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Tentative Agenda
Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall
Monday, June 11, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.
Note: The full agenda will be available on the
Village website by Friday, June 8.

Approval of Previous Minutes
Treasurer's Report
Committee Reports
Appeals
46 Grafton Street
12 East Lenox Street
Old Business
New Business
Chairman's Report
Manager's Report
Police Report
Building Permits/Code Enforcement

Mark Your Calendar and
See the Enclosed Flyers & Articles
Parent's Night Out
July 4 Parade

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Work Continues on Investigating Potential Changes/ Additions to Village Building Regulations

The second round of evening Community Workshops and a morning Open House were held on May 9 and 10. Attendance was up from the previous events in April. In addition to capturing new and different opinions from many first-time attendees, comments and priorities offered in these latest sessions reaffirmed much of Mr. Winter's findings from the first round. A consolidated summary of findings, issues and concerns is provided on the Village website at ccvillage.org.

As with the May 14 Board meeting, Mr. Winter will participate in the June 11 Board meeting via video conference. Prior to the June meeting, Mr. Winter will provide a "preliminary strategy report" and a copy of this report will be posted on the website we expect by Friday, June 8. The report will identify the range of

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Remember to request a House Check from the Communications Center before you leave town.

Village to Celebrate 4th of July



Many Village residents are expected to participate in the Annual Chevy Chase Village July 4th Parade to the Park. Parade assembly will begin at 10:15 a.m. at the Village Hall. At 10:30 a.m. sharp the participants will then make their way to the Oliver Street Park where entertainment and refreshments will be available for all to enjoy. The Village Police will be on hand to register bikes at the Park and this year the Chevy

Chase Fire Department will also be joining us. **If it rains, the celebration will be held in the Village Hall.**

Two moon bounces will be featured again and new this year will be a "boom blaster" game plus a dunk tank with volunteer targets, Ms. Paula will do the face paintings, Uncle Sam on stilts, sack races and plenty of fun for the entire family. See enclosed flyer for details.

Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers' Meeting, 2nd Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall
Telephone: 301-654-7300, Fax: 301-907-9721, E-mail: ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov, Website: www.ccvillage.org

In The Village

Board Actions - May 14, 2007 Board of Managers' Meeting

Minutes: April 9, 2007 Meeting: Approved.

Appeals: **A-1550, 15 West Lenox Street:** Removal of one Eastern Red Cedar tree measuring 19-inches in diameter located in the east side yard of the property—Approved. **A-1617, 5511 Cedar Parkway:** Removal of one Sweetgum tree measuring 11.2-inches in diameter located in the rear yard of the property—Approved. **A-1618, 3 Newlands Street:** Removal of one Blackgum tree measuring 14.6-inches in the rear yard of property—Approved with reforestation conditions.

Old Business: *Winter & Company Briefing* Noré Winter joined the Board via video conference from Texas to discuss concerns and issues raised by the Village residents during the Open Houses and Community Workshops held in the Village Hall.

New Business: **Building Code vs. Design Review;** Legal council stated under House Bill 1232 the Village has the authority to regulate design and style. **Contract Award:** The Board unanimously awarded *Stegman and Company* the Independent Audit Services contract.

Banking Business Authorizations: Village Activating on-line services, Pooling existing accounts and “closed-loop” wire transfers as protective measures against fraudulence was discussed and a motion to approve conceptually pending review by legal counsel was passed.

This is a synopsis of the Board's actions.

To view an archive of the complete approved minutes from the Board's meetings, please visit the Village website at www.ccvillage.org and click on “The Board of Managers”.



Chevy Chase Village 2007 Directory

Residents can now pick up their new 2007 Directory available in the Village office or in the Communications Center.

State Tax Credit Information

The Maryland Historical Trust has a list of “Frequently Asked Questions” about rehabilitation tax credits offered by the state. Tax credit applications, materials and brochures can also be found at this site.

For additional information, call the Office of Preservation Services at (410) 514-7627 or access the “Tax Credit” section at: www.marylandhistoricaltrust.net.

Do I Need a Permit?

Many residents planning to do work on their homes or in the yard and may be unsure whether or not they need a permit for the work to be performed.

