

# GUIDE TO PRIMARY & SECONDARY SOURCES ON THE SUBURBANIZATION OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

## FINDING AID

### **Montgomery Village Foundation**

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***Name of archive/collection/records:*** Maryland National Capital Building Industry Archives

***Date Range of archive/collection/records:*** 1969-present

***Language of archive/collection/records:*** English

***Background Information:*** The Articles of Incorporation of the Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc. were officially filed and recorded on Oct. 17, 1966. The mission is to promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the community of Montgomery Village. The Articles of Incorporation set forth the activities in which the Foundation can be involved on behalf of all residents, essentially mirroring what is provided by a city government township. Additional powers are granted to the Foundation through Declarations of Covenants that are included as part of the deed to all residential property within Montgomery Village and associated with either one of the 10 homes corporations, 11 condominium associations or four apartment rental complexes. Throughout the Village, there is a variety of housing, including single family, town homes, apartment and townhouse condominiums, and both low-rise and high-rise rental apartment buildings, with many different architectural styles represented in the different subdivisions. Architectural control was incorporated into the documents in order that design standards and criteria might continue to maintain the harmony of the original design, while being continuously updated to permit the use of new materials and design concepts.

Today, Montgomery Village has more than 40,000 residents and will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the fall of 2016. Over time, as Montgomery Village grew, farms have been replaced by well manicured residential areas and mature trees, earning the Village a national "Tree City" award for the past 27 years. The Foundation expanded its ownership of public land, which now totals more than 330 acres, for the benefit of all residents, and owns and operates seven pools, 22 tennis courts, four community centers, 18 recreation and park areas, a natural amphitheater for summer concerts and a nature center. Volunteer groups are working to plan for new amenities and enhancements to existing facilities, to move the Village forward to meet the needs and desires of future generations.

***Summary and scope of archive/collection/records:*** The archive comprises copies of early magazines and include meeting minutes, issues of the *Montgomery Village News* (our bi-weekly newsletter distributed Village-wide to all residents), two historical books, "Montgomery Village: A New Town," by W.N. Hurley, Jr., published in 1993 and reissued in 2006, and "Images of America: Montgomery Village," published in 2011, and other historical photographs and artifacts donated by the developer and residents over time. The archive provides historic information about the development of Montgomery Village and the creation of the Town Sector Zone. It chronicles this new concept and how the community has evolved over the years.

***Format of materials in archive/collection/records:*** Paper, Digital Records, Maps, Photographs

***Suburbanization Subject Terms within archive/collection/records:*** Biographical Records, Civic/Community Organizations, Commercial Real Estate Development; Corporate Records; Education; Government (Federal/State/Local); Land Development/Infrastructure Development; Maps/Atlas/Street Maps; Residential Real Estate Development; Transportation: Automobile, Bus, Bike); Zoning Ordinances

***Special Collections:*** None.

***Access and Use:***

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*Admission:* Free

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