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Tentative Agenda

Board of Managers' Meeting

Chevy Chase Village Hall

Monday, July 13, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Note: The full agenda will be available on the Village website (by clicking on Board of Managers) by Friday, July 10.

September Appeal Deadline: 8/24 at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

Appeals

24 Hesketh Street

3 Quincy 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 29: Goodbye Dessert Reception for the Village Manager

Article Deadline for the September CRIER: August 31, 2009.

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Village Manager Geoff Biddle Resigns

Geoffrey B. Biddle, Chevy Chase Village Manager for the past six years, has announced his resignation, effective July 31, to take a position in the private sector. "We are very sorry to see Geoff go," said Douglas Kamerow, Chair of the Village Board of Managers. "He's done a great job and we will miss his steady leadership very much. The other Board members and I tried to talk him out of leaving, but we were unsuccessful. We wish him all the best in his new job."

Mr. Biddle has worked for the Village for 15 years, rising to become Manager in 2003. Under his leadership, the Village staff has grown and taken on new responsibilities. Many improvements occurred during his tenure, including the Belmont

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Third Tri-Annual Village Resident Services Survey Scheduled for September 8 Distribution

When first executed six years ago, the Board of Managers and Survey Steering Committee had high hopes for a strong survey response rate. Each year our hopes have been exceeded and we hope to see an even larger response this time around.

Information gleaned from those 2003 and 2006 responses have helped shape program priorities and policy decisions for the past six years. This autumn, the Village will execute the survey's third round addressing both program priorities and public safety. The public safety component satisfies an underlying CALEA requirement to maintain our police department's accreditation and the

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The Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers will not meet during the month of August. The Board will reconvene after its summer recess on Monday, September 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall. The next issue of the *Crier* will run in September.

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program priorities component was a 2003 initiative. Both components will be updated and revised to reflect current issues, interests and developments.

Formal questionnaire development work will be conducted over the next six weeks. As in previous years, Chairs of the various Village Committees and Commissions have assembled as the Survey Steering Committee to work with professional survey consultants in developing a questionnaire asking for your opinion on an increasingly broad spectrum of topics.

Past surveys were a success because the high response rate yielded reliable and useful information. Once the questionnaire content is finalized, the Village office will produce the survey packets during August and deliver them to the Post Office on September 8. A return envelope will be included which will take completed forms directly to the independent consultants and assure anonymity for all respondents. New this year, and with the redevelopment of the Village's website, residents will also be able to complete the survey online (surveys will be coded to avoid duplicate returns). Tabulation and analysis will occur during the autumn and results will be posted on the Village website and in a future issue of the *Crier*.

Responses will benefit the Village in two important ways. First, the results of the survey will help our highly rated Police Department improve its effectiveness and maintain its accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies. Second, all Village Committees and Commissions will incorporate your responses and opinions in setting their program priorities and developing their individual near, mid and long-term objectives and these committee recommendations will be incorporated in the next Village budget cycle set to begin in December.

Contact the Village office prior to beginning any building or home improvement project, including installation or replacement of driveways, fences and air conditioning units. It is important to verify permit requirements. Permit verification requests can be submitted by email to ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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Avenue buffer construction, the Wohlfarth property acquisition, and the successful launch of the *Safe Speed* Program. The Village will sponsor a goodbye dessert reception for Geoff on Wednesday, July 29th at 8:00 p.m. All residents are invited to stop by and wish him well.

"It has been a pleasure working with the Village residents and office staff all these years," said Mr. Biddle, "but it was time to move on to new challenges. I am proud of what we have accomplished together and I have appreciated everyone's support. I leave with many fond memories of working in the Village."

Dr. Kamerow announced that Shana Davis-Cook, who has worked in the Village for ten years and is currently Director of Administration, has been promoted to Assistant Village Manager, effective immediately. She will serve as Acting Village Manager after Mr. Biddle departs, while the search for a new Village Manager is conducted.

Chevy Chase Historical Society (CCHS) Photographing in the Village

Volunteers from the Chevy Chase Historical Society (CCHS) will be walking through the Village over the coming weeks to take photographs of every single home in the Village. Their goal is to capture each house as it exists in 2009. Each year homes are razed, refaced and renovated so these pictures will help document the neighborhood at this moment in time. These photographs will be added to the CCHS' digital archives and will be available to current and future residents.

Also, if you have any interior/exterior photographs of your home *before* a renovation as well as any other Chevy Chase photographs of interest, CCHS' professional archivist can scan the photographs and return them safely within minutes at their headquarters, located on the lower level of the Chevy Chase Library at 8005 Connecticut Avenue.

To view some of the thousands of charming photographs that your neighbors have donated, please visit the CCHS website at www.chevychasehistory.org and click "Search the Collection".

In The Village

Board Actions—June 8, 2009 Board of Managers Meeting

Appointment of a New Board Member: The Board unanimously appointed Timothy J. Trifilo of 5414 Center Street to fill the vacant seat on the Board.

Election of Officers: The Board unanimously appointed the following officers—Robert L. Jones, Secretary and Betsy Stephens, Assistant Secretary.

