



# Chevy Chase Village

# CRIER

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## HAPPY HALLOWEEN

### Tentative Agenda

Board of Managers' Meeting  
Chevy Chase Village Hall

Monday, October 12, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Note: The full agenda will be available  
on the Village website by Friday, October 9.

November Appeal Deadline: 10/19 at 5:00 p.m.

### Approval of Previous Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

Appeals & Hearings

7 West Kirke Street

Old Business

New Business

Chairman's Report

Manager's Report

Police Report

Building Permits/Code Enforcement

### Mark Your Calendar!

October 6: CPR Class

October 7 & 14: Flu/Pneumonia Clinic

October 20 & 21: Garden Club Flower Show

October 30: Annual Halloween Party

Article Deadline for the November CRIER:  
October 26, 2009.

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## 2009 Resident Survey

The Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers extends its appreciation to each and every household that responded to the Resident Survey, which was mailed to residents at the beginning of September. As of the printing of this newsletter, 45% of Village households had responded to the survey.

The Board will receive a report on the survey responses at its October 12 meeting. All residents are encouraged to attend.

Survey responses will help shape and improve the services provided to all Village residents. The tabulated results will be published in an upcoming issue of the *Crier*.

## Proposed Play Area at Laurel Park

The Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers is considering a proposal to create a small playground in the Village. The southern tip of Laurel Park has been identified as a possible site for a playground, though no final decisions have been made.

At its July meeting, the Board authorized funding to prepare landscaping plans and elevation sketches to accompany plans for a playground. The goal was to ensure that Board members and residents could understand what the playground would look like from various perspectives, and how playground equipment

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## Village Police Seek to Obtain Taser Technology— Public Hearing Scheduled for the October 12 Board Meeting

Chief Gordon would like to equip Village Police Officers with Tasers (non-lethal weapons). The Public Safety Committee supports the Chief in this endeavor. There will be a public hearing on the matter at the Board of Managers' October 12, 2009 regular meeting, which begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Chief Gordon will make a formal presentation on taser technology and respond to questions from the Board of Managers and the community in attendance. Residents who are unable to attend the October Board Meeting can email the Police Chief with their questions and concerns at: [roy.gordon@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:roy.gordon@montgomerycountymd.gov).

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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](mailto:ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov), Website: [www.ccvillage.org](http://www.ccvillage.org)

# In The Village

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would be shielded from the neighbors. The draft playground plans, together with the landscaping plans and elevations, are enclosed.

There are two options that are under consideration. The first option utilizes traditional playground equipment, and the second option utilizes natural "playscape" materials.

**The Board is planning to discuss the playground proposal at its October 12, 2009 meeting.** We welcome your views on the Laurel Park playground proposal before the October meeting as well as at the meeting itself. Please feel free to submit your comments by email to [ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov), and your communications will be forwarded to the Board of Managers.

## Seasonal/H1N1 Flu Corner

Over the past few months, Village staff has been working closely with local County and State officials to monitor and prepare for this year's seasonal flu and H1N1 (originally referred to as swine flu) outbreaks. The *CRIER* will feature a new *Seasonal/H1N1 Flu Corner* to provide residents with updated information.

In our pilot *Corner*, residents are encouraged to remember the three main prevention measures each of us can take to help prevent the spread of communicable diseases such as the seasonal flu and the H1N1 flu:

1. Wash your hands frequently (or use hand sanitizers such as *Purell*).
2. Cough and sneeze into the crook of your arm—inside your elbow—and NOT into your hand.
3. Stay home if you are sick—this includes staying home from work, school, the mall and social gatherings such as concerts and movies.

Montgomery County officials have been monitoring the H1N1 virus since last spring when six initial cases were diagnosed. In order to keep County residents informed, two informational resources have been set-up for residents regarding both types of flu:

**Hotline:** (240) 777-4200

**Website:** [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/h1n1flu](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/h1n1flu)

## Committee for Seniors

The Village's newest committee needs your help. Volunteers are sought to help get this worthwhile Committee off the ground. The Committee for Seniors is focused on improving the quality of life for seniors here in our community by providing social activities, networking and resource sharing opportunities and volunteer outreach.

To join or for more information on how you can assist the Committee, please contact Committee Chair Betty O'Connor at [betty.oconnor@comcast.net](mailto:betty.oconnor@comcast.net) or (301) 656-0597.



**Daylight Savings Time Ends  
Sunday, November 1, 2009**

Turn Your Clocks Back **BEFORE** you go to bed on Saturday, October 31.

## Scheduled Closing of the Friendship Heights Post Office

Another casualty of the economic crisis is the United States Postal Service, who has announced closures of several postal facilities across the country and elimination of even more postal (blue) boxes. Many of the blue boxes have already been or are scheduled for removal within the Village for underperformance.

