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MVF Board approves draft budget for publication

by Mike Conroy

Following a joint meeting with the Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors and Audit Committee on August 24, the MVF Board approved the 2018 Proposed Budget for publication (see pages 25 to 32). A 30-day comment period is now open for questions or comments on the draft budget.

Executive Vice President (EVP) Dave Humpton began the meeting, noting the work staff had done to prepare the draft budget. He said the focus for 2018 was keeping assessments as low as possible, and in line with the 5-Year Financial Plan. He noted that MVF

makes every effort to look at and be sensitive to increases in taxes, HOA/COA fees and general cost of living increases when preparing a budget each year.

Humpton said the proposed 2018 Budget works to fund capital projects and reserves, new and current staff positions and current and future programs.

BUDGET PRESENTATION

CFO Greg Snellings began the presentation noting some accomplishments of the last 10 years of financial history. He noted that 10 years ago,

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A huge thank you to the community businesses who brought their vehicles out on Saturday, Aug. 26 for Montgomery Village Foundation's 3rd annual Touch-A-Truck event! Residents of Montgomery Village and the surrounding community enjoyed a unique hands-on experience. Youngsters had a wonderful morning of climbing, "driving" and honking the horns on 18 different vehicles, and finding out how each piece of equipment works.

Still time to enjoy the water

Even though school has started, routines are changing and the lazy days of summer are over, there's still time to enjoy the water at Stedwick Pool!

Even if air temperatures drop a little, the heated pool is still accommodating and good for a quick dip. Residents can enjoy swimming from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and noon to 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday through Sunday, Sept. 24; note that the pool closes for the season at 6 p.m. on Sept. 24.

If you're looking for a little more than a quick dip or some lap swimming, drop in an exercise class or two for some extra cardio workouts! Water Aerobics, taught by Karin Baker,

meets from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. on Fridays. This class includes aquatic exercise and interval aerobics, and is suitable for swimmers and non-swimmers alike. Deep Water Running/Conditioning uses flotation belts in the diving well and improves flexibility, range of motion and core strength. Join Wet Yet Fitness on Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. Either class is available to drop in for only \$10 per class.

Enjoy a few last trips to the pool before summer is really over! Make the most of your pool time before the final MVF pool closes for the season. Stedwick Pool is located at the Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.

FALL FLEA MARKET

Saturday, Sept. 9 | **8a.m. to 1p.m.**

North Creek Community Center Parking Lot
20125 Arrowhead Road



Find inclement weather information by following MVF on twitter, facebook, checking www.montgomeryvillage.com or by calling 240-243-2367. Rain date is Sunday, Sept. 10.

Last Yoga on the Dock for the season

Saturday, Sept. 9
9 to 10 a.m.
\$10/participant



Lake Whetstone Dock
18701 Montgomery Village Avenue

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gearing up for
school year



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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 Thursday, Sept. 28 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 4 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road, to review residents' requests for exterior modifications. The board requests that homeowners contact the Foundation if they plan to attend and if their contractors will accompany them.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 3 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at the Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court. The committee will review the proposals submitted for replacement of the Whetstone Community Center Playground and the Apple Ridge Inclusive Playground.

The Recreation Committee will meet again at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 2 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. The top three contractors whose proposals are under consideration for the replacement of the Whetstone Community Center Playground and the Apple Ridge Inclusive Playground will make presentations.

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

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTEBOARD

CENTER COURT CONDOMINIUM

The Center Court Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 26 at the Heron's Cove office, 19101 Mills Choice Road.

EASTGATE

The Eastgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at the Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

EAST VILLAGE

The East Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at the Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue.

MARYLAND PLACE

The Maryland Place Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at the Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.

MIDDLE VILLAGE

The Middle Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 26 at the Thomas Choice Party Room, 19401 Brassie Place.

NORMANDIE- ON- THE- LAKE I CONDOMINIUM

The Normandie-on-the-Lake I (NOLI) Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at the NOLI Office, 18701 Walker's Choice Road.

NORTHGATE

The Northgate Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 12 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

PARK PLACE II CONDOMINIUM

The Park Place II Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 13 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. This meeting includes the Annual Meeting.

PATTON RIDGE

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

SOUTH VILLAGE

The South Village Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 27 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

STEDWICK

The Stedwick Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at the Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.

THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUM

The Thomas Choice Condominium meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 11 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road.

THOMAS CHOICE GARDENS CONDOMINIUM

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

WHETSTONE

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Support



by Pete Young

MVF President

I find myself writing this column during a very challenging week for our country. Houston is still fully involved in a rescue and recovery operation of historical proportions, Hurricane Irma is bearing down on the U.S. territories in the Caribbean and the Florida peninsula, and President Trump just announced that he will be ending the DACA program. What do all of these events have in common? They are all disasters with human consequences that will result in suffering and hardship.

We have all witnessed the devastation from Hurricane Harvey on TV, seeing day after day the amazing toll this storm has had in the Texas region. The loss of life, homes, belongings, jobs and quality of life will be with us for years. This week we are anticipating another punch from mother nature in the form of Hurricane Irma—at this point the most powerful Atlantic storm in many years—that might impact a large portion of Florida as well as our territories. These areas may be impacted in similar ways, and will need massive help just as we are seeing in Texas.

While we do not live in the path of most hurricanes (although we have suffered from them before), we do have a potential disaster brewing with the announced termination of DACA by President Trump's administration. Our community is rich with many "dreamers," and we benefit from these children and their families who have chosen to make their homes here. I am very concerned with the possible impact that this policy change might have not only on these families, but on ours as well. We are a diverse community that is made up of people from all over the world—one of the greatest treasures we have in my opinion. To have part of our community torn apart by this change in policy would be tragic.

In this difficult time, I take solace in witnessing the generosity, love, compassion and empathy shown by people from all over our country in the response to these events. People in the community helping others they don't know, don't look like and probably don't share any political beliefs with is encouraging. It is important that we all follow these examples here in the Village. There are so many ways you can help; just know that during times like these the support you give can make a life changing difference.

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

Cheers,
Pete

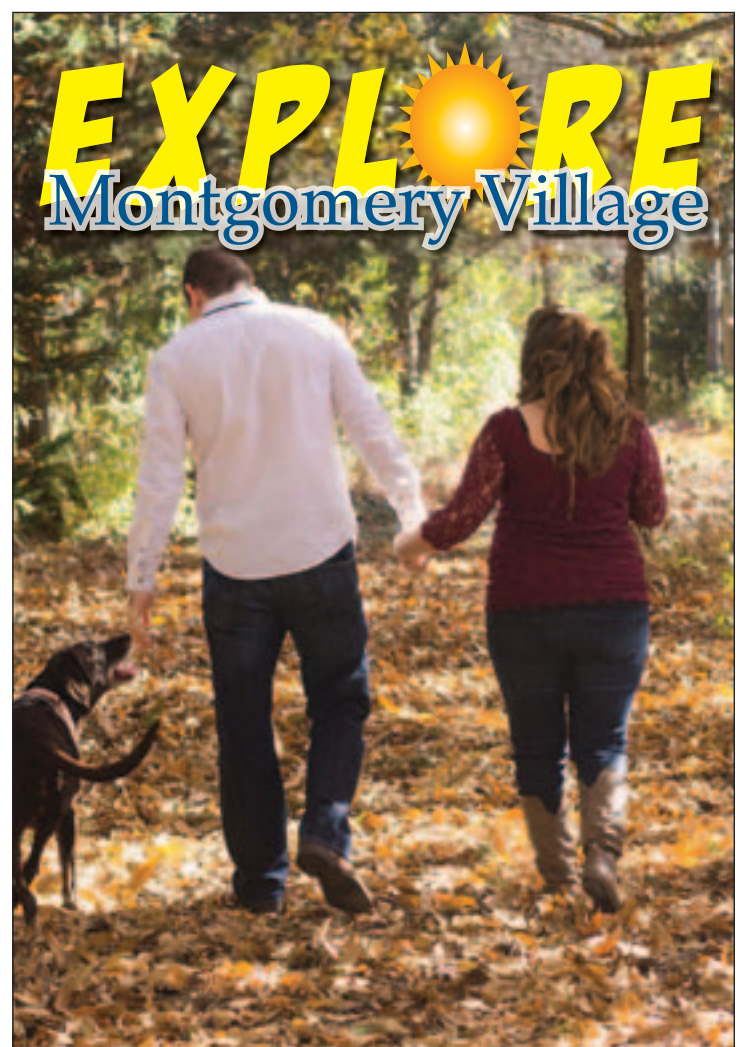
MVF BOARD MOTIONS

MVF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MOTION LIST

August 24, 2017

1. Mr. Dyer moved to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Directors' meeting held July 27, 2017 as amended. The motion was seconded and passed (4-0-3); Ms. Franke, Mr. Gargan and Mr. Marsh abstained.
2. Mr. Gargan moved to accept the Action List as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
3. Mr. Marsh moved to appoint Pat Seery as Chair of the Audit Committee and reappoint Keith Silliman as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded and passed (6-0-1); Ms. Holloway abstained.
4. Mr. Gargan moved to approve publication of the draft 2018 MVF Budget, per the Audit Committee recommendation, for 30-day public review and comment. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
5. Ms. Franke moved to approve the Investment Committee recommendation to change the Reserve Investment Policy. The motion was seconded and passed (6-0-1); Mr. Webb abstained.
6. Mr. Dyer moved to authorize the EVP to hire two new Park/Facility Assistants. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
7. Ms. Franke moved to approve the revision to the roof criterion for The Downs in East Village. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
8. Mr. Dyer moved to approve the revision to the criteria for Club Hill in Stedwick to approve McCormick/Cabot stain "Oak Brown" as a standard deck stain color. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
9. Mr. Dyer moved to authorize the EVP to negotiate and sign a purchase option agreement for a conservation easement with Ecotone. The motion was seconded and passed (6-1); Ms. Holloway was opposed.
10. Mr. Dyer moved to accept the committee reports. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
11. Mr. Webb moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:48 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.



Schedule For 2018 MVF Budget Process

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8

Village News

- 30-day public comment

THURSDAY, SEPT. 28

Board Meeting,
NCBR, 7:30 p.m.

- Opportunity for public comment on proposed budget

THURSDAY, OCT. 26

Board Meeting
NCBR, 7:30 p.m.

- Adopt 2018 Budget
- Set 2018 Assessment Rates

NOVEMBER 2017

Notify owners of 2018 assessments

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North Creek Board Room
20125 Arrowhead Road



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CTS	Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 9801 Centerway Rd.	NCCC	North Creek Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Rd.	WCC	Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Ct.
LMCC	Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Ave.	SCC	Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Rd.	WHPR	Walker House Party Room, 18700 Walkers Choice Rd.
MVF Office.....	10120 Apple Ridge Rd.	SVP	South Valley Park, 19003 Watkins Mill Rd.		

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IN THE NEWS

Letters to the Editor

Editor:

Several years ago the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) started an express commuter bus service, Route 201, from Gaithersburg Park & Ride (Quince Orchard Road at I-270), to BWI Marshall Airport and BWI MARC/Amtrak Station. There are between 30 and 34 trips daily, and the ride

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This is an incredibly convenient service for residents of Montgomery Village and Gaithersburg.

In Spring 2017, MTA announced that it planned to

cut back this service, but that decision was reversed. Area residents should consider using this service and help ensure that it is continued. For information, contact MTA at 866-743-3682 or 410-539-5000 or visit www.mta.maryland.gov.

Chris Raley
Whetstone

Editor:

I have been inspired to write this as a result of the letter published in the August 11, 2017 *MV News* (page 5) regarding a possible assessment increase for the residents of Whetstone. Whatever the size of the eventual increase happens to be, it is important for all Whetstone residents to know that said increase could have been smaller if a larger amount of the WHC reserves had been wisely invested approximately 2 years ago. In fact 5% was

invested at that time, and the results have been quite good. For example, it has grown 16% in the past 12 months. For the record, that same "investment vehicle" has grown an average of 10% per year over the past 50 years. So the WHC board made a good choice. However, if they had invested 15 or 20% of the reserves, the proposed assessment increase could have been smaller.

It is worth noting that the Montgomery Village Foundation Board has been success-

fully following a somewhat more ambitious plan for investing a larger portion of their reserve funds for a number of years. The WHC board would do well for its residents by investigating a more sensible investment strategy and possibly learning from the experience of the MVF Board.

Pete Wood
Whetstone

Editor:

I have attended all the planning meetings for Monument's plans for the golf course property. Through all of the meetings, I hoped they would follow through with their plans as presented. It would be nice to bring some new single-family houses to the market perhaps to raise the value of the existing homes.

As suspected all along, the single-family homes planned

were the first casualty of the revised plan for Areas 1 and 2. They have been reduced from 13 to 6 and replaced by townhouses. The remaining 6 will have a view of the back yards of a bank of town houses. This, as is true in a lot of the Village, is not the most attractive feature. Why buy a single-family home if you will be living in a high density development? Would you also pay more for that privilege?

This is the first development that makes me apprehensive to see what else they have planned for MV. This is not the vision presented originally to the existing golf course view residents of Fairidge. It appears Monument is more concerned with density and profit than being a good neighbor.

Frank Milota
Northgate

Editor:

Shocking to see... a flag flying upside down on Keiffer Way off Whetstone Drive in a demonstration of some sort. Does anyone know what the intended message is or who the intended audience is?

The American flag belongs to all of us, making flag etiquette a shared responsibility. According to flag etiquette, "The flag should never be displayed with the union down, except as a signal of dire distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property. It would be quite the stretch to make an argument that any type of political purpose would constitute dire distress."

This guidance bars flying the flag upside down as a symbol of a nation in distress. If that symbol is the message being conveyed, please demonstrate on Pennsylvania Avenue if you must, but spare your nation's flag and the tranquility of your Whetstone neighborhood.

