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Mark Your Calendars...Village's Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting: Monday, April 19, 2010

Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall

following the New Resident Social.

All residents are welcome to attend!

Historic Snowfalls in Metro Area

The DC Metro Region experienced historic snow storms during the month of February. While these storms almost crippled other communities, the Village was able to fight the relentless storm.

The Public Works crew of seven was on-site in the Village before the first snowflake hit the ground to pre-treat roads and to begin preparations to deal with what ever amount of snow fell. The crew worked around the clock, keeping the roads clear, even after the storm had past, crews worked to clear access to hydrants and storm drains and to clear intersection sight lines.

Several residents emailed, phoned and wrote in to thank and compliment the public works staff for their efforts in keeping Village roadways passable. While several lessons were certainly learned from this experience, the response to this event proved that Chevy Chase Village is a wonderful place to live.

Tentative Agenda

Board of Managers' Meeting

Chevy Chase Village Hall

Monday, March 8, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Note: The full agenda will be available on the Village website by Friday, March 5. April Appeal Deadline: 3/22 at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

Appeals

128 Hesketh Street

138 Grafton Street

Old Business

New Business

Chairman's Report

Manager's Report

Budget and Tax Matters

Last month's issue of the Crier included a letter from Board Chair Douglas Kamerow outlined the current status of Village revenues and expenses. The Board of Managers and Village Manager Shana Davis-Cook have taken steps to manage financial prudence in the current fiscal year and into the next fiscal year, which begins July 1. These steps require active, conscience, decisive day-to-day management of Village finances.

The Village Manager will submit her first draft of the FY2011 budget to the Board of Managers for its first review, along with comments from the Village Budget Committee, at the Board's regular meeting on Monday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m. The budget is then formally introduced at the Board's regular meeting on Monday, April 12 followed by a final vote and adoption of the budget at the Annual Meeting on Monday, April 19.

Residents are reminded that the Village's primary source of revenue is our share of residents' income taxes. Please remember to write/type "Chevy Chase Village" in the "City, Town or Taxing Area" box on your income tax return (see page 3 of this issue of the Crier for an example). This DOES NOT mean you will pay more in income taxes—it means the portion of your income taxes that should be allocated to the Village will be appropriated correctly by the State. Otherwise these monies stay with Montgomery County.

By marking Chevy Chase Village on your income tax return you assist us in continuing the services that have made this such a wonderful community.

Mark Your Calendar!

March 2 & 16 and April 6 & 20

Chevy Chase @ Home's Meet & Mingle

March 11: Toddler Group St. Patty's Party

March 18: Resident Directory Forms Due

March 28: Art Show Reception

Article Deadline for the April 2010 CRIER:
March 29, 2010.

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5906 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815

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.chevychasevillagemd.gov

In The Village

Annual Village Art Show



The Building Facilities Commission will sponsor the Sixth Annual Art Exhibition at the Village Hall.

The Exhibition will open with a reception on Sunday, March 28 and will continue through Thursday, May 2.

See the enclosed flyer for additional information.

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 is a convenient tool for sharing information; enroll in the Village listserv today!

Any residents experiencing any difficulties signing up are welcome to call the Village staff for assistance.

News from the Village Green Saving Energy Money at Home



Insulate your home when:

- You have an older home and haven't added insulation. Only 20% of homes built before 1980 are well insulated.
- You are uncomfortably cold in the winter or hot in the summer – adding insulation creates a more uniform temperature and increases comfort.
- You build a new home, addition or install new siding or roofing.
- You pay high energy bills
- You are bothered by noise from outside – insulation muffles sound.

(Information supplied by the U.S. Department of Energy)

2010 Resident Directory

The 2010 Village Resident Directory will be distributed at the Annual Meeting on Monday, April 19, and will be available for pick-up in the Village office after that date.

An update form was enclosed in the February 2010 issue of the *Crier* and mailed to residents in late February. Please remember to return the completed update form by **Thursday, March 18, 2010** so changes and corrections may be made to your listing prior to printing the new directory.

Residents may also submit their changes via the Village website at www.chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov. You can submit your form two (2) ways: Online or via regular mail. In order to submit your form online you must log in to the website using your "Resident Account", if you do not have a resident account or can't remember your user email and/or password you can register or have your log in information sent to you by clicking the "Resident Account" link located on the left side of the screen directly below the Village logo. Once you are logged in click on the "Online forms – Resident Only" link under the "Forms" tab at the top of the homepage and then click on the "Resident Directory Form" link and follow the direction on the page. Once you have filled out the form click the "Submit via Email" button at the bottom of the form. The form is then submitted directly to the Village office. Update forms may also be printed out by clicking on the "Printable Forms and Applications" link located under the "Forms" tab at the top of the homepage.