One of the local postal facilities scheduled for closure is the Friendship Heights post office, located at 5530 Wisconsin Avenue, directly across from *Saks Fifth Avenue*. This post office primarily services local residents and citizens who walk to the facility from the condominiums and businesses in Friendship Heights.

The Village of Friendship Heights has circulated a petition asking for the facility to remain open. Closure of this facility would create a significant hardship for thousands of residents, workers and visitors to the facility, particularly the elderly and disabled, and is likely to increase pedestrian and vehicular traffic to the post office in the Chevy Chase Village Hall.

The petition is available at the Friendship Heights post office and at the Friendship Heights and Chevy Chase Villages' offices. Residents are encouraged to sign the petition to express the community's concern and hopefully avoid the closure of this community asset.

# In The Village

## Board Actions—September 14, 2009

### Board of Managers Meeting

**Minutes:** July 13, 2009 Regular Session—approved.

**Committee Reports: Budget Committee—**Committee Chair Samuel Lawrence presented the draft *SafeSpeed* Program budget for FY2010, which the Board approved.

**Appeals: A-5574—3 Quincy Street:** Demolish an existing carport located in the rear yard of the property—approved. **A-5616—4 Quincy Street:** Demolish an existing main building—approved. **A-5615—134 Grafton Street:** Enclose an existing front stoop and replace the existing steps with a landing and one step leading to the proposed front portico which would be located up to four feet (4') forward of the twenty-five foot (25') front building restriction line—withdrawn. **A-5613—5802 Kirkside Drive:** Install an arbor a maximum of 4.5 feet in width and a maximum of 7.5 feet in height located in the Grafton Street front yard of the property—continued. **A-1742—5802 Kirkside Drive:** Removal of (a) one 14.5-inch diameter Leyland Cypress tree located on the west side of the property, (b) one 16.0-inch diameter Leyland Cypress tree located on the west side of the property, (c) one 17.0-inch diameter Leyland Cypress tree located on the north side of the property, and (d) one 12.5-inch diameter Leyland Cypress tree located on the north side of the property—all approved.

**New Business: Resolution No. 09-01-09:** Resolution to adopt [a] debt policy—approved.

**Consent Schedule—all approved:**

- **Contract Awards**
  - ◇ Tree maintenance services—*The F. A. Bartlett Tree Expert Company*
  - ◇ Plan review and pro-active code enforcement services (sole source)—*Mid-Atlantic Inspection Services*
- **Supplemental Appropriations (tax-based budget)**
  - ◇ Primrose Street repairs, \$21,000 from reserves to Streets, In-House Maintenance & Repair (*Chamberlain Contractors, Inc.*)
  - ◇ Plan review and pro-active code enforcement services, \$46,000 from reserves to Administration, Other Professional Services (*Mid-Atlantic Inspection Services*)
  - ◇ Annual maintenance contract for electronic ticketing software, \$3,000 from reserves to Police Department, Service Contracts (*Advanced Public Safety*)
  - ◇ Amendments from the original draft FY2010 *SafeSpeed* Program budget:
    - ⇒ \$750 from reserves to Police, Personnel

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- ⇒ \$65,826 from reserves to Public Works, Personnel
- ◇ Two corrections from the originally approved tax-based budget:
  - ⇒ \$3,000 re-appropriation from reserves to Public Works, Personnel
  - ⇒ \$300 from Communications, Personnel to Communications, Operations
- Authorization to purchase three of the remaining twelve lockers for the police locker room, in the amount of \$6,630 (*SafeSpeed* budget)
- ACS Contract Amendment No. 2 to provide payment processing services for the Village's *SafeSpeed* Program (*SafeSpeed* budget)

## Special Thanks

West Kirke Street resident Mark Eig with assistance from his wife Susie Eig and Oliver Street resident Susan Kilborn constructed a delightful entrance to the Rain Garden located in Laurel Park over the summer. The entrance was constructed using natural materials and much ingenuity and artistic talent. *Many thanks!*

## Autumn Leaves

The Public Works Department's yearly leaf collection effort is soon to be underway. Two leaf vacuums will begin running toward the beginning of October and will continue to run as often as needed through the first week in December.

Residents are asked to rake their leaves as close to the curb as possible without putting them in the roadway gutter. Should it rain, leaves piled in the gutter will dam the water causing it to pond. Residents are also encouraged not to box in piles of leaves with cars both for easier accessibility for the leaf crews and additional safety for your vehicles.

Residents on Bradley Lane should put their leaves in paper bags and place them at the roadside. Bradley Lane is the only area where bagging is required.