Is dire distress in fact the case here? The owner has not revealed what is behind the demonstration, preferring si-

lent ambiguity instead. This unspoken answer remains the elephant in the room. If not a case of dire distress, this demonstration is disrespectful, unpatriotic and bordering on desecration.

Who is the intended audience? Whether intended or not, Whetstone residents are the audience. But how can an audience respond appropriately if the reason for the demonstration has not been revealed and remains ambiguous. As a Whetstone resident, I find the flag demonstration unpatriotic and unacceptable and simply ask flagman to straighten up and fly right.

The disrespectful display of the American flag upside down does do actual harm. It erodes respect for this national symbol and tramples on the rights of patriotic Americans. Furthermore, it is a disturbing sight to see for anyone traveling on Whetstone Drive. Each trip becomes a punch in the gut.

See <https://youtu.be/Nfo-uC-w5nWI>.

Don O'Neill
Whetstone

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\$365 due each month Sept. 1 through April 1

IN THE NEWS

MVF Board authorizes new Park/Facility Assistant positions

by Mike Conroy

At the August 24 Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors meeting, the Board discussed and approved a proposal from Executive Vice President (EVP) Dave Humpton to modify the way MVF handles security for its parks and facilities. The proposal calls for hiring two new full-time, benefitted positions, in lieu of a hired security contractor.

The Park/Facility Assistants would be hired to patrol, observe and report incidents at MVF-owned facilities and parks, and would be managed by the Parks and Property Manager, under the Recreation and Parks Department. Proposed coverage for these positions would be more flexible and robust than MVF's current security contract allows, and could be modified easily depending on issues or needs that arise. Costs for the full program are built into the 2018 Draft Budget, but do not exceed the costs of MVF's current security contract.

The Board also approved the 2018 Draft Budget for publication. The proposed budget includes a \$.55/unit/month increase in the MVF Fee and a \$1.15/unit/month increase in the Designated User (DU)

Fee; for more information on the 2018 Draft Budget, see the article on page 1 and the proposed budget insert on pages 25 to 32.

AGENDA ITEMS

Per recommendation from the Audit Committee at their meeting just before the Board meeting, Pat Seery and Keith Silliman were appointed committee chair and vice chair, respectively. Also recommended by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board was a change in the Reserve Investment Policy, adjusting the allocation targets of the equities and fixed income to allow more profitable long-term return on investments (ROI). Treasurer Bob Carey noted that MVF has gained recent excellent returns on equities, but up is against the cap imposed by the policy; the change in the policy allocation will let MVF capitalize on its ROI and provide the flexibility to move forward.

Revisions in criteria for The Downs (East Village) and Club Hill (Stedwick) were approved. Replacement roof materials in The Downs will now be considered on an individual basis, and the "Oak Brown" deck stain color was added as a standard acceptable color in Club Hill. These changes were

considered based on recent Property Improvement Requests and changing materials in the marketplace. Both criteria revisions were approved by the respective homes corporations they affect.

The Board authorized the EVP to negotiate a purchase option agreement for a conservation easement with Ecotone, Inc., allowing them to perform various stream restoration activities in specific areas of the Village. The proposal from Ecotone is in conjunction with a grant program from the State Highway Administration for stream restoration projects. The easement would cover nearly 2,800 feet of stream between Montgomery Village Avenue and Wightman Road, behind North Creek Community Center, between Overlea, Greentee II and the Rothbury Apartments. Any project work by Ecotone would be subject to public comment and feedback during a design phase.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Board President Pete Young thanked the staff and Audit Committee for their work in preparing and reviewing the 2018 Draft Budget. He especially noted the hard work and positive results that EVP Dave

Humpton and CFO Greg Snellings have proved over the last 10 years with the organization.

EVP REPORT

EVP Humpton updated the Board on several topics, noting that more information was available in his full report included in the meeting packet and online. Humpton said that Monument Realty's Site Plan for the former golf course property is in review with the county, and a hearing is likely later this year. He also said that Atlantic Realty Companies (ARC) have submitted a Site Plan to the county for the Village Center, and anticipates a hearing by the end of the year.

Humpton noted that the county is preparing for more legislation that could affect the Village, and that he and General Counsel Christopher Hitchens would be keeping a close watch on progress. Of particular interest would be a Zoning Text Amendment regarding telecommunication towers; legislation allowing short-term rentals through sites like Airbnb; and the county Roadway Reimbursement Program.

TREASURER'S REPORT

MVF Treasurer reiterated some sentiments from CFO

Snellings' earlier budget presentation, noting MVF's continued strong financial position. Carey said that both Revenue and Expenses reported as favorable to budget for 6 of 7 last months; he praised staff for their work in maintaining a positive budget.

Carey reported a few trends in the 2017 budget including reduced Village News Advertising Revenue and decreased Collections Fees. He said the decrease in collections is good, as it also indicates a reduction in delinquencies. He further observed that both personnel and operating costs—both major components of the budget—were consistently favorable to the budget due to good controls.

NEXT MEETING

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

MVF Financial Reports - July 2017

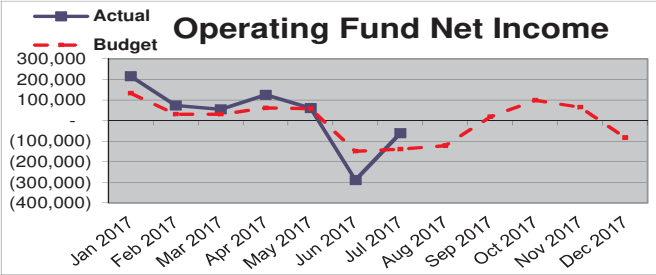
OPERATING FUND - STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE

	July 2017			YTD Jul 2017		
	Actual	Budget	Variance (Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Variance (Unfav)
Revenue:						
Assessments	518,268	518,251	17	3,627,963	3,627,759	205
Assessment Fees	39,939	38,295	1,644	134,495	142,459	(7,964)
Transfer Fees	3,300	4,265	(965)	21,900	20,731	1,169
Disclosure Fees	13,878	13,755	123	88,545	92,722	(4,177)
Advertising revenue	7,841	9,685	(1,844)	68,473	87,837	(19,364)
Pool Memberships/Rental Fees	13,432	8,192	5,239	97,926	77,582	20,343
Camps & Classes	35,082	20,153	14,928	183,074	184,969	(1,896)
Management Fees	67,196	65,934	1,262	465,480	461,536	3,945
Capital Contribution fee	12,809	13,468	(660)	90,440	74,287	16,153
Other Income	29,956	27,315	2,641	148,339	87,336	61,003
Total Revenue	741,701	719,314	22,386	4,926,635	4,857,218	69,417
Personnel Costs:						
Salaries & Wages	403,702	439,543	35,841	2,041,986	2,135,715	93,730
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	89,846	99,508	9,662	593,906	617,512	23,606
Personnel Costs	493,547	539,051	45,504	2,635,892	2,753,228	117,336
Business Expenses	20,905	33,391	12,486	89,245	120,055	30,810
Office Supplies	4,704	3,408	(1,295)	21,160	30,125	8,965
Program/Maint Supplies	28,668	19,050	(9,618)	108,017	85,750	(22,268)
Occupancy	26,587	39,520	12,933	178,292	189,480	11,187
Office Expenses/Svc Contracts	19,608	19,904	296	181,387	186,247	4,860
Equip Maintenance	2,350	3,700	1,350	17,280	23,450	6,170
Vehicle Expenses	2,378	1,917	(461)	12,080	13,617	1,537
Financial & Legal	9,567	6,879	(2,687)	70,042	77,958	7,916
Insurance	11,738	12,178	440	62,560	56,850	(5,710)
Printing	-	4,583	4,583	37,837	50,583	12,746
Landscape/Maintenance	68,846	60,665	(8,180)	454,278	491,863	37,585
Security	9,620	10,222	602	49,607	64,372	14,765
Other	405	-	(405)	(136)	-	136
Operating Costs	205,375	215,419	10,044	1,281,650	1,390,350	108,700
Contribution to Reserves	90,830	90,830	(0)	635,809	635,809	(0)
Contribution to CCF	12,809	13,468	660	90,440	74,287	(16,153)
Purchases of Assets	433	-	(433)	103,031	10,000	(93,031)
Other Equity Transfers	-	-	-	-	(30,000)	(30,000)
Reserve/capital	104,071	104,298	227	829,280	690,097	(139,183)
Operating Expenses	802,994	858,768	55,774	4,746,822	4,833,674	86,852
Excess/Deficit Revenue	(61,293)	(139,454)	78,160	179,813	23,544	156,269

MVF BALANCE SHEET

For the Period Ended July 31, 2017

	Current	Prior Year
ASSETS		
Cash & Cash equiv	1,409,337	2,904,715
Investments	6,159,518	5,798,386
Due from Reserves	1,568,376	54,552
Assessment Receivables	737,801	886,896
Other Receivables	84,568	79,421
Current Assets	9,959,601	9,723,970
Gross Fixed Assets	15,027,329	14,053,206
Accumulated Depreciation	(6,348,729)	(7,497,610)
Fixed Assets	8,678,600	6,555,596
Other Assets	58,005	59,272
Assets	18,696,206	16,338,838
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Due to Operating	1,568,376	54,552
Payables	404,026	328,926
Sunstream Cap Lease	119,058	124,686
Deferred Revenue Liab	1,154,147	1,103,274
Liabilities	3,245,607	1,611,438
Undesignated Reserves	9,724,493	8,807,284
Designated Reserves	5,726,101	5,920,112
Equity	15,450,594	14,727,396
Liabilities & Equity	18,696,206	16,338,838



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

IN THE NEWS

Playground replacement community meetings

Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Department of Recreation and Parks is seeking input from interested residents to the review designs for the Apple Ridge Recreation Area inclusive playground and the Whetstone Community Center playground replacement projects at an upcoming community meeting. The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court.

The playground at Whetstone Community Center is used by the general public and also for a variety of MVF programs. Some of these programs include Creative Discovery,

Whetstone Afterschool Club and camp programs throughout the summer.

The playground at Apple Ridge Recreation Area will be an inclusive playground. Every new playground that is built must be ADA compliant; an inclusive playground goes further to ensure that children of all abilities are able to play together. This will also be the first MVF playground to meet these criteria and have rubberized surfacing material.

If you are interested in attending upcoming meetings, offering input or need more information, contact Amy Roswurm at 240-243-2303 or e-mail aroswurm@mvf.org.



Budget

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MVF was overcoming some financial hurdles—insufficient reserve funds, deficit budgets, inconsistent assessment increases/decreases—which took several years to re-earn the community’s trust. During that time, initiatives including the Capital Contribution Fee (CCF), the Long Range Facilities Planning Committee, the Pool Study and Vision 2030 (to name a few) were developed, showing the Board’s commitment to the community.

Over the last five years, nearly \$860,000 has been generated by the CCF, which has funded projects like the South Valley Park restrooms and concession stand, Lake Whetstone Dock replacement, Theatre Pond fountain and more. Additionally, with proper reserve funding, the Whetstone and Apple Ridge pools have been renovated without debt or a special assessment.

Snellings presented the proposed budget summary, noting that there would be increases in both the MVF and DU funds, totaling \$1.70 per unit, per month. He said the MVF Fund increase is \$.55/unit/month, and he hoped that by the time the budget is ready for approval, an even lower amount could be approved (the Board will reevaluate the increase in October when more complete financials are available); the DU Fund increase is set at \$1.15/unit/month. The MVF Fund increase is in conjunction with spending almost \$372,000 from Undesignated Reserves.

Major Revenue drivers for 2018 were identified as increases in assessments, camps and after school programs and the CCF. Collections fee income is expected to drop due to the success of the Collections Policy and lower delinquency rate, and Advertising Revenue is also expected to be lower in 2018.

Proposed Capital Projects for 2018 include a digital entrance sign; new PA systems at Apple Ridge and the North Creek Board Room; and new chairs, lounges, picnic tables, umbrellas and a coolbrella for MVF pools.

To adequately compensate employees, Personnel costs include general merit and benefit assumptions for staff. The budget proposes a 3% merit increase pool and a continued 6% 401k match for staff. Due to increases in healthcare, a \$25 per pay increase in flex benefit dollars is also proposed. Other personnel costs included keeping summer wages in line with minimum wage requirements by Montgomery County, as well as the addition of two new full-time Park and Facility Assistants in place of MVF’s current security contract.

Contributions to Reserves (CTR) increase slightly from 2017 to be in line with the Reserve Study, totaling \$1,250,918 for the year. The MVF Fund will receive \$333,731 and the DU Fund will receive \$917,187, with contributions made monthly. The budget assumes a CTR on funding 75 percent of replacement costs over a 30-year period.

Reserve expenses for 2018 include: the Hurley Park play area replacement; MVF Office technology; community center repairs and maintenance; and other general pool repairs. This amounts to a necessary \$424,105 and another potential \$888,064 in reserve spending.

RESIDENT COMMENTS
The MVF 2018 Proposed

Budget and budget presentation can be viewed in their entirety and are available for download online at www.montgomeryvillage.com. A full copy of the budget may also be viewed at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, during regular business hours. Residents are encouraged to review the budget.

For the next 30 days, com-

ments or questions can be directed to CFO Greg Snellings via e-mail at budget@mvf.org or in writing to Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc., ATTN: 2018 Proposed Budget, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886.