Minutes: May 11, 2009 Regular and Executive Sessions—approved.

Committee Reports: Budget: *SafeSpeed* Program budget for the first quarter of FY2010—approved.

Appeals: A-5559—209 Primrose Street: Install a fence measuring six feet (6') in height in front of the Western Avenue front building restriction line between the southern corner of the porch and the Western Avenue front lot line and along the northeast property line between the Western Avenue front lot line and the front building restriction line. The proposed maximum height of all proposed sections would be six feet (6')—approved.

A-5560—7 West Kirke Street: Request to: (a) construct a porch, a portion of which would encroach eight and two tenths feet (8.2') forward of the twenty-five foot (25') front (West Kirke Street) building restriction line; (b) to construct a porch, a portion of which would encroach one and eight tenths feet (1.8') forward of the front (Laurel Parkway) building restriction line; and (c) to construct a deck, a portion of which would encroach two and two tenths feet (2.2') forward of the twenty-five foot (25') front (Laurel Parkway) building restriction line—approved.

New Business: Resolution No. 06-01-09: A Resolution to amend Section 77-7 of the Chevy Chase Village Charter—approved; **Resolution No. 06-02-09:** A Resolution to amend Section 77-5 of the Chevy Chase Village Charter—approved; **Introduction of Resolution No. 06-03-09:** An Ordinance to amend Chapter 8 of the Chevy Chase Village Code to clarify the height restrictions for main buildings by amending Sections 8-1 (e) and 8-17 (o)—approved. (**Note:** Copies of all three above-referenced Resolutions are available on the Village website, www.ccvillage.org, by clicking on Board of Managers or by visiting/contacting the Village office).

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Consent Schedule: Authorization for the Village Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Gaithersburg; Police Services Agreement—Section 5 of the Village of Chevy Chase; Contract Awards—janitorial services (*CleanNet USA, Inc.*), independent audit services (*Lindsey & Associates, LLC*); Contract Extensions—street maintenance (*Chamberlain contractors, Inc.*), refuse and recycling (*Unity Disposal & Recycling, Inc.*), tree services (*The F.A. Bartlett Tree Expert Company*); carry forward request—amend the FY2010 budget to carry forward \$12,713 from the FY2009 “Website Redesign” line item to the FY2010 “Website Redesign” line item; FY2009 budget reallocation—*SafeSpeed* Program budget in the amount of \$12,000 from “Capital Projects—Operations” to “Administration—Personnel”—approved.

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

Sidewalk Program Aimed at Eliminating Trip Hazards

The Village's Public Works crew has routinely repaired and replaced brick and concrete sidewalks over the past 3-4 summers. Chevy Chase Village has begun the transition to a more aggressive sidewalk rebuilding program to eliminate the many trip hazards throughout the Village's sidewalk network. However, in order to aggressively improve the Village's sidewalks, more than in-house personnel is needed to do the job efficiently.

Before summer's end, and with the help of the Village's *SafeSpeed* Program, the Village can use Program revenues to hire contractor support to fund a year-round sidewalk reconstruction program to eliminate trip hazards and increase Americans with Disabilities Act compliance.

If you have any questions regarding this program please call the Village office at 301-654-7300 or contact Michael Younes at michael.younes@montgomerycountymd.gov.

The Village Hall

Discounted Summer Rental Rates

The Chevy Chase Village Building Facilities Commission is proud to announce a **50% discount** for all Hall rentals during the months of June, July and August 2009.

The Village Hall is the perfect setting for your next event and is available to all Village residents.

Our three large rooms are available for:

- birthday and sweet 16 parties,
- weddings and wedding receptions,
- anniversary and graduation parties,
- bar and bat mitzvah receptions,
- business/organization meetings, and
- any event you can think of!

The Hall is sure to enhance your event. The discount will only last through the summer, so call to reserve the space for your event today.

Contact the Village's Community Liaison, Grace Brock, at (301) 654-7300 or by email at grace.brock@montgomerycountymd.gov for additional information or visit the Village website and click on [Village Hall](#).

Public Hearing Notice

The Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers will convene on Monday, July 13, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. to consider the adoption of:

- ◇ **Resolution No. 06-03-09:** An Ordinance to amend Chapter 8 of the Chevy Chase Village Code to clarify the height restrictions for main buildings by amending Section 8-17 (o).

Copies of the draft Ordinance may be obtained at the Chevy Chase Village Office between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, you may also submit a request for this information to be mailed to you, or you may download a copy at ccvillage.org by clicking on [Board of Managers](#).



2009 Resident Directory

Residents may now pick-up their 2009 Resident Directory from the Village office or Communications Center.

Charter Amendments Adopted June 8, 2009

The Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers adopted the following charter amendments at its June 8, 2009 regular meeting. These amendments become effective on July 28, 2009. For more information please contact the Village office at (301) 654-7300 or view the full Charter amendment at ccvillage.org by clicking on [The Board of Managers](#).

Resolution No. 06-01-09

Matter: Competitive Bidding

Charter Section: 77-7

Reason for Change: A conflict existed between Chapter 24 of the Village Code, entitled, Procurement.