Sticks and other sharp tree and garden debris should be left loose and placed in separate piles from leaves. Sharp debris can tear the leaf collection hoses or dull the blades on the leaf machines, resulting in repairs to the vacuum machinery that can cause delays in the pickup schedule.

# The Village Hall

## Pending Litigation, Complete Court Pleadings Now Available

A complete set of the court pleadings (records) pertaining to the Cary M. Euwer, Jr. vs. Chevy Chase Land Company, et al (Chevy Chase Village) case, are available in the Village Hall.

A single copy-master set is available for review and residents are permitted to make one (1) copy free of charge. For more information, contact the Village office at (301) 654-7300.

## Costume Swap

The Committee on Children, Youth & Families will hold its second annual Halloween Costume Swap on Sunday, October 25 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Bring your old costumes and swap for a new one. This is a wonderful opportunity to get a new costume in time for the Village's Halloween Party on October 30 and trick-or-treating on October 31.

## Tween/Teen Fright Night



The Committee on Children, Youth & Families proudly presents a Tween/Teen Movie Night in the Village Hall on Friday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m. Scary Movie 4 will be shown on the big screen.

See the enclosed flyer for additional information.

## Annual Halloween Party

Please join us for our Annual Halloween Party on **Friday, October 30 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** In addition to the annual Costume Contest, there will be pumpkin decorating and a haunted room with new scary creatures to frighten both young and old.

Please see the enclosed flyer for additional information and make a point to join us on **October 30!**



## 2009 Resident Directory

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

## Two Seasonal Flu & Pneumonia Clinics

The Village will host its annual flu and pneumonia vaccine clinic twice in the Village Hall this year.

**Wednesday, October 7: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, October 14: 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Please see the enclosed flyer for more details.

## CPR Class

Tuesday, October 6, 2009  
7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Village Hall

\$45 per person. Training materials provided.  
A two-year certificate issued upon course completion.  
Adults and children welcome.  
A minimum of 10 students required to hold the class.  
Contact the Village office to sign-up.

## Weekly Toddlers Group

The weekly Toddlers Group meets at **9:30 on Thursday 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.

For more information, contact Kristen Best at (202) 460-1256 or kristenabest@yahoo.com.

## Please Come!

### “Pathways to a Greener Tomorrow” Flower Arrangement/Horticulture Show

Tuesday, October 20—3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, October 21—10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Chevy Chase Village Hall  
5906 Connecticut Avenue  
Chevy Chase, MD 20815  
(Open free to everyone)

With judged entries from 13 member clubs of the Garden Club of America. Presented by the Garden Club of Chevy Chase and the Georgetown Garden Club.

# The Police Beat

To e-mail Police Chief Roy Gordon: [roy.gordon@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:roy.gordon@montgomerycountymd.gov)

## Halloween Safety Rules



Halloween is fast approaching, and it's a good time to remember that our children's safety should come first. A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.

*Before Trick or Treating*, take the following steps:

- Try to give children a good meal to discourage them from trying out Halloween treats while out and before treats can be checked.
- Make sure costumes are flame retardant; also make sure children can see well through masks.
- Agree with children on an appropriate time to complete trick or treating.
- Keep pets confined in the home.
- Drive carefully and slowly.
- Adult partygoers should designate a driver.

*While Trick or Treating*, youngsters should always be reminded to:

- Use a flashlight to see and be seen by others.
- Stay in a group and let an adult know where they are going.
- Go only to homes with porch lights on.
- Remain on well-lit streets and use the sidewalk.
- Never enter a stranger's home or car for a treat.
- Obey all traffic and pedestrian regulations.
- Always walk (don't run) across a street and look out for cars and drivers.
- Remove any mask or item that will limit eyesight before crossing a street, driveway or alley.
- No treats should be eaten until carefully checked by an adult at home.
- Any suspicious or unlawful activity should be reported to the Communications Center immediately.

*After Trick or Treating*, once home, a responsible adult should:

- Examine all treats carefully and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious items.
- Determine if treats are safe for all age groups and if not, distribute accordingly.

As always, the Village Police Department will have

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additional officers on duty the evening of Halloween night, Saturday, October 31. Please report suspicious situations, and inappropriate conduct to the Village Communications Center at (301) 654-7300.

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Tasers have been used by law enforcement agencies in the United States since 1998. Local agencies that carry the devices include Montgomery County police, Gaithersburg City police, Rockville City police and Takoma Park police. The addition of taser devices to law enforcement officers' belts has helped to dramatically reduce injuries among officers and their suspects.