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FALL POOL SCHEDULE



Fall Season (through Sept. 24)

Location	Weekday Hours	Closed	Weekend Hours	Sept. 24
Stedwick	3:30 - 7:30 pm	Monday and Tuesday	12 - 7:30 pm	12 - 6 pm
Apple Ridge, Lake Marion Stedwick Pools have steps AND ladders to enter the pool		ADA Compliant Lift available at Lake Marion & Stedwick		ADA Compliant Ramp available at Apple Ridge

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IN THE NEWS

Share your photographs with the Village

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

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

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

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

CALENDAR CONTEST RULES

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



Residents encouraged to participate in Car Free Day

Drop your car for a day! Take the pledge to join in celebrating Car Free Day on Friday, Sept. 22. The worldwide event encourages you to find greener methods of traveling, other than driving solo in a car.

to travel, less pollution will be released into the atmosphere.

Join Commuter Connections and take the Car Free Day pledge for Friday, Sept. 22. As a bonus, those who pledge to find alternative transportation

This year, Commuter Connections is hosting the event in the Washington, D.C., region. Stop by at one of the following locations between 6:30 and 9 a.m. where MCDOT Commuter Services will have giveaways and a raffle for great prizes. Locations include:

- Friendship Heights Metro Station
- Bethesda Metro Station
- White Flint Metro Station
- Silver Spring Metro Station
- Shady Grove Metro Station
- Germantown Transit Center

Commuter Services will also have a mobile "Thank You" van stopping by several Ride On bus stops from Takoma Park to Germantown. Get the schedule by following [@mococomuter](https://twitter.com/mococomuter) on Twitter.

Residents are encouraged to choose a travel method that fits their mobility needs, from transit to biking or walking. Using more sustainable ways to travel helps reduce your carbon footprint, by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and traffic congestion. If more people find alternative ways

on Car Free Day will automatically get an e-mail with a buy one, get one free offer from Chipotle. The offer is good for one day on Car Free Day only!

For more information or to pledge yourself car free for a day, visit www.carfreemetrodc.org.





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IN THE NEWS

Staying Aware in the Village

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

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

An aggravated assault occurred in the 18600 block of Nathans Place in the early morning hours of August 16. The suspect displayed two weapons. The suspect was arrested.

Arrested: W/M, age 38; of Montgomery Village

An aggravated assault occurred in the 9600 block of Lost Knife Circle at approximately 2:16 p.m. on August 18. The suspect displayed a weapon and assaulted the three adult female victims.

Suspect: B/F, approximately age 40

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

A residential burglary occurred in the 18800 block of Walkers Choice Road in the early morning hours of August 15. Forced entry; property was taken.

RESIDENTIAL GARAGE BURGLARY

A residential garage burglary occurred in the 20200 block of Darlington Drive between approximately 11 p.m. on August 12 and approximately 8 a.m. on August 13. No signs of forced entry, the garage door was reported to have been left unlocked; property was taken.

STRONG-ARM ROBBERY

A strong-arm robbery occurred in the 18200 block of Contour Road at approximately 7:08 p.m. on August 9. The suspect assaulted the adult female victim and took her property. The suspect was arrested.

Arrested: B/M, age 16; of Silver Spring

Architectural criteria revisions for East Village and Stedwick

At the August 24 Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) Board of Directors meeting, two sets of criteria revisions were approved.

THE DOWNS (EAST VILLAGE)

The Board approved a revision to the roof criterion to allow for a more flexible selection of roof replacement colors. Originally, there was only one standard color for the community, Elk/GAF Timberline Natural Shadow "Weathered

Wood" approved as a replacement roof shingle. Over the years, homeowners requested a greater variety of colors, many of which have been approved. To codify this allowance, the criterion now states that "replacement roofs will be considered on an individual basis."

CLUB HILL (STEDWICK)

The Board approved a revision to the elevated deck criterion to provide an additional stain color that homeowners could use to stain their decks.

McCormick/Cabot Stain "Oak Brown" has been added to the required standard list of deck stain colors.

As always, exterior modifications must be approved by the Architectural Review Board before any work can begin. Residents can submit a Property Improvement Request Form online at www.montgomeryvillage.com or in person at the MVF Office, 20125 Arrowhead Road. For more information or help with the review process, call 301-948-0110.

Ride On announces changes to several routes effective September 17

Montgomery County's Ride On bus system will combine certain routes, improve schedules and eliminate three routes. All of these changes will take effect Sunday, Sept. 17.

ROUTES 3, 93 AND 94 WILL BE ELIMINATED

• Each year, Ride On creates a performance indicator for each route and ranks them accordingly. The performance indicator compares the resources allocated to each route with the number of average daily riders. The routes being eliminated were the lowest performing in the Ride On system.

• Some alternative transit options are available for each of these routes. Transit riders are urged to call 311 or visit www.wmata.com/schedules/trip-planner to identify available options. For example:

- o Route 3 alternatives: there are multiple options along the route, except Dale Drive
- o Route 93 alternatives: Routes 26 and 45 run along Twinbrook Parkway; Route 10 runs along Parklawn Drive; there is no alternative direct service to the NIH

o Route 94 alternatives: Route 75 provides access to Germantown Transit Center, with transfers available for Routes 61 or 97 to the MARC Station

EXECUTIVE CONNECTOR - ROUTES 5, 26 AND 81

The Executive Connector combines three existing Ride On routes with timed service every 10 minutes during rush hour.

• Executive Connector buses will operate along Executive Boulevard and East Jefferson Street between Old Georgetown and Montrose roads toward White Flint or Twinbrook Metrorail Stations

• Route 81: This route will run along Old Georgetown Road instead of Marinelli Road

• Route 75: Montgomery County Correctional Facility/Clarksburg/Outlets/Milestone Center/Germantown Transit Center

o New Saturday and Sunday service will be added; weekday service will be extended until 11:30 p.m.

o New routing - this route will begin serving String-

town Road and Clarks Crossing Drive. The map on the timetable dated Sunday, Sept. 17 will show the old routing.

ROUTE 55

Sunday service will be extended to Rockville. All service will depart from the west side of Rockville Metro.

ROUTE 10

Ride On will adjust the Monday through Saturday schedule to coordinate better with Metrobus C8 along Randolph Road.

ROUTE 34 AND ROUTE 46 AT MEDICAL CENTER METRO

Route 34 southbound will remain on Rockville Pike. Route 34 northbound and Route 46 will move to Bay D.

SCHEDULE UPDATES

The following routes will have time changes so that the schedule reflects the actual travel time along the route or minor changes to the schedules: 1, 11, 21, 22, 26, 28, 33, 39, 46, 70, 73, 76, 81, 83, 96, 97 and 98

For more information, call 311 or visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Transit.



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ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS

Fall home repair tips

Although springtime inspires most homeowners to clean and fix up their homes and properties, autumn is also an excellent time to make repairs. Steps should be taken in the fall to prepare homes for winter, and some maintenance items are unique to this season. The following checklist may help homeowners with this preparation:

HEATING SYSTEMS

- Change or clean furnace and air conditioning filters; clean and service humidifiers; service oil-burning equipment; and clean around heating and cooling equipment in order to provide heating comfort, efficiency, energy conservation and safety.
- Hire a professional to check your heating system to make sure you will have optimal performance during the cold months and to identify any problems that may exist.
- Clean your air ducts to reduce household dust and to provide relief for those with respiratory problems and allergies.
- Clean the thermostat heat sensor, contact points and contacts. Replace parts if necessary.
- Lubricate water heater pump and motor. Bleed air from radiators or convectors.

CHIMNEY AND FIREPLACE

- Have a professional inspect and clean your chimney. Fireplaces that are used regularly during the fall and winter seasons should be cleaned annually to prevent soot buildup and house fires.
- Check the chimney for cracks, inadequate coverings and faulty seals that might allow rain, birds and small animals to enter.
- Check any wood-burning stove, fireplace and chimney caps for deterioration.
- For added safety, place carbon monoxide alarms near the fireplace or furnace.

GUTTERS AND DOWNSPOUTS

- Clean gutters, downspouts, window wells and drains to prevent roof leaks, condensation, seepage and decay problems. Downspouts should be directed away from the house foundation.
- Don't neglect gutters filled with leaves and other debris. This can lead to rot problems, pest infestations, wet basements, foundation damage and other complications.
- Check to be sure water is not coming down behind gutters.
- Check to ensure water drains properly and doesn't pool.
- Check gutters for leaky seams, rusted areas or unattached portions that would hinder drainage of water.

ROOFS

- Check roofs for shingles that need replacement. For example, "clawed" or disintegrating shingles indicate the need for replacement.

This should be done before heavy snows sit on the roof.

- Check all flashing (sheet metal used in waterproofing roof valleys or the angle between a chimney and roof) on the house, including roof gravel guards if you have a flat-roofed home.

HOUSE AND DECK FEATURES

- Check skylights, attic fans, etc., for leaks or rusted areas.
- Check gable vents, roof mount vents and soffit vents for clear and adequate air flow and replace any missing or damaged vent coverings.
- Check for chipped or peeling paint on siding or walls. All surfaces should be scraped, primed and repainted before cold weather. No rotted or mildewed areas should remain untreated through the winter months when increased moisture will make things worse.
- Check for loose siding, mortar or small cracks that can be filled with silicone caulking.
- Drain exterior water lines, hose bibs, sprinklers and pool equipment to prevent plumbing maintenance problems.
- Seal wood decks with a clear, water-repellent sealer. Stained decks should be re-stained on a regular basis.
- Check all shutters to make sure they are secured and in good shape.

ATTIC VENTILATION

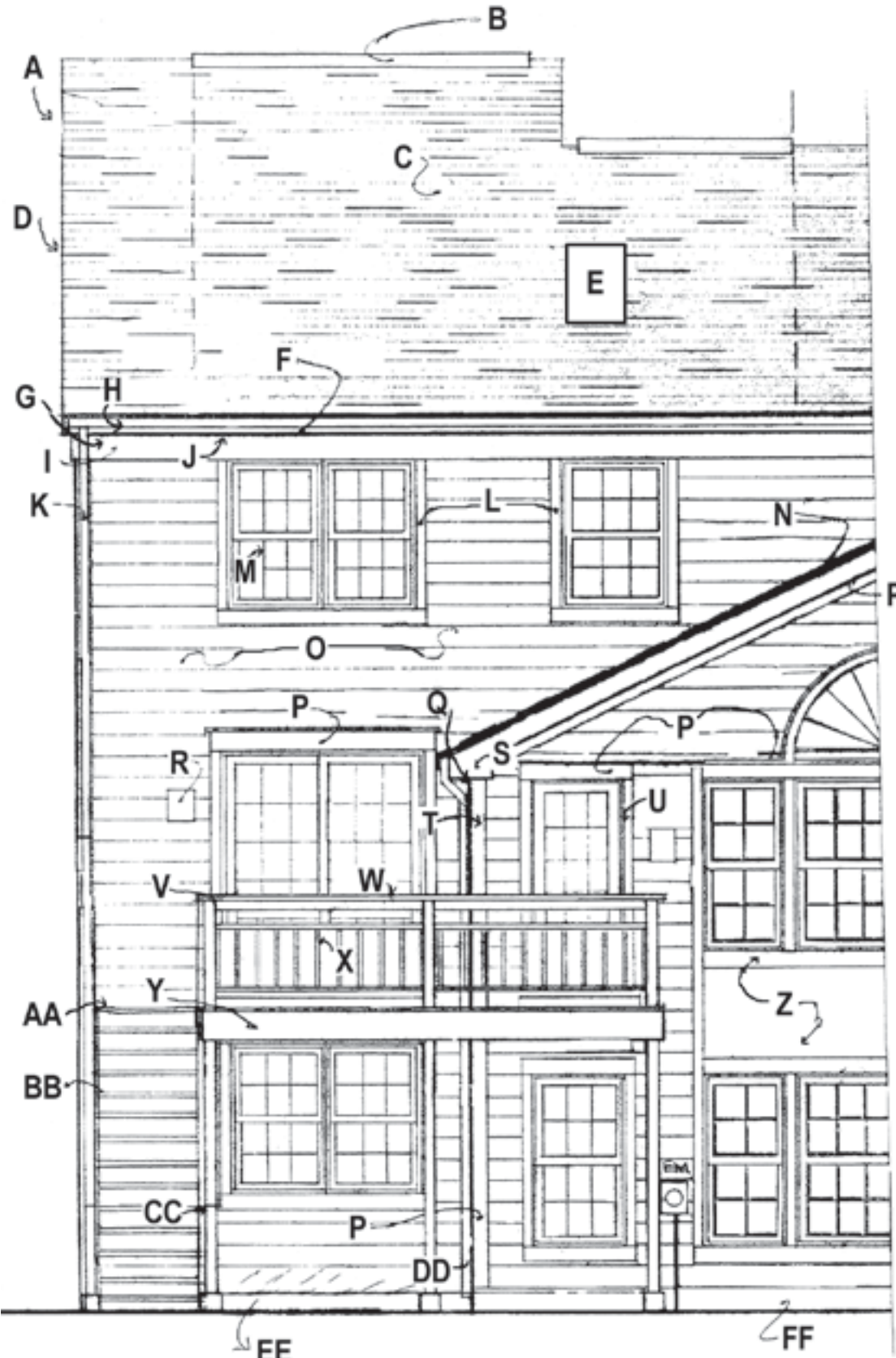
- Be sure attic insulation doesn't cover ventilation vents in the eaves to prevent winter ice dams on the roof.
- Be sure ridge vents and vents at eaves are free of plants and debris.
- Check bird and rodent screens on attic vents to prevent any unwanted guests.

WINDOWS AND DOORS

- Check weather stripping and caulking around doors, windows, corner boards and joists to prevent air and water penetration problems. Caulking, where needed, will prevent cold air and moisture from entering the house.
- Cover basement windows with a plastic bubble.
- Replace summertime screens on windows and doors with cool-weather storm coverings.
- Clean and lubricate garage door hinges, rollers and tracks, and be sure screws are tight.

