

# The MONTEBELLO Voice

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## Plastics recycling clarification

By Heather Click

I believe there is an error in the recycling article (*The Voice*, October 11) regarding which plastics may be recycled. The article states #1 and #7 plastics may be recycled. Perhaps it is a typo, but at Montebello the mixed recycling includes plastics marked with a #1 or a #2 ONLY. That does NOT include many food containers like butter, cottage cheese and yoghurt containers which are usually #5 or #6. This information is posted above the recycling containers on B-3. (Different locales have different recycling policies depending on the equipment used to sort.)

I enjoy reading *The Voice* and appreciate your efforts to provide this vehicle for residents. I was glad to see this article and it has otherwise excellent information in it. It is one of my pet peeves when I see people throwing completely inappropriate items in the recycling bins! I once saw a vinyl blow-up bed in the bin. 🙄



Photo by Amy Shapiro

## Living within means

By Stephen Hodson

With the median age of residents at Montebello near 60, it's a fair assumption that many residents depend on retirement income streams indexed to the Social Security cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). Consider limiting increases to the Social Security COLA (2 percent in 2018!) and then prudently manage expenses. That's how we manage to live within our means!

To accomplish this there must be more discrimination between improvements really needed vs. improvements that would be "nice." Historically this balance has been a systemic problem with MCUCOA board governance. For example how many years of owners insisting that the fence around Montebello **needed** replacement, before replacement happened? The cost of the new fence was minimal compared to renovations completed and planned for the Community Center.

Instead of expanding office space in the Community Center to accom-

modate more staff, consider reducing the number of senior management positions where cost per employee are highest. Administrative staff expenses in 2018 are projected to increase by almost 10 percent, compared with percent and 3 percent for custodial and engineering personnel.

With BuildingLink projected to be on line next month, there must be significant savings to be realized by automating administrative and security functions. Most modern condominiums with electronic maintenance and security systems require substantially less administrative and security staff. Administrative and security staff payroll account for nearly 45 percent of the total payroll projected for 2018!

The MCUCOA condominium fees are the primary albatross dragging on our property values. This could soon raise the rental rate to levels detrimental to financing Montebello real estate! 🙄

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## On civility, the upcoming election, and more

By *Arnold Haiman*

Harry Truman said, “There is nothing new in the world except the history you do not know.”

I mention this because we are bombarded daily with the idea that Americans have never been more divided in our politics. I disagree. Dating back to pre-Revolutionary times, there was blood shed between Tories and those who advocated independence. Remember the Federalists and the Anti-Federalists? Heard about the Civil War? Remember the visceral hatred many people felt toward “That Man,” FDR? The war in Vietnam, also pretty divisive.

True it is that social media both aggravates and highlights the divide we see today. But America has always been, and will continue to be, rife with political and social schisms. What I see as a disturbing element is the disrespect and disdain displayed toward people who disagree with whatever someone

else believes. Passion is no excuse for rudeness and condescension.

The Kavanaugh hearings brought out the worst in some people, convinced as they were of the rightness of their cause. But even this spectacle had an historical antecedent. I refer to the confirmation debacle when Louis Brandeis was nominated to serve on the Supreme Court.

Brandeis was a brilliant lawyer, having achieved the highest academic average at Harvard Law School in its history. He was a progressive, championing the rights of workers and attacking monopolies. He created the “Brandeis” brief, a winning strategy which for the first time included law review articles and social statistics which both informed and persuaded judges. He literally created the right of privacy as we know it today. As a Supreme Court Justice, he joined with Oliver Wendell Holmes in many dissenting opinions in the area of freedom of speech that later became the law of the land.

His confirmation process was poisoned by anti-Semitism (he was the first Jewish Justice) as well as allegations that he was a radical. Eventually he was confirmed and served with great distinction. Both as a lawyer and a judge he left a lasting legacy.

