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Tentative Agenda

Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall

Monday, September 14, 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, September 11. October Appeal Deadline: 9/21 at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Treasurer's Report
Committee Reports
Appeals & Hearings

3 Quincy Street
4 Quincy Street
134 Grafton Street
5802 Kirkside Drive
5501 Park Street

Old Business
New Business
Chairman's Report
Manager's Report

Police Report
Building Permits/Code Enforcement

Mark Your Calendar!

Varying Dates: Start of Fall Class Session

September 13: CYF Fall Social

September 24: Toddler Group Kickoff

September 29: Chevy Chase @ Home Kickoff

October 6: CPR Class

October 20 & 21: Garden Club Flower Show

Article Deadline for the October CRIER:
September 28, 2009.

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2009 Resident Survey

In preparation for the annual mid-year budget development work, all Chevy Chase Village residents will soon receive, by mail, a survey form and postage stamped return envelope. Through this survey of every household, the Village Budget Committee and Board of Managers will learn more about your degree of satisfaction with present Village services and also your thoughts on how these services might best be funded through tax dollars in the future.

This survey is a significant opportunity to help shape and improve the quality of life for all Village residents. Each and every survey response is important. Please take a few moments when it arrives to complete the survey and return it in the envelope provided or complete the survey online at www.ccvillage.org, by clicking on Important Topics.

If you have any questions after receiving the survey, please contact the Village office. Please remember that the Village Board and management value your opinion and invite your candid response.

Changes to the Village's Permitting Process

At its July Board meeting, the Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers approved for the Village staff to begin working with Alan Beal and Wayne C. Fowler of Mid-Atlantic Inspection Services to assist with in-office and in-field administration of the Village's permitting process.

Alan and Wayne assist several other municipalities with their permitting administration and began working with Village staff at the beginning of August. Wayne patrols the Village looking for code violations and checking on active sites to ensure compliance with issued permits. At project end, Wayne visits sites to ensure the work was completed in accordance with the issued permit.

Alan and Wayne work in the office reviewing proposed large-scale building plans and meeting with residents, architects and contractors to help them understand Village codes and permitting procedures.

As always, residents are encouraged to contact the Village office prior to beginning any building or home improvement project, so we can help you understand the Village's requirements. Village staff is here to work with residents and their architects and contractors to understand the Village Code and permitting process.

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

In The Village

Board Approves New Committee

At its July 13 regular meeting, the Board of Managers approved the creation of its newest Committee: The **Committee for Seniors**. Chaired by Betty O'Connor of 137 Grafton Street, this Committee will serve as a liaison to the multi-community senior village group, Chevy Chase @ Home.

The Committee for Seniors' focus is improving the quality of life for seniors here in our community by providing social activities, networking and resource sharing opportunities and volunteer outreach.

The Committee will hold its inaugural event, Cupcakes & Conversation, on September 29 (see the enclosed flyer for more information).

To join or to see how you can participate in this worthwhile committee, contact Betty O'Connor at (301) 656-0597 or betty.oconnor@comcast.net.

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.

Village Police Seek to Obtain Taser Technology— Public Hearing Scheduled for October 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.

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 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.

In The Village

Board Actions—July 13, 2009 Board of Managers Meeting

Minutes: June 8, 2009 Regular and Executive Sessions—approved, July 7, 2009 Special Review Hearing and Executive Session—approved.

Committee Reports: Upon the request of Grafton Street resident, Betty O'Connor, the Board approved the creation of the Committee for Seniors. This Committee will serve as the liaison committee to the Chevy Chase @ Home senior village group.

Appeals: A-1732—24 Hesketh Street: Removal of one 21.0-inch diameter Holly tree located in the rear yard of the property—approved.

Old Business: 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.

Memorandum of Understanding between the Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission and Chevy Chase Village for the Chevy Chase Open Space Property—approved.

New Business: Consent Schedule—

- Carry Forwards (*SafeSpeed* Program, FY09 to FY10)
 - ◊ Brookville Road Walkway--100% Drawings (Rummel, Klepper & Kahl) \$188,550
 - ◊ Photometric Engineering Services (Rummel, Klepper & Kahl) \$25,727
 - ◊ Police Cruiser/Equipment (Various) \$35,125
 - ◊ Hardware Systems (Capital Projects) \$4,000
- Supplemental Appropriations FY 2010
 - ◊ \$15,000 from reserves to tax-based Parks, Trees & Greenspace for landscape design and art/renderings of potential playground equipment and screening in various locations and Brookville Road walkway graphics.
 - ◊ \$20,000 from reserves to tax-based Administration operations for professional recruiting services.
 - ◊ \$5,000 from reserves to Tax-based Administration operations as-needed consulting services from *Mid-Atlantic Inspection Services* to support front office plan review, permitting & field code enforcement activities.
 - ◊ \$6,600 from reserves to Tax-based Village Building repair and maintenance to reconfigure and upgrade building main electrical circuitry.
- Executive Recruiting Services – Authorization for Village Manager to Enter into Contract with Management Partners, Inc.
- Resident Survey Support Services – Authorization for the Village Manager to Enter into Contract with Candice

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Bennett & Associates for \$5,000 in technical and support services in association with execution of the calendar 2009 Chevy Chase Village Resident Survey.

- Village Hall Electric Reconfiguration and Upgrade – Authorization for the Village Manager to enter into a contract with W. K. Trunnell Electric, Inc. to provide labor and materials to reconfigure and upgrade main building (Village Hall) circuitry.