LANDSCAPE AND YARD WORK

- If you need to fertilize and reseed the lawn, note that fall is the best time to do so.
- After the leaves change color, prune trees and shrubs to encourage healthy springtime growth.
- Trim any tree limbs that are close to power lines or the roof of your house. Heavy snow and ice can build up on trees and cause them to break and damage nearby structures.



Fall maintenance diagram key

A	Gable Vent	Q	Roof Overhang
B	Ridge Vent	R	Light
C	Asphalt Shingles	S	Cornice
D	Gable End	T	Corner Board
E	Roof Mount Vent	U	Door Trim
F	Fascia (Frieze)	V	Deck Rail
G	Roof Eave	W	Deck Top Cap
H	Gutter	X	Picket
I	Trim Board	Y	Elevated Deck
J	Soffit/Soffit Vent	Z	Flat Trim Material
K	Downspout	AA	Deck Landing
L	Window Trim	BB	Stair Treads
M	Window Grid (Muntin)	CC	Post
N	Flashing	DD	Downspout
O	Horizontal Siding	EE	Gound Level Deck
P	Trim	FF	Concrete

Please remember:

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Food for Schools gearing up for school year

The Food for Schools project began almost 10 years ago with a mission to help local children who were coming to school Monday mornings very hungry because they did not have enough food to eat over the weekend. With the support of community religious organizations, non-profit and service groups, Senator Nancy King and the local community, Food for Schools works to distribute a bag of food weekly to families in need.

Food for Schools generally provides a box of cereal, a protein source (can of tuna, black beans, hearty soup), a can of vegetables, a can of fruit and either pasta and sauce, rice or peanut butter, along with other donated pantry items. To help our neighbors each weekend. Bags are distributed through Village elementary schools with the help of administration.

As the program starts up again for the 2018-2019 school year, Food for Schools is again in need of donations and support from the community. Donations can be either gift cards to grocery stores or the canned goods mentioned above. Gift cards are used to purchase food and grocery items that have not been donated or are in short supply.

Food donations of unsweetened cereal, cans of vegetables,

fruit, soup, tomato sauce, rice, beans, pasta, macaroni and cheese boxes, peanut butter (plastic jars) and pasta can be dropped off at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road; please no glass containers.

Alternatively, Village residents can make a tax deductible donation by sending a check made out to Covenant United Methodist Church with Food for Schools in the memo line. The church is located at 20301 Pleasant Ridge Drive.

Food for Schools is planning the first distribution during the second week of September. Thank you for your support!



Share Your Milestones with the Village



Email mvnews@mvf.org or complete the Milestones form online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

Village News

Shredding Event and Donation Drive

Saturday, Oct. 21 | 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*.

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STEDWICK SIGNALS

Parking, parking and more parking issues

by Keith Silliman

Parking is a problem in several sections of the Stedwick community. The board of directors hears about parking problems at most of our meetings. We hear requests for two reserved spaces per home to accommodate families with multiple cars and family members who work late and come home to find that all undesignated parking spaces are occupied. The board has discussed the parking problem on multiple occasions and has considered several options, including requiring registration and issuance of parking passes for residents' vehicles. However, there are not enough parking spaces to reserve two per household.

Our parking problems are the result of the original design of our community, and the fact that the developer only provided about one and a half parking spaces per housing unit in the days when families usually had only one car. Many of our households now have multiple cars to accommodate adult children, renters of extra rooms and even multiple families living in a single unit. Changing demographics, housing and financial issues have resulted in a significant increase in the number of cars in the Stedwick and greater Montgomery Village communities.

There continue to be several vacant board seats. If you have an interest in the welfare of the Stedwick community and are willing and available to participate in monthly board of directors meetings on the third Wednesday of each month, consider volunteering to serve. A volunteer with a financial background is especially desirable to help with the budget development process and management of the reserve investments.

The application process requires the submission of a statement to the board of directors indicating interest in the position and providing any related information about community or professional experience. That statement can be hand delivered, e-mailed or snail mailed to the Stedwick Homes Corporation community manager whose contact information is provided at the end of this article.

A significant number and variety of trees should be planted throughout the Stedwick community in the next few weeks. They will be the trees provided by Pepco to replace trees cut down along the Pepco right-of-way.

The next Stedwick-wide inspection will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 12. If you know about items or issues that need to be checked by the maintenance committee, please contact our agent at the phone number or e-mail address below.

The next meeting of the Stedwick Board of Directors is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. Come join us for that meeting. The first item on the agenda is residents time, which provides an opportunity for you to ask questions or express concerns and opinions. In the meantime, if you have an issue, contact Stedwick Homes Corporation Community Manager Andrea Mandato 240-243-2326, e-mail stedwickhc@mof.org or communicate via regular mail 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.

NORTH VILLAGE VIEW

Keeping you informed

by the North Village Board of Directors

Your board of directors wants to thank those of you who take the time to read this article every two weeks. These articles are our main conduit for communicating with the residents of North Village. In an upcoming issue we will publish a brief summary of the draft budget for 2018, as well as the assessment rates that your board of directors is proposing for 2018. For those interested in more budget detail, a brief analysis of the budget process and the components of the summary categories will be included. The full board will vote on the draft budget at its October meeting.

CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Elections for your board of directors is fast approaching. Every year we elect three members to the nine-member board. Board members serve for three years. We have recently been operating with one vacancy that resulted from a member dropping off the board. Three incumbent board members are up for election this year. The list of candidates will be completed at the October board meeting. The election material will then be distributed to residents in mid-December, with ballots due in January 2018.

So, if you are interested in volunteering to help your community, it is not too early to submit your name to our community manager, whose phone number is given below. You will be asked to submit

a short paragraph describing your background and interest in serving on the board. There is not a big demand on your time when you serve on the board. There are only seven board meetings and are normally held every other month, except for the annual meeting in February. You will be asked to attend a budget meeting in mid-summer to help prepare the budget for the next year. If you are willing, you can also serve on one of the nine committees that oversee the workings of the homes corporation. So, give it some thought. We need dedicated residents who want to take an active role in managing our homes corporation.

SAFETY

With the start of school, we want to remind all our residents to exercise caution when driving through the communities. Children are walking to and from the school bus and playing in and around the streets after school. They are often not paying attention to their surroundings. Drivers, too, are distracted with cell phones, car radios and numerous items of dashboard technology. This combination adds up to a disaster. Please keep your speed down to 25 miles per hour or less, and stay alert. We do not want any accidents in North Village.

REMINDERS

Last week we once again saw the blue recycling boxes left out on the curb a day early after the Labor Day holiday on Monday. Remember that whenever there is a Monday

holiday, the recycling crew will be a day late. It is so unsightly to see all the blue boxes left on the curb for such a long time.

Don't confuse recycling with trash collection. Recycling is handled by the county, but trash collection is done by a North Village contractor. Our contractor will collect trash according to their regular schedule, even if it means collecting on a holiday. The only exceptions are Christmas and New Year's, when they will be a day late.

Also, we remind residents that it is very important that you place your trash in trash cans with lids. If you do not have a lid on your trash can or if you just put your trash out in plastic bags the crows, squirrels and other critters will get into the trash and scatter it. It is also important that you do not put out your trash before 7 p.m. on the night before the trash collection day and that you store your trash can out of sight in your yard or garage.

NEXT MEETING

The next board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19, in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. If you have any questions or want to report any problems, call Community Manager April Steward at 240-243-2344, or e-mail asteward@mof.org.

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

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HOMES CORPORATIONS

MIDDLE VILLAGE VOICE

Bulk trash pickup no longer available

by the Middle Village Board of Directors

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

Placing bulk trash in the community is a violation that is subject to a fine. Any resident dumping bulk trash on Middle Village property will be fined \$250.

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

Trash policy violations include, but are not limited to:

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

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

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

Middle Village trash/recycling collection schedule:

Tuesday and Friday - household trash collection only

Wednesday - recycling collection only

RECYCLING CONTAINERS

Is your recycle bin overflowing? You can order up to two

new recycling bins (limit of five bins per calendar year) free of charge from Montgomery County and they will be delivered to your home by County staff (not the recycling collection crew).

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

TRASH AND RODENTS

Trash and rodents continue to be an ongoing problem in Middle Village. If you are one of the residents who places trash out in plastic trash bags or trash cans without a closed lid, you are contributing to the rodent problem. To get rid of rats and mice, we must starve them and get rid of the food source.

If you see a resident(s) placing trash out in plastic bags or a trash can without a top, call ComSource and report them! There is a \$100 reward for picture or video proof of violations to the trash policy that identifies the violators. Picture or video proof, which includes the address of the violator or other identifying information, is required to collect a reward, and some restrictions apply. All reports will remain anonymous. Residents who place trash out in plastic bags will be fined.

If your trash can is overflowing, purchase an additional trash can with a lid.

We have to cut off the food supply of rodents to get rid of them. If you have bags of trash in your yard, put them in a trash can with a lid. If your neighbors have trash in their yard, report them to ComSource. We are not trying to create an atmosphere where we tell on our neighbors, but we have to eliminate the problem—trash—to get rid of the rats.

If you're wondering why bushes and low-lying shrubs are being removed, it is another part of the effort to address the rodent issue. ComSource and the Middle Village board have been advised by exterminators to remove excess bushes to help with the rodent problem; these are places where rodents like to hide.

MISUSE OF THOMAS CHOICE CONDOMINIUMS TENNIS COURTS

A portion of your assessments allows Middle Village residents to utilize the Thomas Choice Condominium tennis courts. There have been reports of residents misusing the courts. Activities such as soccer, skateboarding, riding scooters, etc. are not allowed. These activities can damage the court surface, which may result an increased assessment due to repair costs. The courts are to be used for tennis only.

SCHOOL IS IN SESSION

The school year is back in full swing, which means children will be walking to and from school and activities. Drive slowly through our community and keep an eye out for children crossing streets, playing in the parking lots and running from between or behind cars. Safety is everyone's responsibility.

SAVE THE DATE

Middle Village Community Day is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 2. More details to follow soon.

CONTACTING COMSOURCE

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

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

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

EAST VILLAGE ECHO

East Village annual picnic

by the East Village Board of Directors

The annual picnic is right around the corner. We hope to see residents from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16 at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, rain or shine! Please join us for a fun event filled with food, games, glitter tattoos, cool balloon animals, music

and more! We are excited to be able to keep this event going each year, and it keeps getting better; don't miss it.

East Village Echo: for residents of The Downs, The Reach, The Estates, Essex Place II, Candle Ridge, Gablefield, Glenbrooke, Meadowgate, Ashford, Holly Pointe and Wethersfield.

EASTGATE EXPRESS

Eastgate community picnic

by the Eastgate Board of Directors

Get ready for a great, fun-filled afternoon with your Eastgate neighbors! The Eastgate community picnic is scheduled for noon on Saturday, Sept. 9 at Martin P. Roy Park, 20121 Cinnabar Drive. Come and enjoy great food, fun and neighborhood camaraderie. Dance and twirl to the sounds of the DJ and participate in games, face

painting and the moon bounce. Don't forget to grab a snow cone and some popcorn while you wait to tour the Fire Safety House, which will be on site as well. See you there!

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

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SOUTH VILLAGE SCENES

Community improvements

by the South Village Board of Directors

Regular maintenance inspections are conducted each month throughout South Village to ensure the upkeep of the community. These inspections are combined with the reserve study, which is an inventory of all community owned property and a recommended maintenance and replacement schedule. Many community improvement projects have been completed based on the inspections, and other projects were completed based on input from the community. South Village Homes Corporation has also developed partnerships with Montgomery County and our grounds and maintenance contractors to revitalize the community.

ROADWORK

- Completed mill, overlay and restriping in Nathan's Hill and The Millrace
- Completed street painting in The Hamptons
- Started speed bump installation in The Hamptons
- Began collecting pricing for reserved spaces, parking lines and fire lanes on streets in Nathan's Hill and Dockside where pavement was not recently worked on
- Road work in Grover's Forge

SIGNAGE AND LIGHTING

- Installed signage to deter residents from feeding geese
- Installed signage to prevent people from smoking near the tot lot
- Installed several new "No Dumping" signs and worked with contractors to identify and bill back violators
- Started a partnership with Montgomery County to see if we can get additional lights installed around The Hamptons tot lot and a security fence in Grover's Forge to prevent trash dumping in the woods
- Installed two additional light posts in The Hamptons (behind the monu-

ment sign and near the stairs on Royal Bonnet Circle)

STEPS AND SIDEWALKS

- Replaced a set of failing concrete steps on Walker's Choice Road
- Replaced an asphalt path in Walker's Choice that had several trip hazards
- Began pricing repairs of concrete trip hazards
- Installed a new retaining wall at the end of Locust Point along with new water loving plants in an effort to prevent further erosion and soil washing onto the path
- Replaced aged and failing tie walls throughout Nathan's Hill and The Millrace

FOLIAGE

- Removed dead or dying trees throughout all seven neighborhoods
- Completed deadwood pruning as needed
- Were donated two new Crepe Myrtles (planting in Nathan's Hill)
- Began the tree planting list for fall

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SPONSORED

- The county converted The Hamptons pond to a dry pond and installed several new trees
- Began a partnership with Montgomery County to install several free pet waste stations in the community

This list is not exhaustive or complete, but it does represent a portion of the work that has been done throughout the community and is a significant part of the homes corporation budget. The 2018 proposed budget will continue to focus on these types of community projects and partnerships and the opportunity to serve the residents of South Village.