Ethics Commission Vacancy Filled

At the Board's February 16 regular meeting, Board chair, Douglas Kamerow appointed long standing Commissioner Kate Clark of East Kirke Street as Chair and the Honorable David Tatel of Grafton Street to fill the Vacancy caused by the resignation of previous Chair, Reid Thompson of West Kirke Street, who had served as Chair for 16 years.

Ms. Clark and Judge Tatel are thanked for their willingness to serve on this important Commission, chartered by the Village Code, and are congratulated on their appointment.

In The Village

Board Actions—February 16, 2010 Board of Managers Meeting

Minutes: January 11, 2010 Regular and Executive Sessions—approved.

Consent Agenda— Supplemental Appropriation and Purchase Requests—Legal expenses to support pending litigation (Cary M. Euwer vs. Chevy Chase Land Company, et al [Chevy Chase Village]) \$250,000 from tax-based reserves to Administration, Legal: Cedar Parkway Right of Way — approved, Purchase Authorization and Supplemental Appropriation for a surveillance vehicle, *Chevy Chase Nissan*: \$27,700 from *SafeSpeed* reserves to the *SafeSpeed*, Facilities and Infrastructure, Vehicle Purchase/Replacement budget — approved, Supplemental Appropriation request: \$30,000 from tax-based reserves to Public Works, Operations (weather events—labor, materials and equipment)—approved.

Resolution No. 02-01-10: Amendment to Chapter 13 of the Village Code to add a new Section 13-11A to establish a procedure for restricting the parking of motor vehicles in certain locations on public streets in Chevy Chase Village and to amend Section 6-5 of the Village Code to establish the fine for violating Section 13-11A—approved.

Introduction of Resolution No. 02-02-10: An ordinance to amend Chapter 8 of the Chevy Chase Village Code to regulate the installation of walkways, wires, cables, hoses, pipes, and similar facilities within the public right of way—approved.

Introduction of Resolution No. 02-04-10: An Ordinance to amend Section 8-22 of the Chevy Chase Village Code to regulate arbors.

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.chevychasevillagemd.gov.

Board of Managers Election

Three Board seats will be up for re-election in April. Those seats are currently filled by Robert Jones, Betsy Stephens and Timothy Trifilo.

Any Village resident may run for a seat on the Board provided he/she is a registered voter in the State of Maryland and has lived in Chevy Chase Village for thirty days prior to the election.

Residents interested in running for a seat may contact the Village office or Burt Schorr, Chair of the Nominating Committee, at (240) 497-0392. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting (Monday, April 19, 2010).

The Village Code requires that candidates file a Financial Disclosure Statement with the Village Ethics Commission (Chair, Kate Clark) prior to the election. Forms are available in the Village office.

As of the printing of the March issue of the Crier, Alec Smith of West Melrose St. has been nominated as a candidate for the Village Board of Managers.

Plant Trees with \$25 Coupons

Montgomery County is also offering a tree planting program this fall called Leaves for Neighborhoods. Like the State, the County's Program offers a \$25 coupon off trees purchased from participating nurseries throughout the County, but the retail value must be a minimum of \$75. Coupons, available at www.montgomerycountypanning.org/leaves, must be redeemed by the end of May 2010.

Residents who do not have access to either a computer or printer, may contact the Village office for a copy of the County's coupon.

FORM 502 MARYLAND RESIDENT INCOME TAX RETURN

OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 2009, ENDING

SOCIAL SECURITY #		SPOUSE'S SOCIAL SECURITY #	
Your First Name	Initial	Last Name	
Spouse's First Name	Initial	Last Name	
PRESENT ADDRESS (No. and street)			
City or Town		State	Zip Code
Name of county and incorporated city, town or special taxing area in which you were a resident on the last day of the taxable period. (See Instruction 6)		Maryland County	City, town or taxing area Chevy Chase Village

Tax Return Reminder

When preparing your State of Maryland tax return for 2009, please remember to enter **Chevy Chase Village** in the proper block of **Form 502/503** as shown here.



The Village Hall

Seasonal/H1N1 Flu Corner

In January the Village held an H1N1 Flu Clinic at the Village Hall. The Clinic was a success with approximately 100 people attending. If you have not yet received the H1N1 vaccine and are still interested, please contact the Montgomery County information hotline at (240) 777-4200 or visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/h1n1flu to find a participating H1N1 Flu Clinic.