If you are unsure about a project, it is always a good idea to contact the Village office and ask before beginning any work. You will first be advised if you need a permit from the Village and, if necessary, a permit from Montgomery County and/or the *Historic Preservation Commission* (HPC).

For Building permits, be prepared to submit a plat diagram of your home showing the proposed work to be done. A copy of your plat can be found in your home purchasing closing documents from the title company.

For Dumpster permits, you will need a plat diagram to show where the dumpster will be located. Note that dumpsters are not allowed on Village streets. They are only allowed to be on private property.

For Tree Removal permits, be prepared to provide your contractor's name and their *Maryland Department of Natural Resources* (DNR) license number. The Village office will not issue a tree permit without a DNR number confirming the work will be performed by an accredited contractor.

Should you need a permit from Montgomery County, you can contact the Department of Permitting Services in Rockville, MD at 255 Rockville Pike, 2nd floor, or by calling (240)-777-6300.

Should you need a permit from the *Historic Preservation Commission* (HPC), you can contact them at 8787 Georgia Ave. Silver Spring, MD or by calling (301)-563-3400.

Answers to many common questions can be found in our Village Code. Chapter 8 for Building Regulations and Chapter 17 for Urban Forest are available on our website at ccvillage.org or contact the Village office.

Whatever your work plans, we ask that you first contact the Village office for a preliminary conversation. You may still need to go elsewhere for either a Montgomery County and/or HPC permit before we can issue a Village permit, but we should be your first and last stop in the permitting process.

In The Village

Fighting Seasonal Allergies

By Harrison Wein, Ph.D.



Sometimes it is hard to know whether you're suffering from allergies or a string of colds. Their symptoms-like sneezing, coughing and a runny nose-are similar. If you have these symptoms every spring or fall, or all through the growing season, it's a good bet you've got seasonal allergies, or hay fever. Doctors call this type

of allergy "seasonal allergic rhinitis."

Your doctor can help you sort out whether you have allergies, but it's difficult for him or her to make a diagnosis without your help. You can play an important role by keeping track of when and where you get symptoms.

If you have allergic rhinitis, you and your doctor have many options. The first, and most obvious, is to avoid the allergens you react to, but this may not always be possible. If avoidance is not possible for you, allergy symptoms can often be controlled with medications or other forms of treatment.

Look at your local pollen and mold counts and see if high numbers match up with when you get your symptoms. Peak seasons for pollens and molds differ depending on where you live, but many local newspapers, TV and radio stations now track levels of molds and pollens daily. The National Allergy Bureau of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (not associated with NIH), which reports current pollen and mold spore levels to the media, maintains a web site you can check yourself at <http://www.aaaai.org/nab/>. As a general guide, tree pollen allergies strike in late winter to early spring, grass allergies can strike from spring through summer, and ragweed typically strikes in the fall.

If you are allergic to pollen, there are several things you can do to minimize your exposure: Stay

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indoors in the morning when outdoor pollen levels are the highest. Wear face masks designed to filter out pollen if you must be outdoors. Keep windows closed and use the air conditioner if possible in the house and car. Do not dry clothes outdoors. Avoid unnecessary exposure to other environmental irritants such as insect sprays, tobacco smoke, air pollution, and fresh tar or paint. Avoid mowing the grass or doing other yard work, if possible.

For more in depth information from this article go to <http://www.nih.gov/news/WordonHealth/une2002/seasonalallergies.htm>.

Continuing Class Schedule

Children's classes include Creative Movement, Pre-Ballet and Karate. Adult classes include Pilates in the AM/PM and Yoga. Residents are welcome to join at any time during the session. The current class session will end mid June. The next session will begin June 25. Look for a flyer in August for the fall class schedule. If you have an idea for a class, please contact Doris Lyerly at doris.lyerly@montgomerycountymd.gov or for more information, call the Village office at (301) 654-7300.

Landscaping Tip

When planting a tree, make sure that you do not cover the tree trunk flair with dirt or mulch. The tree will be healthier if the flair stays dry and has exposure to the sun. This course of action may also prevent tree fungus and beetle infestation. The hole you place the tree in should only be deep enough to set the tree ball into, not the flair.