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".

From the Parks Committee

Park Benches

The Parks Committee surveyed residents who are near neighbors to the Village's parks during the summer. There was an enthusiastic response for having benches, or more benches in each park.

Benches can facilitate community interaction or provide a place to rest and enjoy the green space.

If you would like to donate a bench in honor of someone or in memory of someone, please call the Village office or a member of the Parks Committee.

The Village's five parks are at Oliver Street and Kirkside Drive, Oliver Street and Cedar Parkway, Laurel Parkway, West Kirke Street west of the Village Hall, and the Brookville Road park at Primrose Street and Quincy Street.

Help Your Tree!

1. When you water the grass in your front yard, make sure the street tree in front of your property is also watered.
2. Keep mulch away from the trunk.
3. Report dead or damaged limbs to Michael Younes in the Village office.

*Reminders from Committee Chair Alice Kinter,
Chevy Chase Village Parks Committee*



The Village Hall

Exciting New Classes Offered for the Fall 209 Classes Session

Several new and exciting classes are being offered in the Village Hall this Fall, including Spanish for beginners and intermediate, guitar for teens and adults, country line dancing and a zumba dance class for kids. The Village is also holding a special two-day etiquette class for kids and a self-defense workshop for women and teen girls ages 15+.

These classes are a wonderful opportunity to try something new, meet new friends and best of all—you don't have to go far from home because all of these classes are held in the Village Hall.

See the enclosed two-page flyer for detailed class descriptions and to sign up for any number of these exciting new classes!

July 4th Parade & Party a Success

Water, water everywhere! That could easily have been the theme of this year's party! From a dunk tank to a water slide, mister and water worm—residents young and old started July 4th.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's July 4th Celebration a success! Special thanks to Grace Brock and Doris Lyerly for organizing the festivities, Public Works personnel for their assistance and all who came out to join in the fun.

Public Hearing Notice

The Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers will convene on Monday, September 14, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. to consider the adoption of:

- ◇ **Resolution No. 09-01-09:** Resolution to adopt [a] debt policy.

Copies of the draft Resolution may be obtained at the Chevy Chase Village office between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or you may request for this information to be mailed to you.



2009 Resident Directory

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

Two Flu & Pneumonia Vaccine 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.

A flyer providing additional information will be included in the October 2009 issue of the *Crier* and will be posted on the Village website.

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.

See the enclosed flyer for details.

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.

An article with more information will be included in the October 2009 issue of the *Crier*.

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.

The Toddler Group will have its annual kickoff event on Thursday, September 24.

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

Community News

Garden Club Flower Show

Members of the Garden Club of Chevy Chase and the Georgetown Garden Club are presenting a Flower Show open free to the public on Tuesday, October 20 from 2:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, October 21 from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Village Hall, 5906 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

Titled Pathways to a Greener Tomorrow, the judged show includes flower arrangements representing Energy in classes interpreting, in flowers, Fossil Fuel, Nuclear Fusion, Wind, Biomass and Solar. The Horticulture classes include challenges in growing trees from seed and training plants into topiaries. The Photography class gathers in images of flowers, trees, water and historic scenes.

The Flower Show is associated with the yearly meeting of the 13 Garden Club of America Zone VI clubs from the Baltimore area, Washington, DC and the Maryland Eastern Shore. All Zone VI clubs will participate in the show.

The Chevy Chase Library Re-Opens September 8.
Celebrate the re-opening at Family Fun Day 2009 on Saturday, September 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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 \$250,000 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 with any questions or visit the website at www.manyhandsdc.org.

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.

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 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 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, September 28.

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.

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.

Building Permits Issued July/September 2009

- 33 Quincy St.....Install satellite dish
- 133 Grafton St.....Rear patio alterations
- 4 Hesketh St.....Replace lattice work under porch
- 21 Hesketh St.....Install a/c unit
- 5615 Montgomery St.....Replace patio, walkway

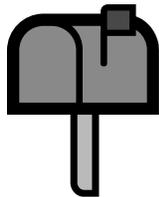
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- 17 Magnolia Pkwy.....Repair rotten fence sections
- 7 Magnolia Pkwy.....Replaced walkway
- 5505 Center St.....Replace drain pipe
- 8 Magnolia Pkwy.....2-story addition, porch, deck
- 5414 Grove St.....Underground sprinkler system
- 25 Grafton St.....Replace fence
- 5406 Grove St.....Underground irrigation system
- 5410 Grove St.....Underground irrigation system
- 5408 Grove St.....Underground sprinkler system
- 205 Primrose St.....Convert deck into screen-porch
- 122 Hesketh St.....Cap stoop, walkway, steps in flagstone
- 3 Chevy Chase Cir.....Install fence and gate
- 5507 Center St.....Install a patio
- 104 E. Melrose St.....2-story addition w/ basement
- 120 Grafton St.....2-story addition w/ crawl space
- 104 E. Lenox St.....Replace fence
- 24 Hesketh St.....Single-story rear addition
- 5607 Montgomery St.....Install wrought iron handrail
- 14 Hesketh St.....Irrigation system
- 209 Primrose St.....Relocate HVAC system
- 5802 Kirkside Dr.....Driveway, apron
- 33 Oxford St.....Install fence
- 6320 Broad Branch Rd.....Replace driveway
- 26 Oxford St.....Underground irrigation system
- 23 W. Irving St.....Shed, patio, retaining wall, fence, stairs

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Chevy Chase Village 2009 Resident Survey Coming Soon! See cover article for details.

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