Change: The conflicting reference was deleted from the Charter. The expenditure of funds for material, equipment or work which requires an independent contractor or supplier shall comply with the requirements of the Village Procurement Ordinance.

Resolution No. 06-02-09

Matter: Board Elections

Charter Section: 77-5

Reason for Change: Simplification of the process for administering an Oath of Office to newly elected Board members.

Change: Any officer in Montgomery County authorized by law to administer oaths (i.e., Notary Publics) may administer the Oath of Office to newly elected Board members.

Weekly Toddlers Group

The weekly Toddlers Group meets at **10:00 on Wednesday mornings** in the Village Hall. The Village provides the group with toys and a clean, indoor play space. Most kids are between one and three years old, but all ages—including babies—are welcome! There are lots of moms, grannies, nannies and sometimes dads who attend.

If you have any questions about the group, please contact Kristen Best at (202) 460-1256 with questions or for additional information.

Community News

Latex Paint Disposal

Montgomery County Solid Waste Management no longer allows the collection and disposal of latex paint along with other hazardous waste. This means that the Village Public Works Department is not allowed to collect latex paint.

The only authorized disposal procedure is to remove the tops from latex paint cans and allow the contents to dry. Once completely dried, the tops should be replaced and the cans placed with the regular trash. Any questions regarding this procedure should be directed to the Communications Center. We thank you for your cooperation in advance.

Suggestions for Leftover LATEX Paint...

Use It Up! Donate unopened cans of paint. Many schools, communities, religious and theater groups will accept unopened cans, especially white paint. Even a neighbor may need some extra paint. Also, check your paint store's policy on returning unopened cans of paint. Pass It On! Small amounts of paint can be mixed with other colors or bulked together and used as a primer coat or on jobs where the final finish is not critical. Avoid waste, buy only what you need. Dry It Up! Simply remove the lid and place it in a safe, well-ventilated area. Cans with 1/4 or less paint in them will dry in a few days. For cans with greater volume, add mulch, cat litter, or "Waste Paint Hardener™" available at all McCormick Paint Stores and most area hardware stores.



New Forms for Resident Review & Comment

At its meeting on June 8, the Village's Board of Managers reviewed and approved new applications for filing a tree removal permit appeal, special permit and variance request. These forms were generated to help streamline the Board's hearing review process and the Board seeks resident feedback on these new forms.

The new forms are available on The Board of Managers page of the Village website at www.ccvillage.org. Please take a moment to review the new forms and provide comments by emailing the Village office at ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov.



Licensing for Tree Contractors

All tree contractors must have a *Department of Natural Resources* (DNR) license in order to perform any work on trees (prune, remove, fertilize, inspect, pest control, disease treatments, etc.) in the State of Maryland. Any crews working in the Village that are unable to provide a valid DNR license number will be issued 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.

Village Listserve Sign-Up Instructions

1. Type groups.yahoo.com/group/ccvillage in your web browser.
2. Click on *Join This Group* in the blue box on the top-right side of the screen.
3. If you do not have a Yahoo! ID, click on *Sign Up* at the bottom-right of the screen. (If you are already have a Yahoo! ID, sign-in as normal.)
4. Follow the sign-up instructions.

Congratulations, you are now enrolled in the Village listserve! Now that you are enrolled, you can post and view messages from other residents on various topics. To post a new message, type groups.yahoo.com/group/ccvillage in your web browser, and then click on *Post* in the blue box on the left side of the screen.

Listserve are a convenient tool for sharing information; enroll in the Village listserve today!

Motor Vehicle Administration on Wheels



The MVA mobile service bus will visit the Friendship Heights Village Center from 10:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 27.

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.

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. The Village provides rear-door collection of refuse and recycling as a convenience to our residents. Please leave your gates unlocked to allow access to your receptacles and remember to contact the Communications Center if your either your refuse or your recycling was not collected.

On windy collection days, please weigh down the lids to your paper and trash receptacles. This slight extra effort saves the collection crew from chasing lids and debris all over the neighborhood.

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 Monday, September 8, for Labor Day. Trash collection will slide one Day; therefore, Monday's (9/8) collection will be made on Tuesday, Tuesday's collection will be made on Wednesday, etc., through the end of the week.

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Recycling collection for residents WEST of Connecticut Avenue will occur on Thursday, September 10. **Recycling** collection for residents EAST of Connecticut Avenue will occur on Friday, September 11.

Special pick-up collection will **not** be affected the week of Labor Day.

Building Permits Issued by the Village Manager June 2009

119 Grafton St.....Rear flagstone patio
3720 Bradley La.....Re-grading, drainage work, drywell
33 Quincy St.....Portable storage unit
6116 Western Ave.....Driveway, walkways
6401 Brookville Rd.....Replace a/c unit
25 Grafton St.....Replace a/c unit
33 W. Kirke St.....Repair/replace retaining walls/terrace
5412 Center St.....Portable storage unit
109 Summerfield Rd/204 Primrose St.....Repave alleyway
6216 Western Ave.....Replace a/c unit
117 Oxford St.....Construct new residence
7 Magnolia Pkwy.....Driveway, walkways
116 Hesketh St.....Kitchen renovations, bay window

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