Historic District Site Plaque Available

Residents living in a historic district may obtain a Montgomery County Historic District plaque from the Historic Preservation Commission. The cost of the plaque is \$35 and checks can be made payable to Montgomery Preservation Inc.

For further information contact Kevin Manarolla at (301)-563-3400.



The Village Hall

Rent the Village Hall For Your Next Event

The Village Hall is the perfect setting for your next meeting or party and is available to all Village residents. Our two large rooms are available for:



- birthday parties,
- sweet 16 parties,
- weddings and wedding receptions,
- anniversary parties,
- graduation parties,
- bar and bat mitzvah receptions,
- business/organization meetings, and
- any event you can think of! There is even a small room to hold smaller children's birthday parties for a reduced rate.

The Village Hall is sure to enhance your event. Please contact Doris Lyerly in the Village office for additional information and to reserve your date.

Committee on Children, Youth and Families

The Committee will hold a Parents Night Out on Saturday, June 16 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.. (See enclosed flyer for more details).

Co-Chair, Amy Cooper advised the Magic Show last month was well attended and enjoyed by children of all ages.

Please contact either Amy Cooper (acbelle@aol.com) or Karen Spangler (karenspangler@comcast.net) with questions, comments, ideas or if you are interested in volunteering for future CYF events.

Building Facilities Commission

The Building Facilities Commission meets the second Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Village Hall. Their next meeting will be held on Monday, June 11. All residents are invited to attend.

Appeal & Crier Deadlines

The deadline to submit articles for the July 2007 issue of the *Crier* is close of business on Monday, June 25.

The deadline to submit appeals or other requests to be heard by the Board at its July 9, 2007 meeting is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 25.

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regulatory tools that may be effective at addressing the concerns expressed and documented through the recent outreach exercises. Please look to the website for the preliminary report and plan to attend the June Board meeting to discuss it with Mr. Winter and the Board.

Expansion of opinion gathering is the project's focus in the next major phase. A Village-wide survey will be developed based upon Mr. Winter's summary of possible regulatory tools and every Village household will receive a survey when ready for distribution. The survey's content will be dependent on Mr. Winter's preliminary report and the distribution schedule will become clearer once the preliminary report is available. Please sign up for the Village listserv or check the Village website following the June 11 meeting for the latest information on the survey distribution.

Licensing for Tree Contractors

The Village's Tree Removal Permit Application now requires the tree contractor's name, phone number and *Department of Natural Resources* (DNR) license number. Permits will not be issued if the contractor has not been selected.

Village officers will also be verifying licensing for any crews seen pruning trees on private property. Any crews witnessed pruning without valid licensing will receive a State citation and fine, and will be escorted out of the Village.

For more information regarding this new regulation or to verify licensing for a desired tree contractor, please visit the DNR website at www.dnr.state.md.us or call them at (877) 620-8DNR.

Toddler Group

The Group meets Tuesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Oliver Street Park whenever weather permits. Check the Village Listserv on Mondays to see where they will be meeting.

Contact either Kristen Best at (202) 460-1256 or Lesley McNamara at (301) 718-8383 with questions or for additional information.

The Police Beat

To e-mail Police Chief Roy Gordon: roy.gordon@montgomerycountymd.gov

Vendors/Solicitors



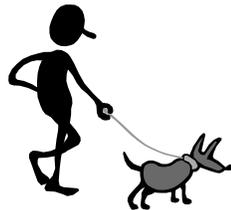
The Village requires all for-profit and non-profit vendors and solicitors to carry a valid permit issued by the Village Communications Center while they canvass the Village. The Village is aware of the Supreme Court decisions regarding certain religious groups and handles each vendor application on a case-by-case basis.

In addition to the permit, the vendor/solicitor must also carry a list of Village addresses whose occupants have requested that vendors/solicitors be prohibited from visiting their homes. Residents who do not want vendors/solicitors visiting their homes must complete and sign a "No Solicitation" form. This form is available on the Village website and at the Village Communications Center. Vendors/ Solicitors (religious/political groups generally exempted) who visit Village homes are subject to a Civil citation that carries a \$50 fine. Residents should contact the Village Communications Center at (301) 654-7300 to report vendors/solicitors operating without a permit or in violation of the No Solicitation agreement.

