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Tentative Agenda

Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall

Monday, June 16, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

Note: The full agenda will be available on the Village website (by clicking on Board of Managers) by Friday, June 13.
July Appeal Deadline: 6/23 at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Treasurer's Report
Committee Reports
Appeals

14 West Irving Street

Old Business

New Business

Chairman's Report

Manager's Report

Police Report

Building Permits/Code Enforcement

Mark Your Calendar & See the Enclosed Flyers

July 4: Parade and Party

Article Deadline for July CRIER: June 30.

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Building Regulations Referendum Ballots DUE

If you have not already submitted your referendum ballot on the proposed building regulations, please do so as soon as possible. We know that this is a busy time of year for Village families, but this is your opportunity to be heard. This is the time to let the Board know how you feel.

Ballots will be accepted through 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 16 for submission to the Board of Managers. The Board will vote on the proposed regulations at its regular meeting which begins at 7:30 p.m. on June 16.

This is the time to be heard! Get your ballot in today!

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. Led by the Chevy Chase Fire and Rescue Department (subject to active service calls to which they would have to respond), at 10:30 a.m. sharp, 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. **If it rains, the celebration will be held in the Village Hall.**

Bring your bathing suits and towels because this year we are all going to get wet! We have added a huge inflatable super water slide that is sure to be fun for all ages (adult participants and youth participants' guardians must complete a liability waiver in advance. Please contact Mike Waterman at (301) 654-7300 or michael.waterman@montgomerycountymd.gov to obtain a form).

Two moon bounces will also be featured again this year along with a "dunk tank", Ms. Paula doing face paintings, Uncle Sam on stilts, sack races and plenty of fun for the entire family.

Please see the enclosed flyer for details and plan to attend this year's parade and party!

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

CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, June 16, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

The Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2008 at the Chevy Chase Village Hall at 5906 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815, to consider modifying the restrictions on parking on both sides of the street in the 5500 block of Montgomery Street between 5500 and 5506 on the even side of the street and between 5501 and 5509 on the odd side of the street to prohibit the parking of vehicles without parking permits or guest cards at all times.

The Board has received requests from the residents of the southwest portion of the 5500 block of Montgomery Street (from Belmont Avenue to the northeast property lines extended of 5509 and 5506 Montgomery Street) and a report from the Village Police Department asserting that there is extensive use of the southwest portion of Montgomery Street for parking by non-resident vehicles on weekdays, at night and on weekends, which results in hazardous traffic conditions, the overburdening of streets, and difficulty for residents in obtaining adequate parking adjacent to or close by their residences, and other consequences which detrimentally affect the health, safety and welfare of residents.

Additional information regarding the request may be obtained at the Chevy Chase Village Office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or you may submit a request for this information to be mailed to you.

Members Still Needed on Commission & Committees

The call for volunteers was made in the May 2008 edition of the *Crier* for a total of six of the Village's 14 Commissions and Committees. We heard from several of you, but we still need more. The Personnel Commission and Audit, Public Works and Tree Committees still have vacancies.

The following list provides a general description of each Commission/Committee's activities and a point of contact (POC). Please contact the POC of the Village

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office for more information. (Area codes are 301.)

Audit Committee, Chair – Works with the Village Manager, independent audit firm, Board Treasurer and Budget Committee Chair to review and report on the annual Village audit. The fiscal year ends on June 30, and the Village draft audit report is available on or about October 1 each year. The Audit Committee Chair also serves as a member of the Village's Investment Committee responsible for developing and recommending investment policies to the Board of Managers. CPA preferred. POC – Geoff Biddle, Village Manager @ 654-7300.

Personnel Commission, 1 Member – Commission chartered by Village Code, consults with the Village Manager and makes recommendations to the Board of Managers to promote the efficiency and effectiveness of the Village civil service. Employment Law/Personnel Management experience a plus. POC – Geoff Biddle @ 654-7300.

