

# GREATER STONEGATE VILLAGE NEIGHBORLY NEWS



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## Greater Stonegate Village "Bingo for a Cause" A fundraiser at the Olney Winery Wednesday, May 15 @6:30 – 10 pm

The Greater Stonegate Village is hosting its first fundraiser of the year, and we encourage you to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to share some laughs and friendly competition while enjoying great wine, small bites and sweet treats and the chance to win some great prizes.

Tickets are \$25.00 per person online, \$30.00 at the door. Your evening will include:

- Your first glass of wine
- 8 games of Bingo where you can win one of our great prizes
- A \$3.00 voucher off a bottle of wine (\$10.00 of every bottle purchased goes towards Greater Stonegate Village)
- A chance to win a Wine Gift basket, courtesy of the Olney Winery
- Complimentary small bites and sweet treats
- Additional bingo cards available for \$5.00

To purchase tickets, go to:

<https://www.olneywinery.com/events/greater-stonegate-village-for-a-fun-night-of-bingo/>

or log onto the Olney Winery website and click on "Events" to find "Greater Stonegate Village Bingo for a Cause!"

Funds raised during the evening will be used to support the programs and services provided by the Greater Stonegate Village, a 501(c)(3) organization created to assist older residents to remain safely in their homes. Membership fees cover only a portion of the costs associated with running a successful Village. Your support of this fundraiser will help GSV continue to provide a wide variety of social and educational programs, timely communication via the website, newsletter and Facebook, and to continue to recruit, screen and train our valuable volunteers.

Tickets for the evening are limited to be sure to get yours early!  
We look forward to seeing you there!



**Save the Date!!**

## Greater Stonegate Village Annual Meeting

**June 2, 2019  
4 - 6 pm**

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### Upcoming Events

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 1 - 3 pm  
The Underground Railroad in the Sandy Spring area  
Michael Petty, Associate Professor,  
Montgomery County Community College

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 6:30 - 10 pm  
Bingo Fundraiser at the Olney Winery

Sunday, June 2, 2019 4 - 6 pm  
GSV Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 29, 2019 8 p.m.  
An Evening of Stargazing - Marcos Ferrar  
Hosted by Marcos Ferrar and Ruth Mae Finch

July - August - Summer Break

Saturday, September 7, 2019 8 pm  
Cabaret at the Olney Theatre

Wednesday, September 18, 2019 1- 3 pm  
CPR Refresher Demonstration  
Paula Cirincionne

### Ongoing Groups

GSV Walking Group - Monday and Friday mornings

Men's Group - Friday, May 17 at 12:30 pm  
Friday, June 21 at 12:30 pm  
(see highlighted box)

To RSVP for these events and to get location information, please email Geri Cooperman at: gcooperman@aol.com

## **Greater Stonegate Village 2019 Annual Meeting**

**Sunday, June 2, 2019  
4 - 6 pm**

All members and volunteers are encouraged to attend the Greater Stonegate Village 2019 Annual Meeting on June 2, 2019 from 4 - 6 pm.

Come and hear about the growth of the Village, programs and services provided during the year and plans for the future. We encourage you to become an active partner in continuing to make Greater Stonegate Village a valuable resource for older adults in the Greater Stonegate community.

This year, the Annual Meeting will be a Village barbeque, with GSV supplying the hotdogs, hamburgers, and drinks. Bring your favorite appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert and spend some time with other members and volunteers of the Greater Stonegate Village as we celebrate our second year of service and plan for the future.



Please RSVP to Bob Ramsey,  
GSV President at:  
robertramseymd@gmail.com

### **Men's Group**

Come join the Men's Group as we continue to sample the variety of great restaurants in our area! On May 17th we will enjoy Chinese dim sum at Gourmet Inspirations Restaurant in Wheaton. Cuban cuisine at Cuba de Ayer Restaurant in Burtonsville will be our next stop on Friday, June 21.

As the beautiful weather continues, we are planning an outing to a baseball game. An announcement regarding the date and time of the game will be coming soon!

To RSVP for the lunches on May 17 and June 21 please contact:

Amos: (301) 325- 8797 amatt47@verizon.net  
or

Richard: (301) 384-2753 rcooperman@aol.com

## Volunteer Spotlight

### Jane Wilbur

When asked how and when she became a part of the Greater Stonegate community, Jane Wilbur said, "I got married in 1991 to a man who has lived on Piping Rock since 1978 and he intends on staying here until the end of time!" It was that desire to remain in their home on Piping Rock that would lead Jane and her husband, Ed, to attend a meeting at the East County Community Center to learn about a Village that was forming in that area. As fate would have it, they met two other Stonegate residents that were at the meeting to learn more about the Village movement in Montgomery County in hopes of starting one in the Greater Stonegate community. The rest, as they say, is history!