I don’t know how the mid-term elections will turn out. I’m writing this

simply to point out that either way, a lot of Americans will be disappointed. Not really news. What would be refreshing is if we can discuss our differences with civility. And I hope we will continue to discuss... it would be sad indeed if we simply retreat into our respective camps, reinforcing our opinions without benefit of thinking that opposing views just might be worthy of consideration.

And that brings me to the impetus behind this piece. Bad behavior is infectious. It’s not merely that political discussion gets shut down. Case in point: recently, a well-meaning, nice person opined that anyone who didn’t like a particular novel just didn’t like it because they lacked the requisite historical knowledge. For what it’s worth, I majored in history, taught it at the graduate level, and like to think I’ve continued to learn. Fact is, I didn’t think all that much of the book. It was entertaining enough, but eminently forgettable as an historical novel. Did I respond and offer my opinion? I did not. I saw no point in doing so. I sure wasn’t going to start by offering my academic bona fides. And I didn’t feel like being labeled as ignorant.

Admittedly insignificant, this is a microcosmic example of what happens when people arrogate to themselves the high ground in discussion. Political discussion may be more important than literature, but civility across the board is desperately needed. 📖



*Back by popular demand, pianists Barbara Peterson Cackler and Rosanne Conway, a.k.a., The Double C Piano Duo, entertained the audience on October 21 in the Community Center. They performed pieces by Franz Schubert, Christoph Gluck, W.A. Mozart, Samuel Barber, Anonin Dvořák, Johannes Brahms, and Piotr Tchaikovsky. The event was sponsored by the Montebello Music Club.*

*Photo by Dian McDonald*



**Montebello Music Club  
selling White House  
ornaments for \$20**

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## News you can use

### **Fort Hunt Herald**

<https://forhuntherald.com/>

Founded in August 2018, an all-digital publication devoted to covering the news, issues and items of interest to the residents of the greater Mount Vernon district in northern Virginia, including Huntington, Belle View, Groveton, Hybla Valley and Fort Hunt.

### **Covering the Corridor**

<https://coveringthecorridor.com/>

An independent, online news site focused on the Richmond Highway area of Fairfax County. It launched in February 2016 to deliver more news and information to residents of this historic, diverse and ever-changing section of the county.

## shorts & briefs

### Shane the TechGuy offers services

Are you having PC or TV problems? Is your smart phone acting not so "smart"?

Then Shane the TechGuy can help! If you need someone to help troubleshoot and solve any tech needs then call Shane at 202-827-6767 or email him at [shanedc123@icloud.com](mailto:shanedc123@icloud.com). He lives here in Montebello and can come to you. Appointments available weekdays and weekends. Several references available. Please call today!

### Upcoming productions at nearby high schools

#### **West Potomac High School**

*She Kills Monsters*

November 1 - 3

<http://www.westpotomactheatre.org/>

#### **Hayfield High School**

*Green Day's American Idiot*

November 1 - 3 and 8 - 10

<http://www.hayfelddrama.com/>

#### **Edison High School**

*Mamma Mia!*

November 30 - December 1

December 6 - 8

<https://www.edisondrama.com/>

#### **Mt. Vernon High School**

*A Spare Me*

November 15 - 17

<https://www.mvhstheatreats.com/>

#### **T.C. Williams High School**

*Noises Off*

November 9 - 10 and 15 - 17

<https://www.acps.k12.va.us/>

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## Montebello Music Club



The Montebello Music Club is taking reservations for its annual Holiday Bazaar, to be held on Saturday, November 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Community Center. Tables will rent for \$20 each, limit one per exhibitor, Montebello residents only. The number of tables is limited with reservations on a first-come, first-served basis. A change this year: no clothing.

For more information or to reserve a table, contact Carol Coyle-Shea at [carolcoyle@cox.net](mailto:carolcoyle@cox.net) or 703-780-7955.