The Village Communications Center is updating its "No Solicitation" form lists and requests Village residents complete a new form and return it to the Village Communications Center. A "No Solicitation Form" is included with this month's Crier. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Unleashed Dogs/Excessive Barking Complaints Rising

Residents and visitors are witnessing more dogs unleashed as they walk around Village Streets. Below is a summary of the Montgomery County Animal Control Laws. Village Police will take a more proactive approach to this problem by issuing a Warning Notice for first-time violators followed by a Civil citation for repeated offenses. Residents are asked to share this information with their Dog Walkers, Dog Feeders, Housekeepers and Nannies who may have control over their pets when they are working or away.



Summary of Animal Control Laws:

At Large: Any dog is at large if it is outside the owner's premises and not leashed. The fine is \$100 for

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the first offense, \$500 for each subsequent violation.

Animal Noise: An owner must not allow an animal to cause noise that is loud enough and persistent enough to disturb another person's quiet enjoyment.

Unwanted Contact: The pet owner must prevent unwelcome or unsolicited threatening physical contact or close proximity to a person or a domestic animal that occurs outside the owner's property that may cause alarm in a reasonable person, such as biting, chasing, tracking, inhibiting movement, or jumping. The fine is \$500.

Animal Defecation ("pooper scooper" law): An owner must not allow an animal to damage or defecate on property outside the owner's property. An animal may defecate on public property or the common area of property in which the owner shares an interest if the owner immediately removes and disposes of the feces by a sanitary method approved by the Director. Feces may be picked up in a plastic bag. If this bag is placed inside another plastic bag, it may be put out for disposal in your normal household trash. The fine is \$100.

Animal Trespass: An owner must not allow an animal to enter private property without the property owner's permission. The fine is \$100.

Photo Speed Camera Update

The Village Police have been working with the Speed Camera vendor to obtain permits for the fixed camera sites on Northbound and Southbound Connecticut Avenue. Photo Speed enforcement signs have been posted by our Public Works personnel throughout the Village in those areas targeted for Photo Speed Enforcement. Orange markings will identify the locations where concrete pads for these cameras will be placed within the Village. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Michael Younes at (301) 654-7300. Residents are encouraged to visit the Village website at ccvillage.org and click on Safe Speed Program to display speed camera locations within the Village and links to other municipalities to show speed camera locations in their areas.



The Village's Photo Speed Program is scheduled to begin around the middle of June 2007. Civil Citations are mailed to the registered vehicle owner with a fine amount of \$40. There will be no points associated with the civil citation and insurance companies may not increase costs based upon these citations. Citations can be paid by mail, in person at various sites throughout Montgomery County or via a secure website on the Internet. All this information is available on the Village website: ccvillage.org and click on Safe Speed Program under Public Safety Services in the column on the left.

Community News

Chevy Chase Community Library June 2007

The Chevy Chase Library is located at 8005 Connecticut Avenue. All programs are free, but may require a ticket and/or registration. For further information or for reservations, contact the library at (240) 773-9590.

Title: LA CENERENTOL: A Family Opera Work Shop: Teaching artists and docents from the Washington National Opera Company act out scenes from LA CENERENTOL with children and do a craft to introduce opera. For ages 5 & up on Saturday, June 2 at 10:30 a.m. Registration required for this workshop. Limited to 35 children.

Title: American Musical Road Trip Travel around the USA listening to the special sounds of each amazing area, with songs, instruments and history brought to you by Tracey Eldridge. For ages 5-12 on Monday, June 18 at 7:00 p.m. Free tickets required.

Title: Preschool Films: Fowl Friends: "Angus and the Ducks"; "Chicken Little"; "The Most Wonderful Egg"; and "Goose" on Thursday, June 21 for ages 3-6. No registration required for this film.

Title: Songs of Africa: Game songs, story songs, and recreational songs of Ghanian and Zimbabwean, presented by Devonna B. Rowe. For ages 5-12 on Monday, June 25 at 7:00 p.m. No registration required.