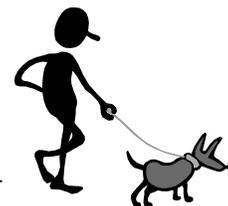
Before Village officers can carry a taser device, they must undergo extensive training designed to inform and prepare officers about the safe operation of the device. Each taser device would operate as a computer – collecting and storing relevant information after each use. Additionally, the taser device has a built-in video recorder (camera) and microphone to record the entire event when deployed by an officer. This provides unmatched officer accountability measures.

Tasers are often referred to as Electronic Control Devices (ECDs). Contrary to popular belief, electrical voltage from a taser does not pose a significant risk to humans. A taser device transmits less than the amperage found in a standard Christmas tree bulb and much less than the 16 amps in a 100-volt wall outlet.

Please attend the October 12 Board Meeting to voice your concerns and have your questions answered. The Police Chief will provide handouts on the taser devices as well as a "draft" policy on the use of tasers for the Chevy Chase Village Police Department. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

## Pick-up After Your Pet

Residents are again reminded to clean up after your pets! This is not only the neighborly thing to do, it is the law. *Dogipot* plastic bag dispensers are located throughout the Village to assist pet owners in performing this unsavory duty. Violators will be fined \$100 for the first offense.



# Community News

## Family-Friendly Lecture will Honor Bandmaster John Philip Sousa

The Chevy Chase Historical Society will honor the life and music of John Philip Sousa on **Sunday, October 18**, with a 4:00 p.m. family program at the Jane E. Lawton Recreation Center social hall, 4301 Willow Lane. The community is invited to this free event.

Sousa directed the Marine Corps Band, which frequently played at the Chevy Chase Lake Dance Pavilion in the last 19th- and early 20th-centuries. Chevy Chase Lake was a popular summer destination for Washingtonians at the northern terminus of the Rock Creek Railway streetcar line on Connecticut Avenue, near today's T.W. Perry Building Supply.

Sousa historian and tuba player Matthew K. Brown will bring the great American bandmaster to life for CCHS' fall program. Professor of Tuba and Euphonium at Millersville University and Temple University, Brown incorporates original recordings, photographs, and other ephemera drawn from his personal collection

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## Women Helping Women Many Hands, Inc. Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall

Village residents are invited to attend an informational meeting for Many Hands, Inc., a local non-profit dedicated to improving the lives of under-served women and children in the metropolitan area. We bring together people who want to maximize their giving impact and become engaged in local philanthropy.

Organized in 2003, Many Hands has awarded grants totaling over \$350,000\* to local charities including \$100,000 gifts to Our Place, DC, the Young Women's Project and Pediatric HIV/AIDS Care, Inc. Find out how you can get involved. Together, we can make a difference.

Please contact Village resident, Noni Lindahl at (301) 656-1966 or [nvlindahl@aol.com](mailto:nvlindahl@aol.com) with any questions or visit the website at [www.manyhandsdc.org](http://www.manyhandsdc.org).

**\*Correction:** The September 2009 issue of the CRIER incorrectly stated that Many Hands, Inc. had awarded grants totaling \$250,000.

## Fourth Annual Ellen's Run

Sunday, October 11, 2009, 5K Run/Walk

Announcing the Fourth Annual Ellen's Run to benefit the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School's Community Scholarship Fund (CSF) and the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County in memory of Ellen Vala Schneider, former Chair of the CSF, whose involvement in our community and inspired so many.

To donate, register and to get additional information, go to [www.ellensrunonline.org](http://www.ellensrunonline.org).

## Village Listserve Sign-Up Instructions

1. Type [groups.yahoo.com/group/ccvillage](http://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 listserv! 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](http://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 listserv 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, October 26.

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

Rent the Village Hall  
for your next event!

## 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.

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](mailto:ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov).

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## Building Permits Issued September 2009

- 7 Newlands Street.....Replace fencing
- 5502 Park Street.....Install air conditioning unit
- 5611 Kirkside Drive.....Install air conditioning unit
- 15 Primrose Street.....Replace driveway apron
- 107 Primrose Street.....Repair stone walkway, steps
- 5700 Kirkside Dr.....Install fence, elect. pet fence
- 104 Summerfield Road.....Install patio in rear yard

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of Sousa memorabilia.

The lively presentation, appropriate for school-age children and adults of all ages, will be followed by a rousing performance by a ceremonial unit of the United States Naval Academy Band. Founded in 1854 and comprised of professional musicians, the Band was instilling patriotism in the hearts of Americans decades before Sousa led musical evenings at Chevy Chase Lake. The October 18 performance will involve all the instruments for which John Philip Sousa composed and will include a selection of much-loved American classics.

Questions about this special afternoon of Sousa memories, concert and patriotic refreshments may be directed to CCHS program Chair Shelly Brunner at (301) 907-8072.



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