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

NORTHGATE NEWS

Revised parking policy coming soon

by the Northgate Board of Directors

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

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

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

TRASH INFO

NOTE: For residents needing to shred documents, Montgomery County is having a free shred event on Sunday, Sept. 10, at Paint Branch High

School, 14121 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville. The event is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., weather permitting. There is a limit of five paper bags or small cardboard boxes of paper per household/vehicle. All paper will be shredded on site. These are drive-through events, and you have to stay in your vehicle. For everyone's safety, you will not be able to watch your paper being shredded. The last car must be in line by 2 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

WHETSTONE WATCH

Maintenance update

by the Whetstone Board of Directors

Summer is coming to a close, and with it, the tree removals by Baker Tree and tree pruning by Elliott's Tree Service. If you have had a tree removed, please be sure to water the area where Baker has put down grass seed. We want to get the grass to grow.

JB Kline has installed a new swale behind Hallowell Place; placed four gabion baskets on the Whetstone side of the lake to prevent further ero-

sion of the lake shore; and applied millings to the lake shore path from Hallowell Place to Freestate Place.

Total Asphalt installed an asphalt ramp on both sides of the Mooring Creek bridge in response to an ADA request.

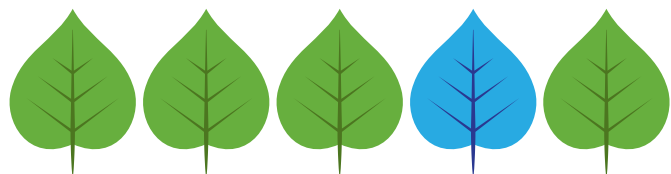
Tree replacements are done in the fall, and the Whetstone Maintenance Committee will be walking the community to look at areas where trees were removed to see whether replacements are needed.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Whetstone Homes Corporation meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14 in the North Creek Board Room, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Residents time begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. We hope you will join us as the board considers RFPs and the 2018 budget.

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

Get Noticed!



Call 240-243-2359 | or e-mail hbenitez@mvmf.org.

Please be a responsible pet owner...

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



Rental Facilities in the Village

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

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

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

We are currently accepting rental requests for functions to be held through December 2017. Fees for these facilities begin at \$50 per hour and require a \$250 security deposit. Requests must be submitted at least three weeks in advance. Potential renters can obtain a copy of the "Procedures on the Private Use of Facilities" and the "Private Rental Request Form" from the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road or online at www.montgomeryvillage.com. Please remember that all functions must be non-alcoholic, and that the renter must be present the entire length of the rental.

For more information, contact Tara O'Shea at 240-243-2361 or e-mail toshea@mvf.org.



Lake Marion
8821 East Village Avenue
85 people max.*



North Creek
20125 Arrowhead Road
125 people max.*

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

AT YOUR LEISURE

AAUW to host scholarship winners

The Gaithersburg Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will host six local young women — winners of college scholarships funded by proceeds of AAUW Gaithersburg's 2017

Book Sale — to discuss their academic aspirations and the personal impact of these scholarships on Tuesday, Sept. 19.

The meeting begins with refreshments at 7 p.m. in the second floor meeting room

of the Gaithersburg Library, 18330 Montgomery Village Avenue, Gaithersburg. All are welcome. For more information, call 301-840-5443.

Arts Barn performance

"The Canterville Ghost" will be playing at the Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg, Sept. 15 through Oct. 1 on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.

"The Canterville Ghost" is about a no-nonsense American family who buys an old mansion in rural England. They scoff at warnings of a fierce and violent resident ghost. The clever ghost is determined to scare them out, or worse. The family helps him gain his freedom to a peaceful afterlife.

Tickets are \$20/adult and \$12/Youth (14 and under) and are available online at www.gaithersburgmd.gov.



City of Gaithersburg presents Singer-Songwriter Concert Series

The City of Gaithersburg invites you to experience inspiring performances with its Singer-Songwriter Concert Series, presented by O'Hair Salon + Spa. In addition to the concert experience, patrons can participate in special workshops with the artists for a unique insight into the world of the singer-songwriter.

Concerts take place at the Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg. Workshops will begin at 3 p.m. and concerts start at 7:30 p.m.

Jaimee Harris will be featured on Saturday, Sept. 9. Jaimee is said to capture audiences wherever she goes with her unique blend of pop melodies and folk-rooted lyrics.

Tickets are \$25 for the concert or \$45 for the workshop and concert. To purchase tickets and for a full schedule of the Singer-Songwriter Concert Series, please visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov.



Backyard Concert with Kiti Gartner

Gather at Diamond Farms Park for the rockabilly/roots sounds of Kiti Gartner at 6 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 15 as the City of Gaithersburg's popular Backyard Concerts returns to neighborhood parks. Visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov for more information.

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RECREATION

Fall Flea Market

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

Admission for shoppers is free! Girl Scout Cadette Troop 493 will be selling donuts, bagels, coffee and water in the morning. Beginning at 11 a.m., they will be selling hot dogs, cheese quesadillas, chips, candy and soda.



Gentle Yoga

Led by Holistic Health Instructor Kim Brooks, Gentle Yoga helps develop balance, muscle tone, endurance and vitality. Poses are introduced in a relaxed manner and held for increasing periods of time.

Gentle Yoga is held at North Creek Community Center,

20125 Arrowhead Road, from 11 a.m. to noon on Thursdays, Sept. 21 to Dec. 14. Cost for this class is \$130/Resident and \$140/Non-resident. For more information or to register, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com or call 301-948-0110.



Pickleball

Join pickleball enthusiasts for fun on the court playing this 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. MVF has limited equipment available for use.

Bring your friends to Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 11 to Dec. 18 for Pickleball fun! Drop in for only \$3/Resident or \$4/Non-resident, per visit.

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

POP Pilates

Experience a fusion of ab-chiseling, total-body-defining moves choreographed to top 40 hits. This intense, mat based class is for people of all ages and fitness levels. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to

7:30 p.m. at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road.

Convenient online registration is available for POP Pilates at www.montgomeryvillage.com. For more information, call 301-948-0110.

Zumba®

Zumba® with Heidi brings together Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves to create a fun fitness program.

Achieve long-term health benefits while having a blast in one exciting hour of calorie-burning, body energizing movements meant to engage your whole body and keep you fit. The routines feature fast and slow rhythms com-

bined with resistance training to tone and sculpt your body and burn fat!

Classes run Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. Can't commit to every class? Drop-in for only \$7 a class!

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



T-Ball

for ages 4 to 7

Wednesdays
Sept. 6 to Oct. 25
Patsy Huson Ballfield,
20300 Fuiks Farm Road

\$40/Resident
\$50/Non-resident





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4 to 5 p.m.

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T-ball 2.0 for ages 5 to 7
5 to 6 p.m.

NEW!

Babysitting course

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

ticipants will receive American Red Cross certification.

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

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North Creek Community Center
20125 Arrowhead Road





Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED Training

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

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

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

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

RECREATION

Paints and Planks

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

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



Preschool-age tots learn and make new friends at Creative Discovery

Are you looking for a high quality program for your preschooler? Find out about what some parents have called "the best kept secret in Montgomery Village." This program is everything you are looking for to help your preschooler prepare for kindergarten—this popular and innovative program has served Village tots for over three decades.

The 3-year-old program focuses on socialization, sharing, learning to follow directions and basic skills. The 4-year-old program focuses on language en-

richment, numbers, letters and the skills essential to kindergarten success. Creative Discovery is led by experienced, qualified staff.

Three-year-olds meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon; 4-year-olds meet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Classes meet at Whetstone Community Center, 19140 Brooke Grove Court. Limited openings are still available and payment plan is offered.

For more information or to schedule a visit call Jana Serlo at 240-243-2334.




Argentine Tango Open House

Free

Looking for a new and exciting dance to learn? Ready to freshen those Tango moves? Attend the Argentine Tango Open House from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at North Creek

Community Center, 20125 Arrowhead Road. Instructors Viviana and Isidoro will take you through a complimentary lesson.

WHETSTONE Afterschool Club





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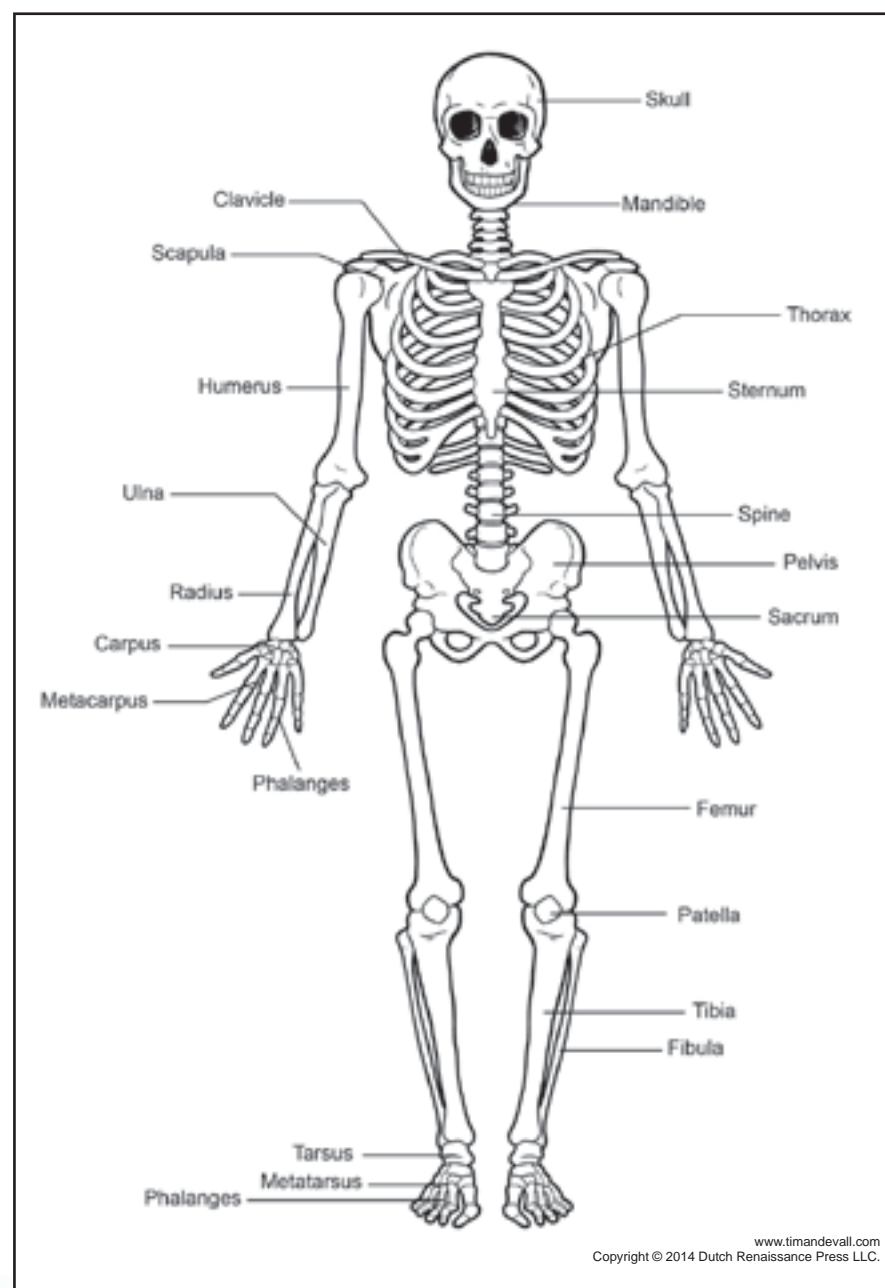


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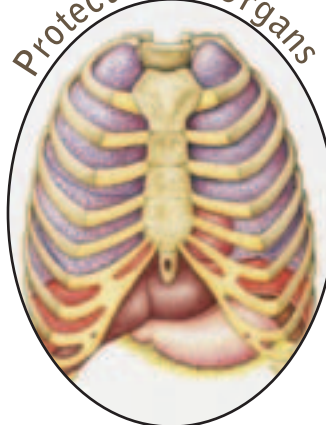
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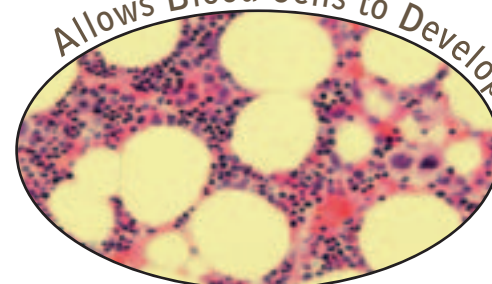
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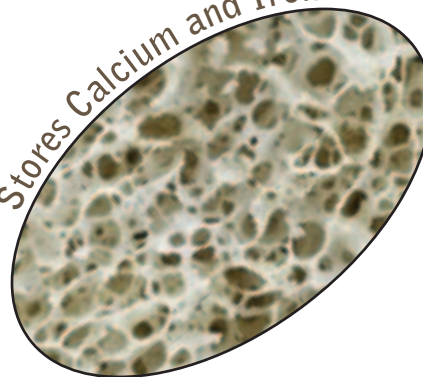
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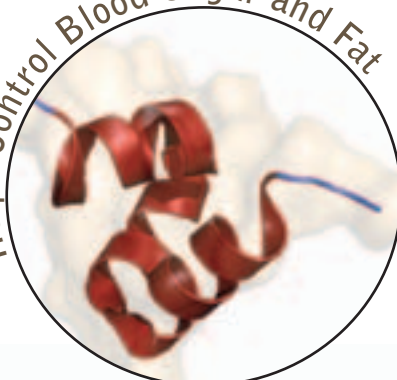
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FALL Session
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No activities Nov. 23 or Nov. 24

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- Arts and Crafts10 a.m. to noon
Various creative projects for all levels.
- Pickleball10 a.m. to noon
This sport combines tennis, badminton and ping-pong!
Limited equipment available for use.
- SiA Social Games10:15 a.m. to noon
Games, conversation and refreshments.
- Book Club10 to 11 a.m.
third Monday each month
Sept. 18: "The Elephant Whisperer: My Life in the Herd"
by Lawrence Anthony with Graham Spence
Oct. 16: "Circling the Sun" by Paula McLean

TUESDAY

- Light Cardio Workout9 to 10 a.m.
Light weights and resistance bands. Guided by an
interactive exercise video.
- Seated Tai Chi11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Marcy leads the class through the controlled and low
impact movements of Tai Chi.