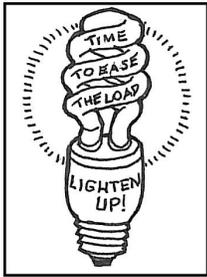
Public Works Committee, 2 to 4+ Members – Works with the Village Manager and the Director of Public Works on annual budget, on-going in-house department priorities, contracted programs and a growing focus on capital programs. Potential capital programs are large-scale (relative for the Village), multi-year projects where technical, construction and project management familiarity is a plus. POC – Geoff Biddle @ 654-7300.

Tree Committee, 2 to 4+ Members – Broad activity base, lots of time outdoors. Works with the Village office, residents, Board of Managers and nurseries and is involved in decisions on tree selection & placements for annual spring plantings and evaluations for winter removals. Contributes to recommendations to the Board of Managers on tree removal appeals submitted by individual property owners. Trees are one of the Village's most treasured resources. POC – Bob Elliott, Chair @ 652-6910.

Rent the Village Hall
for your next event!

In The Village

News from *The Village Green*



The Village Earth Day Celebration was held on April 22 in the Village Hall. We had a good turnout and feel that the event contributed to developing greater awareness of environmental concerns as they affect the Village. Marilyn Bracken opened the meeting with a discussion of practical ways of reducing the carbon footprint in the home, in the office, and on the road. Marilyn then introduced Al Carr, who is our Delegate in the Maryland General Assembly representing the 18th Legislative District. Al, who serves on the Environmental Matters Committee, made an excellent presentation in which he outlined his legislative agenda in the energy and environmental area. Alan Pultyniewicz, who is with the Montgomery County Department of Public Works, followed with a detailed discussion of the recycling program in the county. The last event of the evening was made by Jenny Reed, a professional garden designer, whose presentation underscored the value of using native plants to preserve and protect the environment.

It was early last fall that the Board of Managers created the Environmental Committee with the mandate to explore ideas that could be recommended to protect our environment. We have had a busy nine months sorting what to do in this challenging area. We continue to identify and refine areas in which we feel we can make modest contributions including energy and water conservation, noise pollution, village recycling, building or remodelling green, and gardening practices including lawn and shrubbery maintenance. Some of the items we will be focusing on in the coming months are, reviewing the Comprehensive Building "Green" Assessment Report in order to make recommendations to the Board of Directors; (2) development of a "Green" vehicle procurement policy; and (3) development of a new recycling policy. We encourage any villager that is interested helping the Environmental Committee to contact Larry Heilman at lcheilman@verizon.net.

Since last fall, Alice Kinter of Hesketh Street has

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taken the lead in reviewing the information regarding the use of fluorescent light bulbs. The GREEN GANG is convinced, that the information is available to make the case that this is an area that Village residents should consider immediately. **Changing to fluorescent light bulbs can conserve energy and save money!** Therefore, we have repeated the material presented in March.

THE GREEN GANG URGES SWITCHING TO A FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULB BECAUSE:

- It uses 75% less energy than an incandescent bulb.
- It lasts ten times longer or approximately 10,000 hours more than an incandescent bulb.
- It saves up to \$40 in energy costs over the life of the bulb.
- A 26-watt fluorescent bulb is equivalent to a 100-watt incandescent bulb.
- Each year you can save more than 260 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions with a fluorescent bulb.

IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT THE FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULB:

- It comes in different sizes and shapes to fit almost any fixture for indoors or outdoors use.
- It is available for 3-way switches and dimmers.
- The Village will pick up your spent or broken bulb on its hazardous waste pickup day, which is the second Wednesday of each month.
- One of the labels on your bulb is kelvins. This identifies the warmth of the light. A 2700 kelvin on your fluorescent bulb label is similar to the light tone of your household incandescent and is the most common kelvin sold for households.
- Best prices are at Wal-Mart, Costco or on line at www.bulbs.com.

Toddler Group

The weekly Toddlers Group meets on Mondays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. All Village parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

Please contact Kristen Best at (202) 460-1256 with questions or for additional information.



