

# THE MONTGOMERY WEST HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## Letter from the President

As we begin a new year, the Board elected me as president for the first half of this year, with the hope another Board member would agree to serve as President for the second half of the year. As a self-managed HOA, our goal is that everyone serve our neighborhood community for at least one 2-year term. If you have not served on the Board, please consider becoming a Board member.

We thank previous board members and you as individual homeowners for your time and efforts to make Montgomery West a beautiful neighborhood. We enjoy a good location and a well-kept community. If you are planning any improvements to your property, please remember to submit an AERC application.

We continue to report that Montgomery West is financial sound. We ask that all homeowners stay current with paying their quarterly dues. We currently have 10-15 homeowners that are behind in their payments.

You will notice this newsletter focuses on activities you can do to improve Montgomery West. At the last Annual

MWHOA meeting in November, the membership agreed that the Montgomery West signs on Centerway should be replaced and that would be a good upgrade. If you have suggestions/ideas for the design or look of new signs, please let us know.

Verizon has begun to install the cables so our neighborhood will have FiOS. The information they provided to us suggests construction should only take 3-4 weeks, so later this spring we should have the option of FiOS.

As the spring approaches with warmer weather, we encourage you to meet neighbors you may not know. It strengthens us as a community if we know who our neighbors are. Please let us know of any concerns or suggestions. You should go to our website to e-mail any ideas, or attend any of our board meetings. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
John Patton

### Your Board

President	John Patton
Vice President	Steve Kvilas
Secretary	Lula Davis
Treasurer	Ed Kallas
AERC	John Patton
Board Member At Large	Rod Olaya

### **Suggestions for Spring Maintenance**

**Algae on North side of Homes:** To improve the look of our neighborhood, we suggest that homeowners wash the algae growth off the north side of their homes yearly. Home Depot or Lowe's sold a product last year that you connect to your hose and wash the algae away. Quick and easy.... Give it a try.

**Sheds:** Many of the sheds in our neighborhood are aging and may need some maintenance. Give your shed a power wash or a new coat of paint to match your house color.

**Trash Cans/Recycle Bins:** Our MWHOA Covenants require that trash cans be covered and not be in public view except on the evening before (after 6 p.m., on Sunday and Wednesday) and on the day of trash pickup (Sec. XIIe). Please place trash cans and recycle bins behind your house or in your garage on non-trash days.

**Split Rail Fences:** If your property has a fence, inspect it and replace rotten or missing fence rails and posts that are broken or falling over.

**Mark your calendars for May 9 community curbside bulk trash pick-up. Most items picked up except appliances and other metal items. Items need to be at your curb by 7 a.m. The list of items can be found on the website.**

Questions? Email us at:  
[info@montgomerywesthoa.org](mailto:info@montgomerywesthoa.org) .

**Montgomery County Services:** A number of community members have inquired about the website. Here is the link:

<http://www3.montgomerycountymd.gov/311/Home.aspx>.

**MWHOA is on Facebook:** MWHOA is now on Facebook. Visit us at "Montgomery West Neighborhood."

Many thanks to Ashleigh Auth for creating the Facebook page.

### **MWHOA Upcoming Board Meeting Dates and Annual Meeting**

March 12, May 14, Sept. 10, October 8, and the Annual Meeting Nov 12  
All meetings begin at 7:00 p. m.

Email us at: [info@montgomerywesthoa.org](mailto:info@montgomerywesthoa.org) for additional information.

**Homeowners are always welcome to Board meetings**