WEDNESDAY

- SiA Social Games10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Games, conversation and refreshments.

THURSDAY

- Light Cardio Workout9 to 10 a.m.
Light weights and resistance bands. Guided by an
interactive exercise video.
- SiA Social Games10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Games, conversation and refreshments.

FRIDAY

- Bingo & Brown Bag LunchNoon to 2 p.m.
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Total Body Tune-Up

Starting Thursday, Sept. 28, Marcy will lead a 10-session “Total Body Tune-Up” from 11 to 11:45 a.m. at Stedwick Community Center. The program will run through Thursday, Dec. 7, and will be included in the SiA membership fee. All fitness levels welcome.
This fun, easy-to-follow, seated and standing movement class emphasizes light toning and stretching, maintaining range of motion, increasing energy, improving circulation and having fun exercising to lively, cheerful music from the '40s, '50s and '60s.



Living Well Workshop

Join this free six-week workshop to help you enjoy a healthier life! Learn how to maximize your potential even when a long-term health condition may require you to alter your activities. Discover new ways to break the “symptom cycle.”
Living well means coping with ongoing health problems such as Parkinson’s disease, heart disease, asthma, high blood pressure, diabetes, mild depression, obesity, breathing problems, arthritis, osteoporosis and more. In this class, you will:
• Learn tips on how to be your own healthcare advocate
• Gain a sense of greater self-control over your personal quality of life
• Identify strategies for coping with a long-term health issue
• Build confidence in establishing supportive relationships
• Improve management of symptoms of your chronic health condition(s)
Living Well is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Fridays, Sept. 29 to Nov. 3 at Stedwick Community Center, 10401 Stedwick Road. To register, call Holy Cross Health at 301-754-8800 or Alex Alcon at 240-243-2314 or e-mail aalcon@mvf.org. Deadline for registration is Monday, Sept. 18.



Pickleball

Take a swing with this favorite new sport that combines tennis, badminton and ping pong! Indoor courts are set up every Monday at Lake Marion Community Center, 8821 East Village Avenue from 10 a.m. to noon. Limited equipment is available for use.

REGISTRATION

Sign up today at any SiA program, the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, or online at www.montgomeryvillage.com!

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



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Hiring salary is \$27,000 to \$30,000 per year with an excellent benefits package. Full job description and requirements online at www.montgomeryvillage.com.

This position requires working a schedule after regular business hours, normally 4 p.m. to midnight; weekend and overtime hours also required. The work is performed primarily outdoors, including time spent in a motor vehicle.

PROGRAM LEADER

Program Leader needed two days a week, 3:15 to 6:15 p.m., to lead daily operation of Whetstone Afterschool Club. Previous experience supervising staff. Previous experience working with children K-5. Other duties as needed.

PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Montgomery Village Foundation is in need of a Program Assistant for the Whetstone Afterschool Club. Assistant needed Monday to Friday, 3:15 to 6:15 p.m. Position assists with the daily operation of afterschool club, including supervision, leadership, setup and cleanup. Must have experience and love working with children.

For more information, call Alex Alcon at 240-243-2314.

To apply, visit www.montgomeryvillage.com. MVF is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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THE POINTS \$410,000

Sure to please SFH on quiet cul-de-sac – 5 BR, 3.5 BA, finished basement with full bath – updated baths, refinished hardwood floors, new carpet, renovated kitchen, vinyl siding, new fixtures/lighting.



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SFH w/2-car garage & fenced yard – sunroom addition, table space kitchen w/new dishwasher – 4 BR, 2.5 BA, separate DR, LR, FR w/fireplace, hardwood floors, ceiling fans. Great value!



EAST VILLAGE \$349,000

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

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2018 PROPOSED BUDGET

The Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF) 2018 Proposed Budget and updated 5-Year Plan continues implementation of the MVF Board's approved Strategic Goals as well as programs and services that benefit residents of the community. The budget is focused on four primary goals:

- 1) To minimize assessment increases for the MVF and Designated Users Funds;
- 2) To continue implementing major capital projects;
- 3) To maintain reserve contributions in accordance with the 2014 Reserve Study; and
- 4) To fairly compensate MVF employees.

2018 PROPOSED BUDGET

Pursuant to the 2017 5-Year Plan, the 2018 proposed budget proposes to increase assessments in both the MVF and Designated User (DU) funds. The MVF Fund is proposed to increase \$.55 per unit, per month, while the Designated User Fund is proposed to increase \$1.15 per unit, per month. Assessment increases are needed to support both the MVF and DU funds. MVF's attention continues to focus on providing top-notch services and programs, renovation of pools and bathhouses, replacement reserves are sufficient and the undesignated operating reserve is preserved as a contingency for unexpected expenditures. These goals will continue as the 5-Year Plan is updated on an annual basis.

2018 will mark a year of change in various departments. With two new department heads (Recreation and Parks and Architectural Standards), programs, policies and technologies will be evaluated, and new initiatives focused on enhancing service and improved efficiencies will be undertaken. The Communications Department is leading the effort to provide more digital information, causing a serious review of MVF's current print media, including the *Village News*. The overall goal is to provide the best information and service in a timely fashion to a diverse community.

MVF Fund: The MVF Fund will increase from \$21.04 to \$21.59/month to fund the 2018 budget. However, we will continue to analyze monthly financial results for the possibility of reducing the proposed increase, as was done for the past three proposed budgets. Included in 2018 is the use of approximately \$371,876 of the nearly \$820,000 in undesignated operating reserves: \$50,000 to outsource the scanning of all remaining homeowner documents; \$38,000 to continue subsidy of camps, classes and programs; and \$283,876 will be used to minimize the MVF assessment increase. The 2.6% proposed assessment increase will generate \$75,600 in new assessment revenues.

Designated User Fund: As projected in the 5-Year Plan, an increase in the DU Fund is needed to fund increased operation costs at pools and community centers, as well as provide adequate reserve funding. Based on the 2014 Reserve Study, additional reserve contributions are needed to adequately maintain the pools and other community amenities. The proposed budget increases the DU assessment from \$34.42 to \$35.57 per

unit, per month. This represents a \$1.15 per month increase, which is in line with the 2017 5-Year Plan, which projected a \$1.18 increase.

User Fee Fund: The proposed budget also includes \$38,000 of MVF's undesignated surplus to subsidize User Fee Fund programs. With changes in summer camps and increased competition from Montgomery County offerings, camp revenues have continued at much lower levels the last three years. For 2018, staff will continue to adjust programs and marketing efforts, as well as ensure that camp fees are competitive with area programs, in an attempt to increase enrollment. Additionally, with the hiring of a new director, all programs will be reviewed and determined if they are in the best interest of MVF and its members.

Future Budgets - MVF 5-Year Plan: To enable the organization to engage in a longer planning horizon for both long-term operating and capital project needs, the 2018 budget includes an update of the 5-Year Plan. The 5-Year Plan includes conservative projections for assessments, operating costs, reserves and capital needs.

The financial plan also complements the MVF Board's Strategic Goals. A listing of the strategic goals and specific objectives for 2018 is included in the 5-Year Plan section of the budget.

BUDGET CHANGES

REVENUES

MVF Assessments: The MVF assessment is slated to increase by \$.55 to \$21.59 per unit, per month which will generate \$2,950,000.

DU Assessments: The DU assessment is slated to increase by \$1.15 to \$35.57 per unit, per month which will generate \$3,455,700. Continuing with MVF's 5-Year Plan, assessments must be increased to continue funding the pool, program and facility operations.

Assessment Collection Fees: Continuing with the 2017 trend, collection related revenues are expected to decrease again in 2018. With the 2014 Collection Policy change, which uses MVF's Activity Card (pool pass) Policy in lieu of additional lawsuits, it is expected that fewer fees will be assessed to delinquent owners, thus yielding less revenue. Since 2014's policy change, the quarterly delinquency rate has continued to decline to pre-recession levels. (MVF & DU Funds)

Village News Advertising: Ad sales for the *Village News* have been declining since 2014 and are significantly below the budget for 2017. Revenues have been decreased for the 2018 budget based on this trend with the expectation that the transition to a digital format will bring in more business over the next two years.

Capital Contribution Fees: Based on several years of accumulated results, CCF revenues have been increased to be more in line with actual results. These revenues do not actually impact any assessments, as they are transferred to the Reserve Fund monthly.

EXPENSES

Personnel Costs: MVF's greatest asset is our employees who take pride in providing excellent customer service. Building

and maintaining a professional staff with specialized skills and training requires fair compensation.

• **Merit Increase:** To reward those employees who have performed at a satisfactory or higher level, the 2018 budget proposes a 3% merit pool. In recent years, the merit pool increases have been:

- o 2010 0%; 2011 3%; 2012 - 2017 2%; 2018 3.0%

• **MVF's Flexible Benefits Program:**

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- o HRA Participants: MVF funds up to \$1,000 (\$500 for employee only coverage) for employees who participate in a qualified HRA medical plan. For 2018, \$4,500 is projected to be needed to fund this benefit. In previous years, this benefit was funded at higher amounts, but the medical plan has seen decreased enrollment over the last 3 years.

- o 401k Employer Match: MVF's matching contribution is proposed to remain at 6%.

• **Employee Recognition Program:** Established by the MVF Board in 2012, the budget includes \$15,000 to allow managers the opportunity to reward employees who meet the stringent standards of the policy.

• **Personnel Position Changes:** The budget proposes two new full-time positions (Park/Facility Assistants), a special temporary position (Board intern) and the reduction of a part-time position.

- o The full-time employees will provide a variety of functions to support the operations of DU facilities and the MVF Office and parks, including after hour monitoring of activity.

- o The Board Intern, who will be appointed by the Board as a non-voting member, will work during the summer months. The intern will learn about the various aspects of community management. The intern will receive a \$4,000 stipend for the summer employment.

- o The part-time position has been responsible for the scanning of MVF homeowner documents, but with the outsourcing of that function to a third party vendor, the position will be eliminated.

Operating Costs:

• **Program/Maintenance Supplies:** Increase is due to additional program-related expenses at MVF pools and new and existing User Fee programs.

• **Occupancy:** Decrease is primarily derived from lower electricity costs at community centers, particularly the Lake Marion Community Center where the annual impact of the solar panels was a large part of the 8.3% decrease.

• **Office Expenses/Service Contracts:** Increase is directly related to the addition

of \$60,000 in one-time projects planned for 2018. The first project is the scanning of the remaining homeowner documents into MVF's records management system Treeno. The second project is to develop a technology interface to coincide with Montgomery County's planned implementation of an electronic submission process for all legal filings.

• **Vehicle Expenses:** With the hiring of two new Parks/Facility Assistants, a new vehicle is planned to be leased for these employees to share in order to perform their assigned duties.

• **Printing:** *Village News* printing costs have been trending lower over the last two years and are reflected in the 2018 budget. Additionally, with the move to more digital content expected in 2018, the actual costs are expected to be lower, but have not been factored into the budget.

• **Security:** Significant decrease is due to the elimination of the security contract in lieu of the two new Parks/Facility Assistants to be hired later in 2017. The primary responsibility of these new positions will be to monitor and report unusual after-hours activities at MVF facilities.

Capital Needs: The budget includes new capital of \$227,000 which includes \$127,000 for the DU Fund as well as \$100,000 for the MVF Fund (via the Capital Contribution Fee). DU Funds will be used to purchase various pool-related equipment and furniture, new PA systems for the North Creek Board Room and Peggy Mark Pool and the annual \$100,000 accrual that will go toward the next pool renovation (North Creek - 2020). The \$100,000 for the MVF/CCF Fund is slated for a new digital entrance sign provided a suitable location can be utilized.

RESERVES

In line with the 2014 Reserve Study (updated summer 2016), the 2018 budget proposes to increase the Contribution to Reserves (CTR) to \$1,150,918 (MVF \$333,731; DU \$817,187).

The Reserve plan includes \$1,312,168 in reserve expenditures, of which \$603,434 relates to Designated Users and \$708,734 to MVF. Because not all items listed on the expenditure detail need to be repaired or replaced during the year, the detail list for each fund provides a column that differentiates the items as "Potential" (asset replacement is due, but may still be in good working order) or "Necessary" (asset will be repaired or replaced in the year). The goal of this differentiation is to provide a further understanding as to the range of capital investment that is needed. See the Reserve Plan section of the budget for a summary and detailed list of projected expenditures from the different funds.

In summary, we are presenting a budget that meets the community's priorities; maintains and enhances facilities and parks; and supports important programs, services and amenities. By working together, we can and will continue to move Montgomery Village forward.