### Absentee voting

Until November 3

2511 Parkers Lane

Alexandria, VA 22306

#### **Voting hours**

Monday - Friday 3 - 7 p.m.

Saturdays 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sundays: closed

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee-locations/mount-vernon-governmental-center>

# Residents and board spar over the proposed budget

By Mikhailina Karina

After an hour-long spirited and fact-filled discussion between residents and the board treasurer, the proposed 2019 operating budget with a 4.5 percent condo fee increase is expected to be approved at the next Board of Directors meeting. (The budget is at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Z-7jGhn-A2Y4e2yOgJyfoFtgYDFSHjD-fO/view>)

Several residents raised questions about increased expenses in HVAC maintenance, the pool contract, landscaping costs, administration and personnel. One resident distributed a sheet with potential cost-savings modifications (see page 6), which were rebutted by board treasurer Jon Kandel and board president Greg Bender. Board members did not engage in the discussion among themselves.

Nearly 40 people came to the meeting. Director Lauren Pierce participated via telephone; director Raymond Goodrich was absent.

In other news, in addition to the current elevator cameras in Building 2, all other buildings will have security cameras to catch brazen vandals, pooping pooches, and smooching couples. The cost for this upgrade will be \$36,000 and the footage will be kept for 30 days. 📺



*Residents and staff participate in the weekly Montebello Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training, which simulates real world emergency scenarios. – Nancy Vogt*



*I was walking in Shirlington last Saturday and saw this police car. I was told it was pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month (October) and also to hand out Sober Ride Cards for those who will be imbibing quite a bit. – Virginia Nickich*

*The Montebello Voice wants to hear from you: musings, travels, announcements, photos, book reviews, commentary, memoirs, essays, analysis, poems, suggestions, club news, recipes, and free ads*

*A twice-monthly publication for the residents, by the residents*



## Resident proposes cost-savings modifications to the 2019 budget

*By name withheld by request*

### Personnel expenses

- ✓ 20 hours per week for Grounds Custodian to water? 4 hrs/day, even in winter??? Already added a full time “float man” last year – part of about **\$39K** increase in custodial staff wages (**5.9% increase**)
- ✓ Engineering/Maintenance staff: \$811K, **\$40K+** in wage increases (about a **5.2% increase**)
- ✓ SAC staff wages: \$618K, a **\$26K** increase (**4.4% increase**)
- ✓ **\*Medical coverage:** \$462K, up from \$365K in '17 and \$420K in '18 (\$42K, **10% increase, 26.6%** from '17, but employee only pays \$20 per pay check, \$26K for the year)
- ✓ Cut wage increases to 2.5%, make employee contribution 25% of med cost, save \$144K

### Reserve contribution

- ✓ \$2.67 million, up nearly **8.1%** from '18 (\$200K increase and takes 29.1% of total income) – as an example, lower to 27.5% of total income still provides \$2.52 mil, saving over \$146K

### Smaller expenses

(but they add up! – can easily save \$25K with moderate cutbacks)

- ✓ Advertising for Staff/Job Openings: \$2400, up from \$500 in '17 and \$1000 in '18 (**140% increase**)
- ✓ Misc Other Admin Expenses: \$7600, up from \$1000 in '18 (**660% increase!**)

