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Tentative Agenda

Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall

Monday, May 11, 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, May 8.

June Appeal Deadline: 5/18 at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

Appeals

6108 Western Avenue
104 East Melrose Street
134 Grafton Street
117 Oxford Street

Old Business

New Business

Chairman's Report

Manager's Report

Police Report

Building Permits/Code Enforcement

Mark Your Calendar & See the Enclosed Flyers

June 20: CYF Service Project—
Backpack Donation & Ice Cream Social

- **Chevy Chase @ Home Survey**
- **News from the Village Green**

Article Deadline for the June CRIER: 5/26.

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New Regulations In Effect for Electronic Pet Containment Systems (also known as *Invisible Fences*)

At its April regular meeting, the Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers approved an Ordinance regarding the use of electronic pet containment systems. The new regulation reads as follows:

"No person shall install or maintain an outdoor electronic pet containment system unless the required signage, issued by the Village Manager, is posted and maintained. To disclose the presence of the electronic pet containment system, at least one (1) sign must be posted for each public right-of-way abutting the property. Each sign must be visible from and face the street and be posted at the location of the electronic pet containment system that is closest to the street."

The signs now required by this Ordinance will be available

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Chevy Chase @ Home (Senior Village)

Chevy Chase @ Home (CC@H) is a local "Age in Place" initiative being organized by residents of several of the surrounding Chevy Chase municipalities, including Chevy Chase Village.

CC@H is designed to allow seniors to maintain independence, choice and control over their lives as they grow older by organizing a close-knit volunteer network of people who live in the self-governing areas of Chevy Chase. Members, ranging in age from the mid-50s to the upper 90s and maybe older, will support each other by helping neighbors who need help with a particular job and by being able to call upon others for a different service if needed.

In order to help meet its goal to share skills interests and needs, CC@H has prepared the enclosed survey for residents young and old to complete and return. Responses from the survey will be used to determine those residents who are able to volunteer to provide services and those residents in need of those services.

Please take a moment to complete and return the enclosed survey to help this extremely worthwhile endeavor!

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

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from the Village office by the end of May. If you currently have an electronic pet containment system, or if you are intending to have a system installed on your property, please contact the Village's Director of Administration, Shana Davis-Cook, at (301) 654-7300 or shana.davis-cook@montgomerycountymd.gov, and a sign will be supplied to you as soon as they become available. Enforcement of this new Ordinance will not begin until the signs become available.

The entire Village Code, including the newly updated Sign Ordinance, can be viewed and downloaded from the Village's website at www.ccvillage.org, by clicking on [Our Laws and Regulations](#). For more information regarding the Code, please contact the Village office.

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.

Annual Meeting Notes

The 95th Chevy Chase Village Annual Meeting was held on Monday, April 20. The annual New Resident Social was again combined with the Annual Meeting. The New Resident Social was created so that long-time residents can welcome new residents to the community and for new residents to meet their new neighbors. It was also an opportunity to receive an update on activities within and around the Village.

This year's Social featured hors d'oeuvres from *Mindy's Catering* of Washington, D.C. and a puppet show performed by *Bob Brown Puppets* for the enjoyment of our younger residents and babysitters were provided so parents could attend the Annual Meeting.

Special thanks are extended to the Village's Community Liaison/Administrative Assistant, Grace Brock, for organizing the evening's festivities, and to the following helpers who made the New Resident Social a won-

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derful event: Doris Lyerly, Beverly Perkins, Rosemary Sump, Ella Barnes, Lily Biggar, Elisa Wiseman, Hannah O'Malley and Berry Dann.

As hoped, many residents remained for the Village's Annual Meeting. Board of Managers Chair Douglas Kamerow, began the Annual Meeting by presenting his State of the Village report.

The Board approved a resolution to adopt the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010 as presented by the Budget Committee and a second resolution to levy a tax on certain real and personal property under provisions of Section 6-203 of the Tax Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

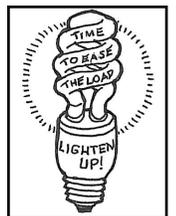
Committee and Commission Chairs provided updates on their respective activities during the past year. Synopses of each are included in this issue of the *Crier*.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Village Counsel David Podolsky reported that there were four candidates running for four seats on the Board of Managers. Douglas Kamerow, David Winstead, Gail Feldman and Peter Yeo were deemed re-elected to the Board of Managers and will be sworn in at the Board's regular meeting on Monday, May 11.