Title: Preschool Films: Water, Water, Everywhere: "Fish is Fish"; "The Cow who Fell in the Canal"; "Foolish Frog"; "Mysterious Tadpole." Thursday, June 28 at 10:30 a.m. No registration is required.

Eight Ways to be a Good Neighbor

What kind of neighbor are you? The following is a list of things you can do to be a good neighbor:

1. Welcome new neighbors with an introductory note or a friendly chat.
2. Maintain the area around your home so that it's neat and attractive.
3. Be conscientious about noises that might disturb your neighbors, such as vacuum cleaners, music, loud talk and barking dogs.
4. End parties at a reasonable hour. While you're at it, invite your neighbors to come, too.
5. Return anything that you borrow from your neighbor, such as tools or appliances, as soon as possible. Express your gratitude when you do so.

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6. Replace anything that belongs to your neighbor that you, your children, or your pets break.
7. Respect your neighbor's privacy.
8. Invite your neighbor over for a leisurely cup of coffee to discuss any problems you may have, or to share good news.

Do you know the people next door? If not, why not start today and become more neighborly? Saying "hello" could be the onset of a great friendship.



Chevy Chase Village Listserve Sign-Up Instructions

1. Go to Yahoo.com.
2. Look for "Groups" on left side menu.
3. Type in Chevy Chase Village in the "Find a Yahoo Group" section.
4. Click on ccvillage.
5. Click on "Join This Group" in the upper right hand corner.
6. If you already have a Yahoo account then go ahead and sign in. If you don't have a Yahoo account then click on "Don't have a Yahoo ID?" Sign Up box.
7. Fill in information accordingly.
8. Click on "I agree".
9. Go back to the Yahoo Home Page.
10. Click on "Groups" on the left side menu.
11. Type in Chevy Chase Village in the "Find a Yahoo! Group" and click Search button.
12. Click on ccvillage under "Groups".
13. Click on "Join the Group" in the upper right hand corner.
14. Fill in the information accordingly.
15. Type in the code letters listed in the box at the bottom of the page.
16. Click "Join" at the bottom right side menu.

Congratulations! You are now signed up to use the Village Listserve to post contractor recommendations, offer tickets or items for sale, spread the word on upcoming yard or bake sales and any other topic residents wish to discuss.

Listserve has become quite popular as convenient tools for sharing information. All residents are encouraged to enroll in this service.

Public Works Department/Trash Schedule

While several Village residents have called to compliment the Unity staff for a job well done, your input is important when we evaluate our contracted services. Please report missed services to the Communications Center at (301) 654-7300. Please leave your gates unlocked so the Unity staff can enter your property to collect your refuse and recycling.

Special pickups are made on Wednesdays. Requests must be submitted either by phone or via the Village website by 2 p.m. on the preceding Tuesday to ensure pick up.

Please note: Wednesday, July 4 trash pick-up will move to Thursday, July 5. Thursday's pickup will be moved to Friday. Friday's trash will be picked up on Saturday.

MVA on Wheels

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration's mobile service will **NOT** visit the Friendship Heights Village Center during the month of June.

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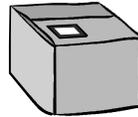
VILLAGE MANAGER

Geoffrey B. Biddle

Building Permits Issued by the Village Manager May 2007

28 West Irving St.....Replacing stoop, walkway.
4 Oxford St.....Expand bay, porch, modify deck, new drive.
5609 Grove St...New apron, sidewalk, drain, relocate fence .
22 Primrose St.....Addition to breakfast room.
119 Ease Melrose.....Removal and replacement fence.
14 Oxford St.....New porch, garage renovated w/dormers.
5603 Kirkside Dr.....Fence to hide garbage cans, plantings.
10 East Lenox St.....Replace existing driveway, new pavers.
5504 Center St.....Replace 6-foot high fence.

Cardboard Box Collection



Flattened boxes that are approximately less than the size of a 13" television set, should be placed with your paper recycling. Five or more flattened boxes should be bundled when left for recycling. Please notify the Communications Center if they are not collected.

If you have a large amount or large-sized boxes, please request a Special Pick Up (SPU, see opposite column) to ensure collection. Cardboard boxes collected by SPU, are placed in the paper compactor located in the Public Works Yard and are recycled.

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