- ✓ Board Meeting and Minutes: \$7950, up from \$2000 in '17 and \$3150 in '18 (**152% increase**)
- ✓ 4 replacement PC's: \$4500, after already spending \$4500 in '18?
- ✓ Misc Items (chairs, umbrella, etc.): \$4000 after we just replaced all last year?
- ✓ *The Times of Montebello:* \$13200, up from \$8521 in '17 and \$11520 in '18 (14.6% increase, **55% from '17**)
- ✓ Office Supplies: \$5500, up from \$3200 in '17 and \$4500 in '18 (22.2% increase, **72% from '17**)
- ✓ Office Equip Maint: \$1500, up from \$858 in '17 and \$1200 in '18 (25% increase, **75% from '17**)
- ✓ Misc. Office Supples (desk, file cabinets): \$1000, up from \$500 in '18
- ✓ Printing: \$7500, up from \$6000 each of '17 and '18 (**25% increase**)
- ✓ Activities Supplies (utensils, napkins, etc): \$5500, up from \$3000 in '17 and \$3500 in '18 (**57% increase**)
- ✓ Equipment repair (restrooms, fitness center): \$6000, up from \$3000 in each of '17 and '18 (**DOUBLE**)
- ✓ Re-cover 2 billiards tables: text says needed to be done in 2016, yet budget item of \$1K every year?
- ✓ Bowling balls \$320, tennis nets \$300, trash cans for tennis \$100, tennis balls \$210 – are these all annual expenses for items that are actually provided?? – don't think they are

- ✓ Trash cans for Bldgs 3 &4: \$3000
- ✓ Other exterminating services: \$1500, up from \$500 in each of '17 and '18 (**200% increase**)

### Contract expenses

(might be too late for some, but why such large increases?)

- ✓ Pools: contract is for \$99,600, but \$145,000 is budgeted! (**45%+ increase!**)
- ✓ Landscaping: \$150K, up from \$78,719 in '18 and \$72,176 in '17 – almost **DOUBLE**
- ✓ Tree Cutting/Removal: \$35K, up from \$15K in each of '17 and '18 – (**133% increase** in addition to the huge landscaping contract)
- ✓ HVAC contract: \$95K, up from \$64K in '17 and \$67K in '18 (nearly **42% increase!**)
- ✓ Shuttle Bus: \$170K, up from \$139,940 in each of '17 and '18 (**21%+ increase!**)
- ✓ Possible \$65K in savings from Pool and Tree Cutting reductions? 🏠

*The Montebello  
Voice wants to  
hear from you*

**in memoriam**

**Thomas H. Lasch**

***April 25, 1933 – October 16, 2018***



Thomas (Tom) H. Lasch, 85, died on October 16 at the Inova Alexandria Hospital following a brief illness.

Born and raised in Lake Nebagamon, Wis., the son of Clarence and Ruth Lasch, at age 18 he went to California and joined the U.S. Army. He served in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1982, achieving the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 4. He served in war three times, once in the Korean War, and twice in Vietnam. He served in the United States and Germany. Soon after he retired from the Army in 1982, he and his wife, Anna, moved to Montebello.

Tom is survived by his wife, daughters Marilyn Dubose of Conroe, Tx., Sonja Flanigan of Aberdeen, Md., and son Thomas Lasch, currently assigned to the 7th Army Training Command in Grafenwoehr, Germany.

A funeral service with full military honors will be conducted in the future at Arlington National Cemetery.

*– photo and text courtesy of the Lasch family*

## Resident shares useful information from the general manager

*By Diane Bastin*

In *The Voice's* October 11 issue, W.H. McGee published an open letter with questions regarding the Gallagher system and our new electronic IDs. I had privately asked George Gardner these same questions and here is what he shared in response to my concerns about the privacy of our information, and the backup provisions in case of power outages:

“Electronic means through the Gallagher system will be the only way for residents to enter the building. Gallagher is an encrypted network, communications between the controllers is at the current industry-leading level of encryption. A limited amount of staff (Managers & the designated ID/Key programmers), on a limited amount of computers protected by unique log-in/passwords will have access to the collected information. The collected information is: What card #(or fob) was scanned (date, time, location), and if access was granted or denied (and if denied, why it was denied). The information is stored for just about 30 days. The computers will be located in the office.

“The controllers located on doors leading into the building will be wired to the emergency generator (and a battery back-up); they will continue to operate during power outages. Controllers on the doors leading to areas such as the storage rooms will be on a battery back-up only.”