The Village wishes to extend special thanks to Hesketh Street resident Alice Kinter, also of the Garden Club of Chevy Chase, for providing beautiful flower arrangements for the evening. All flower arrangements came from properties and parks within the Village and were a wonderful addition to the evening.

News from *The Village Green*

The Village Greenies encourages residents to continue to find ways to be energy-efficient and environmentally-friendly. The Village Green has prepared the enclosed list of reminders to help our environment. Keep these reminders in a convenient place in your home so you and your family can begin to make a difference.



2009 Resident Directory

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

In The Village

Commission/Committee Reports Highlights from the Annual Meeting

Audit: Chair Timothy Trifilo stated that the Village has a rock solid financial position as reflected in the clean audit report for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2008. The audit was performed by the independent audit firm, *Stegman & Company*.

Budget: Chair Samuel Lawrence credited the Village Manager, Mr. Geoffrey Biddle, members of the Budget Committee, and healthy reserve funds with placing the Village in a good financial position coming into what is expected to be a lean budget year beginning on July 1, 2009. The Committee expects the current fiscal year to end with a surplus based on tax returns for the 2007 tax year, but in anticipation for lower tax return revenues for the just ended 2008 tax year, the Village Manager has proposed \$400,000 in expenditure reductions for the FY2010 fiscal year, largely comprised of deferred capital projects. The Budget Committee recommended that the Board adopt the constant yield tax rate.

Building Facilities: Chair Elizabeth Bausch detailed renovations that continue in the Village Hall to accommodate the staff on both the main and lower levels of the building. The Commission circulated a Village Hall Use Survey to residents in the autumn, and while responses were light, the results of the survey will be used to make changes to the uses, policies and pricing for the Village Hall and will be included in an upcoming issue of the *Crier*. Unfortunately, while rentals of the Village Hall remain in-line with previous years, participation in the classes has dwindled. The Commission continues to look for ways to increase class attendance and welcomes suggestions from residents on ways to reenergize student participation.

Children, Youth & Families: Co-Chair Jill Watson explained that she and co-Chairs, Kristen Best and Minh Le had taken over the Chairmanship of the Committee from Karen Spangler and Amy Cooper who had previously Chaired the Committee for a few years. Ms. Watson recapped some of the new events the Committee sponsored during the previous year, including a Halloween Costume Swap, live entertain-

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ment and coffee for the parents at several of the weekly Toddler Groups, an evening of Holiday Caroling after which pizza and hot chocolate were served in the Village Hall, as well as ever-popular classic Committee events like Movie Nights and Parents' Nights Out. They also organized Committee block captains to help get the word-out and coordinate for events. For the upcoming year, the Committee intends to have four co-Chairs, two each to support events for the younger kids and older kids. The Committee's co-Chairs have already begun to plan for reductions proposed for the FY2010 budget and are planning to cease paying for teen help at community events, and instead will offer service hours to these volunteers. The Committee also intends to organize and sponsor old-fashioned inexpensive community events such as a Backpack Donation & Ice Cream Social, Book Clubs, an outdoor movie at the Chevy Chase Recreation Association and coordination with Chevy Chase @ Home to assign teens and youth who can assist elderly residents in the community.

Emergency Preparedness: Co-Chair Oliver Davidson advised that while there had been no emergency situation experienced in the Village during the previous year, Village staff including Manager of Contracts & Capital Projects Michael Younes, Police Chief Roy Gordon and Village Manager Geoffrey Biddle continue to participate in County- and State-level activities designed to protect residents in case of a possible emergency.

Environmental (*The Village Green*): Chair Larry Heilman explained that with the encouragement of his Committee, the Board of Managers authorized an energy and environmental assessment of the Village Hall. While some aspects of the assessment have already been implemented, there is still more to be done. Members from the Committee are now serving as liaisons to the Village's Parks and Public Works Committees to encourage environmental awareness within the capacity of these Committees. Over the coming year, the Committee will look for ways to cut excessive noise pollution generated by lawn care equipment and will continue to keep residents educated on ways all of us can "go green" and conserve energy and the earth's resources.

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The Village Hall

Mark Your Calendar!

Committee on Children, Youth & Families Presents a Service Project in June

The Committee on Children, Youth & Families (CYF) is proud to introduce a new event to allow Village families to give back to children in need. Introducing the CYF Service Project:

Backpack Donation & Ice Cream Social

Saturday, June 20, 2009
in the Village Hall
(Time: TBD)

Kids will be able to donate their gently used backpacks and school supplies while enjoying delicious ice cream. More information regarding this event will be included in the June issue of the *Crier*, so mark your calendars and plan to attend the CYF Service Project day on June 20.

