm and groove to your weekly aerobics class! Join Karin Baker as she guides you through a choreographed dynamic dance workout that is easy to follow. Build strength and flexibility along with floor and standing weight work all while improving your aerobic conditioning!

Classes are offered Monday, Wednesday, or both days from 9 to 10 a.m. at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Classes run from Wednesday, Sept. 8 through Wednesday, Dec. 15. Costs are Mondays only \$140/ Resident, \$150/Non-resident; Wednesdays only \$150/Resident, \$160/Non-resident; both days \$261/Resident, \$271/ Non-resident.

#### **AEROBIC WORKOUT**

If aerobics seems like it's not for you, think again! Karin Baker leads participants through this self-paced aerobics workout beginning with a combined warm up of floor and standing work then transition into a 30-minute fat burning aerobic workout, all wrapped up with a cool down session.

Aerobic Workout is scheduled from 8 to 9 a.m. on Saturdays, Sept. 11 to Dec. 18 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. The cost to participate is \$150/ Resident and \$160/Non-resident.

#### STRENGTH AND FLEXIBILITY

Can't touch your toes or open that jar of pickles? Well, look no further! Increase muscle strength and flexibility in this all-in-one, no-impact class taught by Karin Baker. Engage in a whole-body workout without impact on the joints!

Class is scheduled from 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 7 to Dec. 16 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue. Classes are offered Tuesday, Thursday or both days. Costs are Tuesdays only \$150/Resident, \$160/Non-resident; Thursdays only \$140/ Resident, \$150/Non-resident; or both days \$261/Resident, \$271/Non-resident.

For more information or to register, call Aiden Perrenoud at 240-243-2338, e-mail *aperrenoud@mvf.org* or visit *www. montgomeryvillage.com*.



#### Saturday, Sept. 18 | 3 to 5 p.m.

#### 4019.420

Do you enjoy getting crafty and creating something new? An experienced instructor will guide you step-by-step in creating a whimsical wall hanging using painting and collage techniques that everyone can participate in! No experience necessary. Price includes all supplies and two glasses of wine. Participants must register by Thursday, Sept. 16 at 5 p.m.

For adults 21 and older.

Don't delay, space is limited! \$40/Resident, \$50/Non-resident



Lake Marion Community Center Deck, 8821 East Village Avenue

For more information, call Aiden Perrenound at 240-243-2338, e-mail aperrenound@mvf.org or visit www.montgomeryvillage.com.

#### **MV SENIORS**

# seniors action

Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road \$20/Resident, \$40/Non-resident

Your first visit to one of our programs is free!

May 31 to Aug. 27

### MONDAY

**Zumba Gold with Kirsten** 

10 to 11 a.m. 9 a.m . to 1 p.m.

**Games & Social Time** Come play Bridge, learn Canasta, a variety of card games, Scrabble or Rummikub

### TUESDAY

**Cardio or Senior Fit** 9 to 10 a.m. Light to moderate cardio walking workouts.

Social Hour 10 to 11 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Coffee and snacks served. Come meet new friends and visit with old ones!

**Book Club** 10 to 11:30 a.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, hybrid in-person and Zoom August: David Gann's "Killers of the Flower Moon"

**Member Meeting** 10 to 11 a.m. 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. Discuss ideas for new programs and trips, concerns, etc.

Games 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Play a variety of games including Bridge, Rummikub, Scrabble and various card games.

### WEDNESDAY

10 to 11 a.m. **Story Tapestries for Seniors** 

Sept. 30 and Oct. 14 – (Artist TBA) Come watch, hear and learn about this new and creative program only at Seniors in Action!

Games & Social Time 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Play a variety of games including Bridge, Rummikub and Scrabble.

Arts & Crafts 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Starting Aug. 25 at Stedwick Community Center

### THURSDAY

#### Light Cardio

10 to 11 a.m.

Sept. 1 and Sept. 15 – Arianna Ross Come watch, hear and learn about this new and creative program only at Seniors in Action!

Snacks & Chat 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Light discussions, socialization or games - whatever you prefer!

#### FRIDAY

#### Friday Night Happy Hour (Zoom) 7 to 8 p.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday each month in September

A variety of discussion subjects such as travel, movies and special presenters, peppered with fun and laughter. Register now with Seniors in Action, Monday through Friday! These are fun, virtual and in-person sessions for ages 55+ to keep you engaged, educated and having fun. SiA will meet at Lake Marion Community Center until Friday, Aug. 20, at which time we will move back to Stedwick Community Center! Coffee, tea and light snacks will be provided - even cheese!

# Coming up...





Seniors in Action members get involved with daily classes like Zumba Gold and Snacks & Chat.

Take ACTION and sign up to become part of the most distinct & diverse groups in Montgomery Village!

# Spotlight on Seniors...

This quarter, the Senior Spotlight is on John Baldridge. Born and raised in Bethesda, and a forever-resident of Montgomery County, John has lived in Montgomery Village for 20 years. If asked why he loves Montgomery Village, he will tell you it is because of the beautiful grounds, parks and clean environment.

In 2019, John started volunteering with Seniors in Action in a behind-the-scenes capacity, During Covid, he helped on Zoom, with Book Club and other duties. John is the type of person who always lends a helping hand, providing transportation and fulfilling other needs to the seniors in Montgomery Village, as well as volunteering at Asbury (on the fourth floor in the skilled nursing care unit) with games like BINGO!



More recently, John was hired to lead MVF's 2021 Conservation Corps.

If John's smile looks familiar to you, it may be because not only is he out in the community doing things, but also because he works behind the desk at Lake Marion Community Center. John is excited to be a part of Seniors in Action and a part of Montgomery Village, both as a long-time home-owner and MVF staff.

#### REGISTRATION

Not a member of Seniors in Action? Take ACTION and sign up to become part of the most distinct & diverse group in Montgomery Village! Sign up today for a nominal fee for our September through December session at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road or online at www.montgomeryvillage.com. Need more information? Please contact Susan Baldridge, Seniors in Action Activity Coordinator, at sbaldridge@mvf.org.

Not receiving the weekly SiA e-mails? E-mail sbaldridge@mvf.org to be added to the e-mail list. Get updates and changes related to Seniors in Action. Sign up for the Seniors in Action e-mail list for more information!

9 to 9:45 a.m. **Story Tapestries for Seniors** 

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#### HELP WANTED

#### MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION IN SEEKING:

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

ASSISTANT

#### COMMUNITY MANAGER

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#### ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN CONSULTANT

Provide staff, the Architectural Review Board (ARB) and the Commercial Architectural Review Committee (CARC) with professional guidance on application reviews for residential and commercial submissions, including reviewing blue prints and construction plans. The Design Consultant confers with Architectural Standards staff on important design issues and special projects, such as updating architectural criteria for various communities.

This is a part-time position, with approximately 8 to 14 hours a week.

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240-243-2342 or 2359

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BIG END-UNIT TOWNHOME WITH UPGRADES! 4 BR, 2.5 baths, hardwood floors, 1<sup>st</sup> floor family room with fireplace, 1<sup>st</sup> floor office, large living room and dining room. Updated eat-in kitchen with Silestone counters and stainless steel appliances. Large primary bedroom and bath.



#### LAKESIDE

BEAUTIFUL BRICK HOME CLOSE TO LAKE! 5 BR, 4 full baths, separate living room and dining room, hardwood floors, family room with fireplace. New windows, finished basement with new carpet. Oversized 2 car garage.



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8704 Wild Ginger Way Wethersfield	\$537,797
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12205 Eagles Nest Ct Waters Edge Germantown	\$220,500
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