*The Voice* has been a great source of information about so many goings on at Montebello. I would like to encourage everybody to share answers they obtain from management about questions so many of us discuss casually around Montebello. Here are a few things I recently learned:

### *Pool hours*

The pool hours posted on BuildingLink are inaccurate, and I have highlighted in blue the clarifications George Gardner kindly provided.

**The real outdoor pool hours are 10:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

Those of us who regularly use the outdoor pool were most disappointed this summer when the pool arbitrarily closed at 6 p.m. the last few days of the season, in particular because the weather was so gorgeous. Residents who work full time were unable to enjoy the pool that last week. Mr. Gardner explained that management discussed this with High Sierra and that **the outdoor pool will close at 8:30 p.m. until the end of the summer season next year.**

The indoor pool hours require some closer analysis:

Mr. Gardner did not address my suggestion that Management revise the indoor pool schedule to eliminate the repeated short openings and closings on Mondays through Thursdays, but he provided helpful clarifications regarding the indoor pool hours, which can be a little hard to track, especially if you take the Water Aerobics restrictions into account that are not listed on BuildingLink:

#### *Monday/Wednesday:*

- 6 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
(a 30-minute closing)
- 1 - 2 p.m.  
(only a one hour opening)  
(a 2-hour closing)
- 4 - 10 p.m.

#### *Tuesday/Thursday:*

- 6 - 11 a.m.
- 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
(pool reserved for Water Aerobics, jacuzzi is open to all)
- 12 - 12:30 p.m.  
(only a 30-minute opening)  
(a 30-minute closing)
- 1 - 2 p.m.  
(only a one-hour opening)  
(a 2-hour closing)
- 4 - 10 p.m.

#### *Friday:*

(including the Friday after Thanksgiving)

2 - 9 p.m.

#### *Saturday:*

- 11 a.m.-12 p.m.  
(pool reserved for Water Aerobics, jacuzzi open to all)
- 12 - 4 p.m.  
(a 30-minute closing)
- 4:30 - 9 p.m.

#### *Sunday/Holidays*

(holidays are Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, New Year's Day, but also MLK Jr., Day, Presidents Day, and Veterans Day)

- 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
(a 30-minute closing)
- 4:30 - 9 p.m.

The Community Center, and therefore the pool, are **closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Eve is just a regular day of the week** and follows the regular pool schedule.

### *Fire emergency procedures*

In response to my concern about the recent fire in Building 2 that resulted in the forceful opening and destruction of multiple unit doors on two floors, which took multiple weeks to fix and caused great inconvenience to the unit owners, Mr. Gardner elaborated, “We had a procedure in place to get the key of the ‘on fire’ unit to the fire department, and in the case of this past fire, that door was not breeched. We have now revised our procedures to include the keys of adjacent units as well. However, there is no way to **prevent** the fire department from breeching a door if they deem it necessary to do so.”

I had heard through the grapevine that some residents were told to leave their unit doors ajar when evacuating the building during a fire emergency. While Mr. Gardner did not address this, Montebello's revised procedure does not include such a recommendation.



## governance

### **BuildingLink**

We recently used BuildingLink to request a parking pass for a relative and were disappointed to find out that after filling out the request online we still had to go to the office and fill out the old paper form. Mr. Gardner explained: “Resident Decals must be applied for in person with required documentation. Under the new ID card / keyless entry system, Residents will be given 6 Guest Passes to distribute to their guests. In order for the guests to park or get through the gate, residents can enter this information into BuildingLink, printing is not necessary as the guards will still need to confirm the guest’s identity and issue a daily parking pass.”

I would strongly encourage everybody to spend time exploring Build-

ingLink or attend a training session. The new site offers convenient access to a lot of information and forms, but since it is still under construction, it is a work in progress. Overall, I have found that BuildingLink is not as intuitive and user-friendly as I had hoped it would be. For example, when you click on the Club Information hyperlink on the home page you are directed to a tab under Library Documents. Mr. Gardner explained: “Club information is listed under the Library which is why you are directed to the Library; however under the tab Club Information you will find a document with club information. This is the way the BuildingLink system is designed and out of our control.”