Did You Know...

The Village's website, www.ccvillage.org, is chock-full of information! All of the Village's forms, along with the entire Village Code, current issues of the *Crier*, news and events inside and outside of the Village, crime alerts, police activity and information from the Chief of Police and Village Manager can all be found on the site.

Residents may contact the Communications Center to receive their Email/ID and Password to view sections of the site restricted to Village residents. This includes submitting forms via the website like House Check and Special Pick-Up Requests.

Make a point to visit the Village website today!

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.

Board Actions—April 6, 2009 Board of Managers Meeting

Minutes

March 9, 2009 Regular Meeting—approved.

Appeals

A-1712, 5 Chevy Chase Circle: Remove one 12.0-inch diameter Southern Magnolia tree located in the southeast corner of the pool to accommodate a proposed patio—approved.

A-5517, 22 Hesketh Street: Construct a one-story addition to accommodate a kitchen/breakfast room and a one-story addition to accommodate a mud room. The proposed additions combined with the existing house and detached garage would exceed the 35% total lot coverage by 3.8%—denied.

A-5518, 3706 Bradley Lane: Demolish a detached garage located in the rear yard of the property—approved.

Old Business

Resolution No. 02-02-09: An Ordinance to amend Chapter 12 of the Chevy Chase Village Code to require the posting of signs disclosing the presence of electronic pet containment systems—approved.

Utility/Communications Undergrounding Conduit

Network Presentation: Scott Riddle of *KCI Technologies, Inc.* explained that his firm had been doing research within the Village to determine how best to accomplish undergrounding of street light and/or communications cables into an underground conduit network. The Board stated that before it considers authorizing a particular design configuration, it would like to have preliminary, but reliable cost estimates, for construction costs of conduit networks for the following separate systems: 1) a streetlights only system; 2) streetlights and Chevy Chase Village communications systems; and 3) streetlights, Chevy Chase Village and commercial communications systems.

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".

The Police Beat

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

Solicitors and Vendors



Visits by solicitors and vendors has long been a matter of concern for our residents. This is due in part to the fact that many of these individuals claim to be with non-profit agencies even though, in many cases, this turns out to not be the case. In light of these concerns, the following information is provided to help residents understand how the Village Police Department handles solicitors, vendors and literature distributors.

To prevent scams and misrepresentations by solicitors, the Village instituted Chapter 19 of the Village Code which requires vendors, solicitors and literature distributors to obtain a license for such operations from the Village Police Department. This ordinance requires for-profit organizations to obtain a Montgomery County solicitor/vendor permit prior to obtaining the Village permit. Non-profit organizations are not required to obtain a County permit.

The Village does not have the resources available to verify the validity of organizations to which permits are issued; however, each individual who will be within the Village must submit identification.

When a for- or non-profit organization receives a Village permit, they are provided with the Village's "No Solicitors" list. This list contains the addresses (not names) of residents who have expressed a desire not to receive visits from vendors and solicitors. If an individual does solicit from an address on this list, they are subject to a citation and possible permit revocation. Approximately 50% of homes in the Village are on this list.

Another measure taken by the Village was to purchase "No Solicitors" decals for placement near the home's front entrance. These decals in addition to the "No Solicitors" list can be used to prevent visits from solicitors, even those that have obtained a permit from the Village.

There are limitations to the types of solicitation the Village can prevent. The police do not have the authority to restrict either solicitations or literature distribution by political and religious organizations.

"No Solicitors" decals may be obtained from the Village Communications Center. If you would like your address added to the "No Solicitors" list, please complete

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the "No Solicitation Form" available under the Online Forms Center on the Village website (www.ccvillage.org).

As always if you have any questions regarding solicitor and vendor operations and enforcement within the Village, and/or if you witness or experience a suspicious individual or situation, contact the Village Communications Center immediately at (301) 654-7300.

Seat Belts—Special Enforcement



During the Month of May, Chevy Chase Village Police will issue citations for seat belt violations as part of a statewide campaign.

The risk of being involved in a fatal crash is significantly greater at night as compared to the daytime.

- NHTSA research shows that fewer people wear their seat belts at night than during the day.

In 2007, 14,464 passenger vehicle occupants died in crashes between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 5:59 a.m., according to NHTSA research. Of that number, 63 percent were not wearing seat belts, compared to 45 percent of unbelted daytime (6:00 a.m. and 5:59 p.m.) occupants.