Jane and Ed have one daughter, Tina, who is now 26, and it was through Tina's school friends that they met many of their neighbors in the community. Once Tina graduated from Blake High School and went off to college, many of the connections to other families faded and soon, Jane didn't feel as connected and involved in the neighborhood as she once had. She kept busy in her 26 year career as a nurse with Adventist Home Health until her retirement in 2017. It was at that time she became familiar with the Village movement in Montgomery County and by attending several organizational "Meet and Greet"s sponsored by the newly formed Greater Stonegate Village she discovered a volunteer opportunity that was a great fit for her new chapter in life.

Jane has always enjoyed working with seniors on a one-to-one basis and being a Greater Stonegate Village volunteer provides her that opportunity along with the flexibility to work within her schedule. Through her volunteer work with GSV, Jane has enjoyed the opportunity to meet people in the neighborhood that she hadn't known before while being able to help out in a meaningful way. She has frequently provided transportation services to members for shopping and doctor appointments. "It's so nice knowing that you can make someone else's life a little easier," said Jane, "and they are always so appreciative".

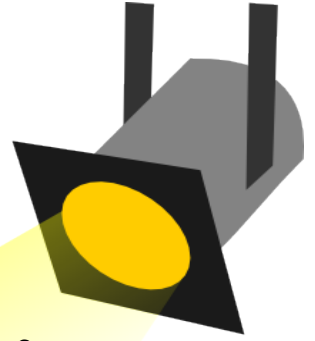
In reflecting upon the journey that eventually led her to become a GSV volunteer, Jane shared that many years ago, she had lived in Boston and remembered hearing about the Beacon Hill Village (the beginning of the Village movement). Who knew back then that the Greater Stonegate Village would be so fortunate to have Jane as one of our amazing volunteers! Thank you, Jane, for all that you have done to assist the members of the Greater Stonegate Village!

### **Are You Ready to become a Greater Stonegate Village Volunteer?**

Whether you have a lot of time to give or only a little, we have a place for you! Anyone 18 years of age and older can volunteer for a variety of fun and rewarding tasks and activities that meet their schedules, skills and interests.

You can choose to provide direct services to members such as transportation to medical appointments or shopping, make friendly visits or telephone check-in calls, assist with technology or provide simple handyman services. Other opportunities include helping with member recruitment, planning educational and social events or being a speaker at such an event, or assisting with communications and newsletter publication.

If you have an interest in volunteering, we can find the right fit for you!  
For more information on how you can become involved,  
please call us at (240) 918-7989.





## Greater Stonegate Village Supports Ben's Run 2019

"Thanks so much for volunteering--we really appreciate the support this year from Greater Stonegate Village! I hope you all will join us again next year!"  
Clare Goldfogle

Members of the Greater Stonegate Village showed their community spirit through their participation in Ben's Run 2019. There were many opportunities to contribute to this meaningful annual event and GSV was well-represented.

Through generous donations from Board members, a beautiful Wine and Chocolate basket was created and donated to the Silent Auction, on behalf of the Greater Stonegate Village. By the end of the event, the basket had many bids and some lucky person went home with a basket full of wonderful wines and goodies!

On a Thursday evening prior to the event, several members gathered with other community volunteers to fold hundreds of Ben's Run t-shirts and assemble bags that were to be distributed to the over 900 event registrants. On race day, Greater Stonegate Village was well-represented with 5 members (and Plume, a very friendly 4-legged member!) walking the 1 mile event, 3 members working traffic control along the route and the son of a member winning the 5k run!

Meaningful events such as Ben's Run serve as a reminder to us all that the Greater Stonegate neighborhood is a vibrant, caring and supportive community and the Greater Stonegate Village is proud to be an active part of it.



Wine basket donated by GSV

"I wanted to send a big thank you to the Greater Stonegate Village for your basket donation to Ben's Run 2019. The baskets and bags brought in \$1,780 this year! We could not have done it without you!"

Amy Greenberg, Silent Auction Coordinator



GSV members Harvey Flatt and Lesley Rogers prepare for the 1 mile Fun Run/Walk.

## What can the Greater Stonegate Village Do for You?

### Village Handyman Service in Action

Last month one of our members had a double lighting problem. The ceiling light in her kitchen and the outside light above her driveway were out. Both required getting on a ladder to change the lights, a very tall ladder for the outside light, and there was no way this member was going to risk falling off a ladder to change those lights! So instead, she called upon the Village Handyman service. This is a service provided free to Village members for exactly this type of need - changing hard to access light bulbs. The Handyman service will tackle other small tasks that do not require a licensed contractor, such as a leaky faucet or a door that sticks.

After the request was placed, one of the Village Handymen called the member to arrange a mutually convenient time. At the agreed on time the Handyman showed up with the appropriate ladder and one at a time successfully changed the light bulbs. The member was happy - a job well done!

Do you know of someone could benefit from the services of the Greater Stonegate Village?

We invite all residents of the Greater Stonegate community to join us, either as a Member or Volunteer.

Please visit our website for more information: [www.greaterstonegatevillage.org](http://www.greaterstonegatevillage.org).

You can also call us at 240-918-7989