2018 MVF Proposed Total Operating Fund

Total Operating Fund				
	2016 ACTUALS	2017 BUDGET	2018 Proposed BUDGET	17B vs 18PB Inc/(Dec)
Full-time employees	49.0	49.0	51.0	2.0
Part-time employees	3.0	3.0	2.0	(1.0)
Revenue:				
Assessments	6,050,573	6,219,015	6,407,550	188,534
Allow for Bad Debts				-
Assessment Fees	213,876	216,250	197,750	(18,500)
Investment Income	9,517	4,312	9,000	4,688
Transfer Fees	40,500	33,500	37,500	4,000
Disclosure Fees	168,180	145,000	140,000	(5,000)
Advertising revenue	144,553	150,000	121,000	(29,000)
Pool Memberships/Fees	126,971	90,642	112,158	21,516
Camps & Classes	257,180	245,000	250,000	5,000
Management Fees	790,805	791,204	800,489	9,285
Capital Contribution Fee	161,489	120,000	145,000	25,000
Other Income	151,015	140,000	177,750	37,750
Total Revenue	8,114,659	8,154,924	8,398,197	243,273
Personnel Costs:				
Full-time Salaries	2,910,819	2,974,941	3,110,645	135,705
Other Wages	574,717	713,625	724,199	10,574
Payroll Taxes	307,138	342,617	336,050	(6,567)
Employee Benefits	625,048	669,708	719,408	49,701
Workers Comp	48,176	52,995	58,812	5,817
Personnel Costs	4,465,897	4,753,885	4,949,115	195,230
Operating Costs:				
Business Expenses	188,497	194,858	204,167	9,310
Office Supplies	47,797	47,825	46,501	(1,324)
Program/Maint Supplies	125,996	118,300	131,324	13,024
Occupancy	287,073	327,383	305,580	(21,803)
Office Expenses/Svc Contracts	248,833	329,119	387,119	58,000
Equip Maintenance	22,837	31,900	40,255	8,355
Vehicle Expenses	20,014	23,200	30,026	6,826
Financial & Legal	221,403	218,826	216,700	(2,125)
Insurance	114,341	117,739	122,620	4,881
Printing	72,999	94,400	84,850	(9,550)
Landscape/Maintenance	730,902	785,700	795,879	10,179
Security	107,120	112,165	6,400	(105,765)
Other	12	-	-	-
Operating Costs	2,187,824	2,401,415	2,371,422	(29,993)
Maint. & Overhead Allocations:				
Overhead Allocation (from MVF)	-	-	(0)	(0)
Total Operating & Allocations	6,653,721	7,155,300	7,320,537	165,237
Contribution to Reserves Fund	1,025,212	1,089,959	1,250,918	160,959
Contribution to CCF	161,654	120,000	145,000	25,000
Investment in property & Equip.	101,949	110,000	32,195	(77,805)
Restricted Program Expenses	836		-	-
Use of Undesignated Reserves	-	(320,336)	(350,453)	(30,117)
Total Other (increases)/decreases	1,289,651	999,623	1,077,660	78,037
Total Operating Expenses	7,943,371	8,154,923	8,398,197	243,274
Excess/Deficit Revenue	171,287	1	(0)	(1)

Quick reference of MVF Funds

Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc (MVF) is a nonstock, nonprofit, 501(c)(4) corporation that was formed for the preservation, protection and enhancement of the values and amenities in Montgomery Village, a planned community. The MVF has been delegated and assigned the powers of owning, maintaining and administering the common properties and facilities, administering and enforcing the covenants and restrictions, and collecting and disbursing the assessments and charges associated with these responsibilities.

Although MVF is a single financial entity, the finances of the MVF are organized as five funds, as follows:

Montgomery Village Foundation Fund; Designated User Fund; Poplar Spring Fund; User Fee Fund; and Community Management Fund.

2018 Per Unit Assessment Cost/Revenue Analysis

Montgomery Village Foundation
2018 Per Unit Assessment Cost/Revenue Analysis

Expense Description	MVF			Designated User			Poplar Spring			Community Mgmt	
	Budget \$	Assess \$ \$ per month	Assess \$ \$ per month	Budget \$	Assess \$ \$ per month	Assess \$ \$ per month	Budget \$	Assess \$ \$ per month	Assess \$ \$ per month	Budget \$	Revenue
Equivalent units/Revenue		11,385.0	8,096.0						18.0		892,989
Salaries & Wages (year round staff)	2,203,706	\$ 16.13	\$ 3.89	377,998	\$ 3.89		-	\$ -	-	478,577	53.6%
Other/temp/seasonal wages	231,005	1.69	4.13	401,597	4.13		-	-	-	26,597	3.0%
Employee Benefits	487,688	3.57	1.10	107,007	1.10		-	-	-	110,508	12.4%
Payroll Taxes	212,956	1.56	0.70	68,364	0.70		-	-	-	44,514	5.0%
Other Personnel	30,412	0.22	0.22	21,439	0.22		-	-	-	3,789	0.4%
Personnel Costs	3,165,767	23.17	10.05	976,404	10.05		-	-	-	663,985	74.4%
Business Expenses	125,492	\$ 0.92	\$ 0.10	9,425	\$ 0.10		-	\$ -	-	6,250	0.7%
Office Supplies	41,600	0.30	-	-	-		-	-	-	4,902	0.5%
Program/Maint Supplies	32,165	0.24	0.94	91,500	0.94		-	-	-	-	0.0%
Utilities	77,507	0.57	2.32	225,073	2.32		-	-	-	3,000	0.3%
Office Expenses/Svc Contracts	324,987	2.38	0.42	40,620	0.42		1,012	4.69	4.69	19,000	2.1%
Equip Maintenance	17,400	0.13	0.15	14,855	0.15		-	-	-	-	0.0%
Vehicle Expenses	20,577	0.15	0.09	8,800	0.09		-	-	-	500	0.1%
Financial & Legal	156,700	1.15	0.42	40,500	0.42		-	-	-	6,500	0.7%
Insurance	55,555	0.41	0.39	37,961	0.39		24	0.11	0.11	13,050	1.5%
Printing	84,100	0.62	-	-	-		-	-	-	750	0.1%
Landscape/Maintenance	520,566	3.81	2.82	274,108	2.82		1,200	5.56	5.56	-	0.0%
Security	6,400	0.05	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	0.0%
Other	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	0.0%
Operating Costs	1,463,048	10.71	7.65	742,841	7.65		2,236	10.35	10.35	53,952	6.0%
Contribution to Reserve/CCF	478,731	\$ 3.50	\$ 9.44	917,187	\$ 9.44		-	\$ -	-	-	0.0%
Other (income)/expense	(333,876)	\$ (2.44)	-	-	-		-	\$ -	-	21,423	2.4%
Capital Expense	-	-	0.33	32,195	0.33		-	-	-	-	0.0%
Reserve/Replacement	144,855	1.06	9.77	949,382	9.77		-	-	-	21,423	2.4%
Overhead Allocation	(1,206,706)	(8.83)	10.37	1,007,131	\$ 10.37		-	\$ -	-	153,629	17.2%
	(1,206,706)	(8.83)	10.37	1,007,131	10.37		-	-	-	153,629	0.17
Total Expenses	3,566,964	\$ 26.11	\$ 37.84	3,675,758	\$ 37.84		2,236	\$ 10.35	10.35	892,989	100.0%
Other (income)/expense	(617,250)	(4.52)	(2.27)	(220,158)	(2.27)		-	-	-	\$ (892,989)	-100.0%
User Fee net (income)/loss	0	0.00	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Budget & Assessment	2,949,714	\$ 21.59	\$ 35.57	3,455,600	\$ 35.57		2,236	\$ 10.35	10.35	(0)	0.0%

2018 MVF Proposed Operating Budget by Fund

	Montgomery Village Fund				User Fee Fund				Designated User Fund			
	2016 ACTUALS	2017 BUDGET	2018 Proposed BUDGET	17B vs 18PB Inc/(Dec)	2016 ACTUALS	2017 BUDGET	2018 Proposed BUDGET	17B vs 18PB Inc/(Dec)	2016 ACTUALS	2017 BUDGET	2018 Proposed BUDGET	17B vs 18PB Inc/(Dec)
Full-time employees	32.0	32.0	34.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	-	8.0	8.0	8.0	-
Part-time employees	2.0	2.0	1.0	(1.0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revenue:												
Assessments	2,840,415	2,872,744	2,949,714	76,970	-	-	-	-	3,207,959	3,344,057	3,455,599	111,543
Allow for Bad Debts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assessment Fees	102,012	92,750	94,250	1,500	-	-	-	-	111,863	123,500	103,500	(20,000)
Investment Income	4,758	2,156	4,500	2,344	-	-	-	-	4,758	2,156	4,500	2,344
Transfer Fees	37,950	31,000	35,000	4,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disclosure Fees	130,961	93,500	95,000	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Advertising revenue	144,553	150,000	121,000	(29,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pool Memberships/Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	126,971	90,642	112,158	21,516
Camps & Classes	-	-	-	-	257,180	245,000	250,000	5,000	-	-	-	-
Management Fees	161,489	120,000	145,000	25,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Contribution Fee	93,157	90,500	122,500	32,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-	12,005	9,500	10,250	750	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	3,515,295	3,452,650	3,566,964	114,314	269,185	254,500	260,250	5,750	3,451,552	3,560,355	3,675,758	115,403
Personnel Costs:												
Full-time Salaries	2,070,354	2,087,472	2,203,706	116,233	47,516	49,141	50,365	1,224	330,712	365,894	377,998	12,104
Other Wages	138,963	221,750	231,005	9,255	57,964	65,000	65,000	(0)	352,911	402,243	401,597	(646)
Payroll Taxes	190,572	213,808	212,956	(852)	8,331	10,714	10,216	(497)	63,053	71,560	68,364	(3,196)
Employee Benefits	424,039	447,651	487,688	40,037	13,023	13,237	14,205	968	84,932	101,837	107,007	5,170
Workers Comp	28,173	31,398	30,412	(986)	1,840	1,580	3,173	1,593	13,923	13,397	21,439	8,042
Personnel Costs	2,852,101	3,002,080	3,165,767	163,687	128,675	139,671	142,959	3,287	845,531	954,930	976,404	21,474
Operating Costs:												
Business Expenses	108,474	119,793	125,492	5,699	66,338	59,365	63,000	3,635	7,174	10,000	9,425	(575)
Office Supplies	43,269	43,325	41,600	(1,726)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Program/Maint Supplies	28,765	29,900	32,165	2,265	5,034	5,700	7,659	1,959	92,198	82,700	91,500	8,800
Occupancy	73,233	85,693	77,507	(8,187)	-	-	-	-	213,840	240,280	225,073	(15,206)
Office Expenses/Svc Contracts	193,830	272,844	324,987	52,143	1,526	1,300	1,500	200	34,709	35,945	40,620	4,675
Equip Maintenance	13,551	18,350	17,400	(950)	4,620	7,000	8,000	1,000	4,666	6,550	14,855	8,305
Vehicle Expenses	16,655	17,300	20,577	3,277	-	150	150	-	3,196	5,050	8,800	3,750
Financial & Legal	152,999	175,566	156,700	(18,866)	12,550	11,984	13,000	1,016	50,179	23,250	40,500	17,250
Insurance	48,929	50,637	55,555	4,918	16,550	15,288	16,030	742	35,748	38,132	37,961	(171)
Printing	72,412	94,400	84,100	(10,300)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Landscape/Maintenance	471,913	526,559	520,566	(5,993)	-	-	5	5	257,789	257,942	274,108	16,166
Security	62,218	66,880	6,400	(60,480)	-	-	-	-	44,902	45,285	-	(45,285)
Other	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Costs	1,286,259	1,501,247	1,463,048	(38,199)	106,617	100,787	109,344	8,558	744,400	745,133	742,841	(2,292)
Maint. & Overhead Allocations:												
Overhead Allocation (from MVF)	(1,133,268)	(1,179,986)	(1,206,706)	(26,720)	30,574	44,042	45,947	1,905	935,423	983,341	1,007,131	23,790
Total Operating & Allocations	3,005,092	3,323,341	3,422,109	98,768	265,866	284,500	298,250	13,750	2,525,354	2,683,403	2,726,376	42,973
Contribution to Reserves Fund	299,000	323,007	333,731	10,724	-	-	-	-	726,212	766,952	917,187	150,235
Contribution to CCF	161,654	120,000	145,000	25,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment in property & Equip.	(7,400)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	109,349	110,000	32,195	(77,805)
Restricted Program Expenses	836	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Use of Undesignated Reserves	-	(313,698)	(333,876)	(20,178)	-	(30,000)	(38,000)	(8,000)	-	-	-	-
Total Other (increases)/decreases	454,090	129,309	144,855	15,546	-	(30,000)	(38,000)	(8,000)	835,560	876,952	949,382	72,430
Total Operating Expenses	3,459,183	3,452,650	3,566,964	114,314	265,866	254,500	260,250	5,750	3,360,915	3,560,355	3,675,758	115,403
Excess/Deficit Revenue	56,113	1	0	(0)	3,319	(0)	(0)	(0)	90,637	(0)	(0)	(0)

Montgomery Village Foundation Fund: This fund provides for the general Village governance, operation and maintenance of the common properties, architectural standards, government relations and communications.

User Fee Fund: This fund provides recreation activities for a fee.

Designated User Fund: This fund provides for the operation and maintenance of the community centers, pools and tennis courts owned by the MVF.