There currently is no club information on BuildingLink, but I am sure it

will be entered at a later time. Several other hyperlinks on the home page direct the user to the top of the page entitled Library Documents, just make sure to scroll down on that page if you don’t see what you are looking for right away.

Another interesting hyperlink on the home page is NeighborNet Dashboard. It is not at all descriptive for what it offers, but if you click on it, and then on Activity Partners, it can help you find a resident who may share your interests, such as a tennis partner. I hope residents will avail themselves of all BuildingLink has to offer to build an even stronger Montebello Community. 🏠



*Montebello under construction by Mikhailina Karina*



# Eighty-one donated trees are planted at Montebello

By Don Hinman

The Montebello Tree Donation Program, organized by the Grounds Committee and the Environmental Club, was launched on Arbor Day, April 27, 2018. Forty-eight households donated funds to plant over 80 trees in the woodlands that surround Montebello. Our woodlands restoration contractor, Natural Resources Design, recommended the tree species and selected locations for planting the saplings in groves. Community Landscape Services planted the trees between Oct. 15 and 19 and set up protective fencing around each tree.



*Below are the donor names in the order that donations were received as of October 16, 2018:*

- ☘ Michael Fogarty
- ☘ Donald and Karen Barnes
- ☘ Joyce Elam
- ☘ Pamela Howell
- ☘ Barbara Williams
- ☘ Channing and Peter Huhn
- ☘ John Powers
- ☘ Heather and Richard Click
- ☘ Farid and Donya Faridazar
- ☘ Cheryl Silkwood
- ☘ Angelo Cicolani & Christine Blair
- ☘ Chuck Amorosino
- ☘ Elizabeth Dudley
- ☘ Virginia Hodgkinson
- ☘ Robert Osterberg
- ☘ Lynn and Diane Pascoe
- ☘ Paul Walden
- ☘ Jorn and Karen Justesen
- ☘ Paulette Higgins
- ☘ Joyce Schmidt
- ☘ Mark and Suzanne Beerthuis
- ☘ Carole Appel
- ☘ Carolyn Bland
- ☘ Vergine Barsoumian
- ☘ Mary and Richard Bradford
- ☘ James Heinz
- ☘ Susan Allen and Don Hinman
- ☘ Carolyn Strano
- ☘ Barbara Yost
- ☘ Noel Sipple
- ☘ Thomas Ahern, Jr
- ☘ Jon Kandel and Amy Shapiro
- ☘ Yolande Frommer
- ☘ Kathy Davies
- ☘ Mala Kalyan
- ☘ Ellen Orlando
- ☘ Paul Zeisset and Trudy Suchan
- ☘ Joel and Elaine Miller
- ☘ Terry Nunan
- ☘ Joel Miller
- ☘ Susan Dexter
- ☘ Karen McCrea
- ☘ Susan Heumann
- ☘ Steve Clark
- ☘ Brian and Rebecca Hayden
- ☘ Michael Brownell & Janell Blue
- ☘ Lee and Lynn McMillion
- ☘ Sarah Kelly & Jack Rumbaugh
- ☘ Mike and Beth Copps
- ☘ Patricia Ann Schmid
- ☘ Kathy Lemmon
- ☘ *The Times of Montebello*
- ☘ Gene SeEVERS

Eighty-one donated trees that fall into three categories – canopy, under-story, transition – were purchased from the American Native Plants nursery in Middle River, Md. An additional 13 trees are on order and will be planted later, for a total of 94 trees.

The following 11 types of trees were selected because they are native plants that adapt well to local growing conditions. They are local ecotype plant material, grown from seeds collected within the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Flowering dogwood

Oak trees – northern red, southern red, white, chestnut oak

Other trees – Black cherry, Eastern red cedar, American holly, American witch hazel, sycamore, red maple.

