



### **GREATER STONEGATE VILLAGE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE SUCCEEDS IN SPARKING INTEREST**

The Greater Stonegate Village (GSV) Open House and Membership Drive was successfully held on October 14. The meeting room at the Mid-County Community Center was packed as our neighbors in the community came to see presentations by **Peggy Simpson**, Secretary of the Village to Village Network Board, **Pazit Aviv**, Montgomery County Village Coordinator for the Department of Aging and Disabilities, and **Kendell Matthews**, President of Greater Stonegate Village.

**Peggy Simpson** gave greetings from the Village to Village Network Board on our November 1 Launch. She shared the mission of Village to Village Network, which is a national organization that collaborates to maximize the growth, impact and sustainability of individual Villages and the Village Movement. The Network provides expert guidance, resources and support to help communities establish and maintain their Villages. **Pazit Aviv** explained the history and the purpose of the Village Movement and the presence of a large number of villages, both existing and planned, in Montgomery County, Maryland.

**Kendell Matthews**, President of Greater Stonegate Village, provided a presentation on the history and purpose of the Greater Stonegate Village and its role as a community-based network of neighbors helping neighbors to remain in their homes and stay engaged in their neighborhoods. The audience was informed of the types of memberships and fees, Family, Individual, and Associates. GSV will provide services such as transportation, shopping, vacation watch, friendly calls and visits, simple technical support and jiffy handyman service. All who become members are entitled to participate in GSV social and educational programs. Another very important component the village program is volunteers.

**Sue Winakur**, Volunteer Management Chair, explained about the need for volunteers to assist Greater Stonegate Village in providing services to its members. Also, **Bob Ramsey** and the Membership Committee were present to sign up members and to answer questions. **Geri Cooperman**, Program Chair, gave a brief overview of upcoming educational and social programs.