2018 MVF Proposed Operating Budget by Fund

	Poplar Spring Fund				Community Management Fund				Total Operating Fund			
	2016	2017	2018 Proposed	17B vs 18PB	2016	2017	2018 Proposed	17B vs 18PB	2016	2017 BUDGET	2018 Proposed	17B vs 18PB
	ACTUALS	BUDGET	BUDGET	Inc/(Dec)	ACTUALS	BUDGET	BUDGET	Inc/(Dec)	ACTUALS	49.0	BUDGET	Inc/(Dec)
Full-time employees									49.0		51.0	2.0
Part-time employees				-	1.0	1.0	1.0	-	3.0	3.0	2.0	(1.0)
Revenue:												
Assessments	2,199	2,214	2,236	22				-	6,050,573	6,219,015	6,407,550	188,534
Allow for Bad Debts				-				-				-
Assessment Fees				-	-	-	-	-	213,876	216,250	197,750	(18,500)
Investment Income				-	-	-	-	-	9,517	4,312	9,000	4,688
Transfer Fees				-	2,550	2,500	2,500	(0)	40,500	33,500	37,500	4,000
Disclosure Fees				-	37,219	51,500	45,000	(6,500)	168,180	145,000	140,000	(5,000)
Advertising revenue				-				-	144,553	150,000	121,000	(29,000)
Pool Memberships/Fees				-				-	126,971	90,642	112,158	21,516
Camps & Classes				-				-	257,180	245,000	250,000	5,000
Management Fees				-	790,805	791,204	800,489	9,285	790,805	791,204	800,489	9,285
Capital Contribution Fee				-				-	161,489	120,000	145,000	25,000
Other Income				-	45,853	40,000	45,000	5,000	151,015	140,000	177,750	37,750
Total Revenue	2,199	2,214	2,236	22	876,427	885,204	892,989	7,785	8,114,659	8,154,924	8,398,197	243,273
Personnel Costs:												
Full-time Salaries	-	-	-	-	482,237	472,434	478,577	6,143	2,910,819	2,974,941	3,110,645	135,705
Other Wages	-	-	-	-	24,879	24,632	26,597	1,965	574,717	713,625	724,199	10,574
Payroll Taxes	-	-	-	-	45,182	46,535	44,514	(2,021)	307,138	342,617	336,050	(6,567)
Employee Benefits	-	-	-	-	103,053	106,982	110,508	3,526	625,048	669,708	719,408	49,701
Workers Comp	-	-	-	-	4,240	6,621	3,789	(2,832)	48,176	52,995	58,812	5,817
Personnel Costs	-	-	-	-	639,590	657,204	663,985	6,781	4,465,897	4,753,885	4,949,115	195,230
Operating Costs:												
Business Expenses	-	-	-	-	6,511	5,700	6,250	550	188,497	194,858	204,167	9,310
Office Supplies	-	-	-	-	4,528	4,500	4,902	402	47,797	47,825	46,501	(1,324)
Program/Maint Supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	125,996	118,300	131,324	13,024
Occupancy	-	-	-	-	-	1,410	3,000	1,590	287,073	327,383	305,580	(21,803)
Office Expenses/Svc Contracts	1,002	989	1,012	23	17,766	18,041	19,000	958	248,833	329,119	387,119	58,000
Equip Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,837	31,900	40,255	8,355
Vehicle Expenses	-	-	-	-	163	700	500	(200)	20,014	23,200	30,026	6,826
Financial & Legal	-	-	-	-	5,675	8,026	6,500	(1,525)	221,403	218,826	216,700	(2,125)
Insurance	24	25	24	(1)	13,090	13,657	13,050	(607)	114,341	117,739	122,620	4,881
Printing	-	-	-	-	588	-	750	750	72,999	94,400	84,850	(9,550)
Landscape/Maintenance	1,200	1,200	1,200	-	-	-	-	-	730,902	785,700	795,879	10,179
Security	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	107,120	112,165	6,400	(105,765)
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-
Operating Costs	2,226	2,214	2,236	22	48,321	52,034	53,952	1,918	2,187,824	2,401,415	2,371,422	(29,993)
Maint. & Overhead Allocations:												
Overhead Allocation (from MVF)	-	-	-	-	167,271	152,604	153,629	1,025	-	-	(0)	(0)
Total Operating & Allocations	2,226	2,214	2,236	22	855,182	861,842	871,566	9,724	6,653,721	7,155,300	7,320,537	165,237
Contribution to Reserves Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,025,212	1,089,959	1,250,918	160,959
Contribution to CCF	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	161,654	120,000	145,000	25,000
Investment in property & Equip.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	101,949	110,000	32,195	(77,805)
Restricted Program Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	836	-	-	-
Use of Undesignated Reserves	-	-	-	-	-	23,362	21,423	(1,939)	-	(320,336)	(350,453)	(30,117)
Total Other (increases)/decreases	-	-	-	-	-	23,362	21,423	(1,939)	1,289,651	999,623	1,077,660	78,037
Total Operating Expenses	2,226	2,214	2,236	22	855,182	885,204	892,989	7,785	7,943,371	8,154,923	8,398,197	243,274
Excess/Deficit Revenue	(27)	0	-	(0)	21,245	0	0	(0)	171,287	1	(0)	(1)

Poplar Spring Fund: This fund provides general governance, covenant and architectural standards and maintenance of an entrance sign and land for this group of homes.

Community Management Fund: This fund provides management services at cost to the homes corporations and condominium associations within Montgomery Village that contract for the service.

2018 Proposed Expense Budget (detail)

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2018 Capital Contribution Fee & Operating Capital Budget Summary

	Capital Requested		Budget 2018	Annual Operating			
	Project Total	Budget 2018		2018	2019	2020	2021
MVF:							
No Capital requested for 2018	-	-	3,833	7,378	7,595	7,819	8,049
Total MVF	-	-	3,833	7,378	7,595	7,819	8,049
DU:							
Pool enhancements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apple Ridge & North Creek PA Systems	6,000	6,000	600	637	696	783	908
Misc pool equipment	21,000	141,000	2,100	2,228	2,434	2,740	3,176
Total Designated Users	27,000	147,000	2,700	2,864	3,130	3,523	4,084
CCF:							
Electronic sign at entrance	100,000	100,000	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital Contribution Fee	100,000	100,000	-	-	-	-	-
Total Operating Capital/CCF Requests	\$ 127,000	\$ 247,000	\$ 6,533	\$ 10,242	\$ 10,725	\$ 11,341	\$ 12,133

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Capital Contribution Fee Reserve Summary

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Beg. Balance	246,845	430,300	209,242	291,135	248,635	293,635	438,635	583,635	728,635
Revenue	257,461	126,081	162,639	120,000	145,000	145,000	145,000	145,000	145,000
Project expenses	(74,006)	(347,139)	(80,746)	(162,500)	(100,000)	-	-	-	-
	183,455	(221,058)	81,893	(42,500)	45,000	145,000	145,000	145,000	145,000
Ending Balance	430,300	209,242	291,135	248,635	293,635	438,635	583,635	728,635	873,635

2018 Proposed Reserve Contributions

MVF Reserve Plan - 2018

Circa 1994, a reserve study was developed for assets owned by the Foundation. The purpose of the study was to determine an appropriate amount of money to set aside each year for the future repair/replacement of assets as they were needed, rather than having to take the full brunt of the cost replacing the asset against the current year operating budget. The study was updated annually through a process of asset evaluation, market research and on-site inspections. The original study was used with much success over a 10 year period, although throughout this time differing opinions were noted about how to best allocate the necessary contributions – by cost center, by fund, etc. As MVF grew and additional assets were accumulated, the need for a more sophisticated system was evident.

In March 2007, a firm was retained to perform MVF’s first professional reserve study including a new system that offered a component level detail that allowed MVF to organize the various assets in a number of different ways – by fund, by type of asset, by year of replacement, etc. This new software and the analysis derived were first used for the preparation of the 2008 budget.

During 2012, the results of a facilities study that focused on MVF pools revealed that the 2007 study did not include the cost to replace the pool itself – it had only included pool components and equipment. The reserve program database was increased by \$7,000,000 to account for the replacement of each of MVF’s aging pools. The facility study also noted that three of MVF’s pools were beginning to fail and would need to be totally renovated within the next five years. Adjustments to reflect all of the facility study findings were made as part of the 2013 budget process, and the Designated User reserve contribution was increased significantly.

In June 2013, MVF solicited bids from numerous vendors to perform a reserve study update. Design/Management Associates was eventually hired and completed MVF’s reserve study update in May 2014. The purpose of the update was to ensure that all relevant assets were properly included in the study and that costs

Montgomery Village Foundation 2018 Reserve Budget Summary			
Reserve Assumptions:			
	Inflation	2.20%	
	30 year annualized ROI	3.50%	
Contributions to Reserves:			
	MVF Fund	333,731	
	Designated Users Fund	917,187	
Total Contributions		1,250,918	
Reserve Expenditures by Fund:			
	MVF Fund	708,734	
	Designated Users Fund	603,434	
Total Expenditures		1,312,168	
Reserve Expenditures by Category:			
MVF:	Facility Repairs	56,952	
	Technology	190,730	
	Parks	332,884	
	Waterway renovations	79,928	
	Other	48,240	
	Total MVF	708,734	
DU:	Peggy Mark pool	5,248	
	Community Centers repair/replacements	41,464	
	General repairs/maintenance	2,490	
	Hurley Park pool	15,933	
	Lake Marion community center & pool	151,538	
	Pool repair/replacements	86,556	
	North Creek community center & pool	108,339	
	Stedwick community center & pool	123,667	
	Tennis Courts	2,909	
	Watkins Mill pool	31,932	
	Whetstone community center	33,358	
		603,434	
Total Reserve Expenditures		1,312,168	

associated with each are updated based on current, known cost. The new study has been used in the preparation of the 2018 budget and the results were in line with the previous study.

With a Board-directed goal of funding its Reserves at 75 percent of the projected value 30 years into the future, the budget is calculated

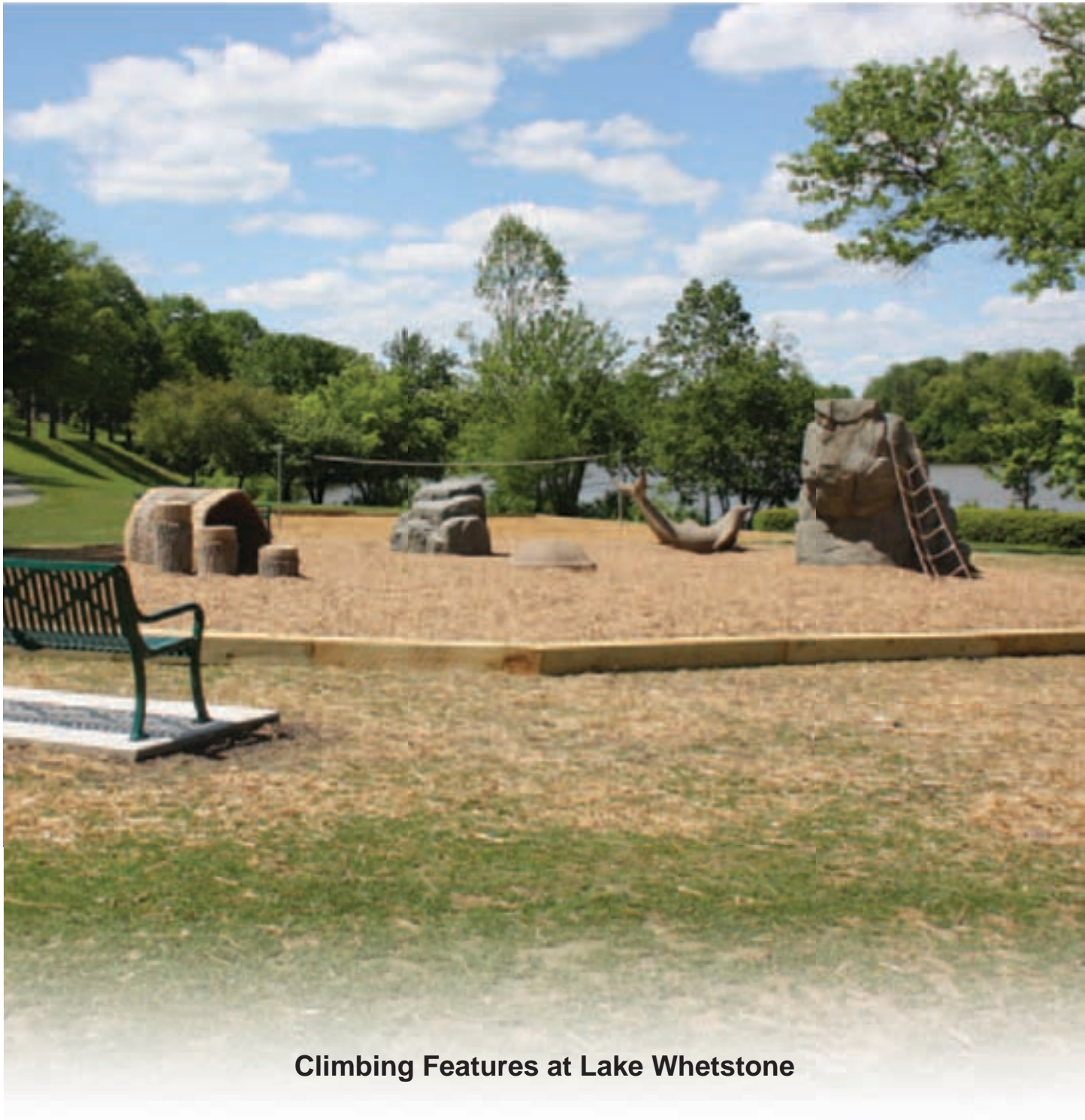
using the Direct Cash Flow – Component method which provides for a gradual build-up in the contribution amount over the long-term period rather than within the first few years of the target period. This calculation methodology best matches the goal set by the MVF Board.

2018 Combined Five-Year Plan (Assessments)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2017 v 2021
Assessment--MVF	\$ 21.59	\$ 22.70	\$ 23.94	\$ 24.69	\$ 24.94	\$ 3.65
Assessment--DU	35.57	36.57	37.57	37.95	38.25	3.53
Combined Assessment	\$ 57.16	\$ 59.27	\$ 61.52	\$ 62.64	\$ 63.19	\$ 7.18
Assessment increase included	1.70	2.11	2.25	1.12	0.55	

Comments welcomed on the 2018 Proposed Budget

The Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc. (MVF) 2018 Proposed Budget can be viewed in its entirety and is available for download online at www.montgomeryvillage.com. A full copy of the budget may also be viewed at the MVF Office, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, during regular business hours. Residents are encouraged to review the budget. For the next 30 days, comments or questions can be directed to CFO Greg Snellings via e-mail at budget@mvf.org or in writing to Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc., ATTN: 2018 Proposed Budget, 10120 Apple Ridge Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886.



Climbing Features at Lake Whetstone



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