[A tree-planting ceremony took place behind Building 4 on October 20. Mt. Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck participated in the event attended by about 60 residents and guests. Ed.] 📷





and



Invite you to our film & discussion



**THIS IS SPINAL TAP**

THURSDAY OCTOBER 25 7:30 P.M. PARTY ROOM 2

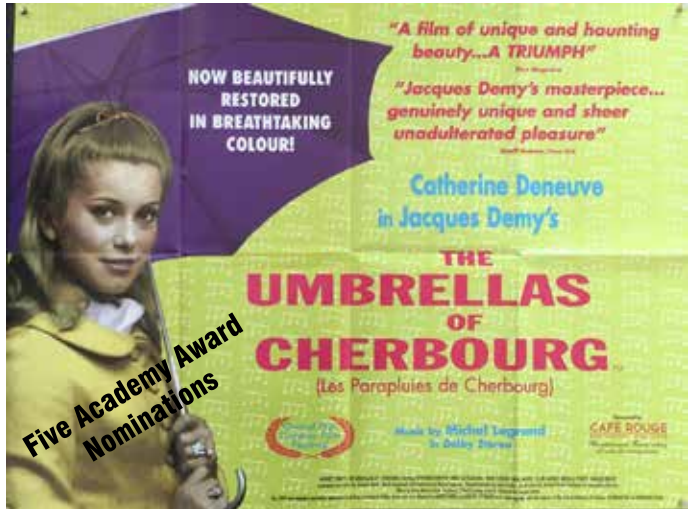


Considered by critics the best rock movie ever made, *This is Spinal Tap* launched the directorial debut of Rob Reiner (Stand By Me, When Harry Met Sally, The Princess Bride), and spawned the “mockumentary” genre featuring a team of comic geniuses who went on to produce such hits as *Best in Show*, *Waiting for Guffman*, and *For Your Consideration*. Produced in 1984, the satire follows the fictitious heavy metal band Spinal Tap as they prepare for their comeback world tour. The movie casts a spotlight on the pretentious and misogynist world of big hair bands that’s as hilarious as it is revealing about the rock and roll culture of the ’70s and ’80s.

Will Jarred will introduce the film and lead the post-movie discussion.

**Montebello Classic Movie Night**

Wednesday, November 28, 2018, at 7pm  
on the Big Screen in the Community Center



*Back by Popular Demand, and now technically perfect.*  
The beautiful Catherine Deneuve in her brilliant 1964 singing role.  
**FREE popcorn, candies, and soft drinks for a great classic movie night!**

Your host, Pamela Copley, will give you the pre-screening information on the movie and its stars, and then give you a post-screening back story.

The Montebello Grounds Committee Presents:

**Dr. Sylvan Kaufman**

Ecologist, educator and author of the Montebello Woodlands Management Plan

**CHALLENGES of MAINTAINING MONTEBELLO'S WOODLANDS**

- Montebello has a beautiful, mature woodland, but it faces many challenges.
- How can we best maintain and improve the health of this community asset?
- Learn what features a healthy woodland has and what stresses invasive plants and insects, deer overpopulation, storm-water runoff and human use place on Montebello’s woods.



Wednesday, November 7, 7:30 pm  
Community Center Lounge



and



Invite you to our film & discussion



**MARTY**

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 29 7:30 P.M. PARTY ROOM 2



The Golden Age of Television provided a launching point for a new genre of Hollywood films. Many actors, writers and directors got their start in these television productions. “Marty,” the story of a lonely butcher stumbling into love, won critical praise for writer Paddy Chayefsky. It was remade into a feature film starring Ernest Borgnine. The masterful acting and writing make it a classic. It went on to win numerous Academy Awards, including best picture, best actor, and director.

Leslee Levy will introduce the film and lead the post-movie discussion.



## final glance



*Autumn in North Carolina by Dian McDonald*