The Village Hall

Village Welcomes New Staff



The Village has added a fresh face to the front office staff. Mike Waterman joined the Village as its Community Liaison/Administrative Assistant on April 21. His position, coordinates all community events, including the annual 4th of July Parade, Halloween and Holiday Parties, and oversees rentals and classes in the Village Hall in addition to serving as the primary administrative support.

Mike is a native of the Philadelphia Metropolitan area. He moved to Maryland in June 2007 and worked for *Comcast* for eight years in both New Jersey and Maryland, with his last position being in marketing. He holds an Associate of Arts degree in Communications and Journalism from Camden County College in Blackwood, NJ.

Mike is proficient in American Sign Language and enjoys working with the deaf community whenever he can. Mike is sure to bring fun and fresh ideas that will continue to make the Village community events enjoyable and memorable.

We welcome Mike to the Village!

Upcoming Village-wide Utility Survey

The Village has contracted with survey firm *A. Morton Thomas & Associates, Inc.* to perform a Village-wide survey of all utilities, both underground and aerial, and all features within the Village rights-of-way.

As part of the utility survey all underground utilities will be marked using survey paint (the same paint Miss Utility uses before there is digging), so don't be alarmed if you see paint markings in the rights-of-way. The survey is expected to begin July 14 and fieldwork should be completed by the end of October.

If residents have questions or concerns regarding the survey work, please contact Michael Younes in the Village office at (301) 654-7300 or michael.younes@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Board Actions - May 12, 2008 Board of Managers Meeting

Oaths of Office—Swearing in of Board Members: Chair Douglas Kamerow swore in Board members: Susie Eig, Robert Jones and Betsy Stephens.

Election of Officers: The Board voted unanimously to appoint the following slate of officers—Douglas Kamerow, Chair; David Winstead, Vice Chair; Susie Eig, Secretary; Gail Feldman, Treasurer; and Betsy Stephens, Assistant Treasurer.

Minutes: April 14, 2008 Meeting—Approved.

Appeals: A-1667—14 West Irving Street: Removal of one 41.0- and one 43.0-inch diameter Tulip trees located in the rear yard of the property—request will be continued at the June 16, 2008 Board meeting.

New Business: Contract Authorization—A. Morton Thomas for utility designation and mapping, street assessment survey and mapping, Connecticut Avenue topography and mapping—Approved.

Manager's Report: Resolution No. 05-01-08: Amended Budget Approval—Approved. **Resolution No. 05-02-08:** Amended Resolution levying a tax on certain real and personal property under the provisions of Section 6-203 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended—Approved. **Nomination of the Friendship Heights Transportation Management District Advisory Committee (TMD):** The Board nominated David Glass of Cedar Parkway to serve a five-year term as the Village's representative on the TMD.

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".

Briefing on Proposed Capital Projects

The Chair of the Capital Projects Task Force, Robert Jones, together with Village Manager Geoffrey Biddle will present a briefing to the Board of Managers at its June 16 regular meeting on potential capital projects for the community. These projects include the Brookville Road Walkway, new street lights, sidewalk rebuilding and the Connecticut Avenue revitalization project.

All residents are encouraged to attend to get information on these potential projects. Additional briefings will occur as evaluation and planning progresses.

Community News

Fox Sightings

Residents continue to report fox sightings. One is reported as striking red and the other more gray/brown in color. When first reports came into the Communications Center, officers responded to observe the animals firsthand and take appropriate action if the animals appeared ill or were acting strangely. Such behavior would suggest the animal(s) might be infected with rabies and the Village would proceed to trap the animals to eliminate the health hazard. All observations to date, by officers and residents, indicate both animals are apparently healthy and that they travel through the area from the Chevy Chase Club golf course.

The Village office has contacted Montgomery County, Maryland's Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to learn what these agencies' policies and procedures are regarding foxes in urban environments. The response received from each is that foxes provide a benefit in that a staple in their diets is rodents; foxes are significantly less likely than raccoons to be rabies carriers; that trapping foxes is regulated and all captured foxes must be euthanized.