Depending on the hour of the day, belt use among passenger vehicle occupant fatalities can vary by nearly 31 percentage points – from a high of 61 percent at 10:00 a.m. to a low of 30 percent at 3:00 a.m.

Seat belts save lives – they are the best defense against injuries and fatalities.

- In 2007 alone, seat belts saved an estimated 15,147 lives. An additional 5,024 lives could have been saved if seat belts were worn at the time of the crashes.
- One in five Americans still fails to buckle up regularly.
- Employing safe driving practices, day and night, is the key to keeping drivers, their passengers, and other motorists on our nation's highways safe. A seat belt can mean the difference between life and death.

For additional information, please visit www.nhtsa.gov.

Community News

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Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Local Advisory Panel (LAP): Chair Thomas Bourke explained that the LAP continues to review residents' applications submitted to the County's HPC for Historic Area Work Permits to ensure proper administration of the historic review process.

Investment Committee: Investment Committee Chair Gail Feldman advised that the Committee, along with assistance from Legal Counsel and the Village Manager, had overhauled the Village's Investment Policies and Procedures for the first time in several years and that the Committee continues to look for sound financial investments within the parameters of the adopted Investment Policy.

Parks: Chair Alice Kinter advised that her Committee was currently dealing with the overuse of Brookville Park by professional dog walkers and the need for more plantings in the Buffer Area. Looking ahead, the Committee is testing pavers and samples for new streetlights in the small triangle park behind the Village Hall (corner of West Kirke Street and Laurel Parkway), will work closely in the design and development of the Chevy Chase Open Space park (commonly referred to as the Wohlfarth Property) and continues to oversee the general upkeep and maintenance of the Village's parks.

Personnel: Recently appointed Commission Chair David Kushner noted the wonderful job the Village staff does. He stated that his Commission is charged with ensuring that the Village's policies and procedures are appropriate to both retain and attract the quality staff the residents have come to expect. Over the previous year, the Commission has focused on the CPI increase, recruitment activities, educational requirements and distribution of the annual Holiday Fund.

Public Safety: Chair Saul Goodman began by explaining that his Committee serves as the citizen advisory Board to the Village Manager and Police Chief overseeing both the police force and communications staff. Mr. Goodman and Police Chief Roy Gordon noted that crime during the previous year had declined in the Village and that there had been no violent crimes or home break-ins/burglaries. Chief Gordon credited this in part to the varying patrol methods that the officers utilize,

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including bike and foot patrols. Mr. Goodman and Chief Gordon highly encouraged residents to call in to the Village's Communications Center whenever they see, hear or sense a suspicious situation.

Public Works: Co-Chair James Vassilikos explained that he and co-Chair Tom Jackson have participated along with Village staff and members of the Village's Environmental Committee in overseeing a feasibility study by an independent firm for the laying of underground cables throughout the Village.

Tree: Chair Bob Elliott stated that while his Committee continues its spring tree planting program, the number of candidate sites for trees has lessened with each year. The Committee intends to plant approximately 19 trees throughout the Village in the coming weeks. Mr. Elliott welcomed resident feedback as the Committee proceeds into the spring planting program.

Rent the Village Hall
for your next event!

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!

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.

Building Permits Issued by the Village Manager April 2009

5504 Grove St.....	Install sump pump drain
111 Oxford St.....	Waterproof basement, re-grade patio
5512 Montgomery St.....	New patio
7 Magnolia Pkwy.....	Replace fence
4023 Oliver St.....	Replace, relocate air conditioning unit
3 W. Irving St.....	2-story rear addition, renovate basement
113 Grafton St.....	Replace 6-foot high fence
24 Hesketh St.....	Install 4' high fence
5607 Montgomery St.....	Widen driveway, install walkway
3922 Oliver St.....	Replace 6-foot high fence
104 Summerfield Rd.....	Walkway, install 6-foot high fence
11 E. Kirke St.....	Screened porch, alter walkway
9 Grafton St.....	Replace air conditioning unit
5614 Kirkside Dr.....	Replace air conditioning unit
117 Oxford St.....	Excavation and foundation work
4014 Oliver St.....	1-story and 2-story additions
134 Grafton St.....	Install fence/shed, enclose front portico
13 Magnolia Pkwy.....	Install front landing, walkway
5505 Center St.....	Install flagstone patio in rear yard

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