Foxes, however, do not distinguish between rodents and small house pets such as cats and small dogs. If you have small pets that are left outside overnight, please remember to allow access back into your home for these pets or bring them in at night.

Residents are encouraged to contact the Village or Robert Colona with DNR at (410) 221-8838 with any questions they might have.

Licensing for Tree Contractors

The Village's Tree Removal Permit Application requires the tree contractor's name, phone number and *Department of Natural Resources* (DNR) license number. Permits will not be issued if this information has not been provided. Officers will also be verifying licensing for any crews performing tree pruning. Crews that are unable to provide a valid DNR license number will receive a State citation and fine, and will be escorted out of the Village.

For more information or to verify a contractor's license status, please visit the DNR website at www.dnr.state.md.us or call them at (877) 620-8DNR.

Call for General Election Judges

The Montgomery County Board of Elections needs about 4,000 volunteer election judges to staff almost 250 precincts during the November general election. Judges are essential to the success of every election – they ensure that citizens can vote, that those votes are cast in a free and fair election, and that votes are protected until counted.

To serve, a judge attends training (3 hours for most judges), helps set up the polling place the night before the election, and serves on Election Day. Most judges work at their precincts from early in the morning to the closing of the polls, but some serve only from 6 to about 11 p.m. Most judges receive a stipend of \$180.

Judges work in bipartisan teams, generally with their neighbors in their own neighborhoods. This is a real, sometimes demanding "roll up your sleeves" job, but judges report feeling grateful to have participated so deeply in the democratic process and satisfied knowing they were essential to a successful election.

We expect a heavy turnout in the November elections and need more judges than currently on our roster. We are, therefore, asking for your help. The first step in serving as a judge is to visit the Montgomery County Board of Elections website at www.777vote.org to download a 2008 Election Judge Questionnaire. You may also call us on 240-777-8533 to request an application be mailed to you. Mail your completed and signed questionnaire to the address above or fax it to us on 240-777-8578. Thank you for your interest and help.

Leslie A. Hatch,
Recruiting & Training Coordinator
Montgomery County Board of Elections

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.

Public Works Department/Trash Schedule

Resident input regarding the contracted services for trash and recycling collection is an important factor during the evaluation of these services. Please report missed services to the Communications Center. Please leave your gates unlocked to allow access to your refuse.

Special pickups of bulk items are collected on Wednesdays. Requests must be submitted either by phone or via the Village website by 2:00 p.m. on the preceding Tuesday to ensure collection.

There will be no trash collection on Independence Day, Friday, July 4, 2008. Trash collection will slide one day; therefore, Friday's (7/4) collection will be made on Saturday, July 5. Trash and recycling collection for all other days of this week will be on a normal schedule. Special pickups will not be affected and will be collected on their regularly scheduled day, Wednesday, July 2.



2008 Resident Directory

Residents may pick-up their 2008 Resident Directory, now available in the Village office or Communications Center.

Building Permits Issued by the Village Manager May 2008

104 Newlands St./111 E. Melrose St.....Fencing, irrigation
5609 Grove St.....Installation of an a/c unit
6130 Nevada Ave.....Installation of a drain pipe
104 E. Lenox St.....Install an underground sprinkler system
5508 Grove St.....Wall, driveway, walkway
122 Hesketh St.....Addition, enclose side porch, terrace
5617 Grove St.....1- and 2-story additions
3921 Oliver St.....Replace a/c unit in rear yard
125 Grafton St.....Repair/replace front walkway
104 Newlands St./111 E. Melrose St...Re-grading, pool deck
3 W. Lenox St...Demolish porch, 1-story addition/basement
5501 Montgomery St.....4' high fence in the public r-o-w
102 E. Lenox St.....General repairs due to water damage
5 Quincy St.....Replace brick walkway

Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) on Wheels

The MVA mobile service will visit the Friendship Heights Village Center from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Monday, June 30.

For further information, go on the MVA website at: www.mva.state.md.us/location/montcty.htm or call the MVA at (800) 950-1682, ext. 2.

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5906 Connecticut Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

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Return your Building Regulations Referendum Ballot Today!

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