The Senior Corner

Meet and Mingle— 1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Our March 16 Meet and Mingle will be a special celebration for St. Patrick's Day. Wear a touch of green and join us for some Irish music, folk tales, personal remembrances of the Emerald Isle and refreshments with an Irish touch. We'd welcome some Irish Jigs as well.

The April 6th Meet and Mingle will have an added attraction: Tim Healy, a Section 3 resident, will bring his guitar and entertain us with his music. We will have the usual games, conversation and refreshments.

On April 20th, CC@H will have three experts to give you ideas and help on de-cluttering your home, holding yard sales and using the consignment shops to move unwanted items out of the home. Terry Scanlin, Kathy Beal and Judith Carrig will discuss the topics and answer your questions for an informative session. Of course, we will have the usual Meet and Mingle offerings with refreshments.

Mark your calendars and look for announcements in the *Crier*, on your e-mails or from a phone call. We will try to have programs that you will enjoy.

Betty O'Connor

Committee on Children, Youth & Families

The weekly Toddlers Group will host a Pre- St. Patrick's Day Party and Spring Performance on **Thursday, March 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** in the Village Hall. The entire family is welcome! Come and enjoy snacks, refreshments for adults and live entertainment.

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

Chevy Chase Center Plan Amendments

Representatives for the Chevy Chase Land Company (Land Company) presented the draft development plans for the Chevy Chase Center in a public meeting at the Village Hall on February 3. Described by the Land Company, the proposed modifications would include "enhanced seating areas, outdoor dining areas, additional landscaping and streetscaping, and other miscellaneous amendments to improve circulation and overall functioning of site improvements". Residents in attendance at this public meeting commented on the overall status of the center and the proposed plans which include the area along Wisconsin Avenue, Wisconsin Circle and the interior "roadway" and in Farr Park (the area between the two retail buildings on Wisconsin Avenue).

At its February 16 regular meeting, the Village Board of Managers heard a brief summary of the Land Company's presentation from Village Manager Shana Davis-Cook and heard comments from residents in regard to the proposed plans. Residents' primary objection to the development plan is the privatization of approximately 875 square feet of the approximately 9,000 square foot Farr Park. This 875 square foot area would be reassigned for use as private outdoor dining for patrons of M Café.

After hearing residents' comments and discussing the proposed plans, the Village Board voted to not oppose the proposed revisions to the development plan (and related plans).

Large scale plans of the proposed amendments are available in the Village office and website at www.chevychasevillagemd.gov for residents to review. The development plan amendments have been filed with the Montgomery County Planning Board. Residents can contact the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission at (301) 495-4595 or the County's Office for the People's Counsel at (240) 777-9700 for more information.



**Rent the Village Hall
for your next event**

The Police Beat

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

Public Safety Committee Recommends Village Police Suspend the Acquisition of Electronic Weapons

Mr. Saul Goodman, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, presented a report to the Village Board of Managers on February 16, 2010 on the topic of equipping Village officers with electronic weapons (tasers). Mr. Goodman reported that shortly after the Chief of Police requested Tasers for his officers, the Maryland Attorney General's Office released its Task Force Report on Electronic Weapons that included sixty recommendations for Maryland Law Enforcement agencies to consider when purchasing Tasers. Mr. Goodman advised the Board that a Public Meeting on the issue of Tasers, attended by both residents and members of the Public Safety Committee, resulted in both pro and con opinions on the issue. Mr. Goodman pointed out that Tasers, used properly and with appropriate training and polices can be an effective "less-than-lethal" weapon for law enforcement. He further advised that there have been deaths associated with Tasers requiring a more thorough examination of their use by law enforcement.

Mr. Goodman reported to the Board that the recommendations of the Maryland Attorney General's Task Force report greatly restrict the use of Tasers to the extent that the benefits of such a "less-than-lethal" weapon outweigh their need for Village officers to carry them at this time. Police Chief Roy Gordon agreed to withdraw his proposal to purchase Tasers for Village officers and told the Board of Managers that he knows of no police agency in the State of Maryland that complies with the Attorney General's Task Force recommendations at this time.

Moving? Expecting a large truck delivery?

Residents are encouraged to contact the Communications Center to have Temporary No Parking Signs installed in front of their home when moving out of the Village or when expecting a large truck delivery.

No Parking signs will be posted at least one day prior to the move out or delivery date as a courtesy to notify neighbors that the parking spaces are needed to accommodate a large truck for a specified period of time as posted on the signs.



Police Department Seeks Reaccreditation

Every three years the Village Police Department undergoes intensive scrutiny to retain its accredited status. In April, the Chevy Chase Village Police Department is scheduled for an on-site assessment to verify that it continues to meet professional status.

Administered by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), the accreditation program requires agencies to comply with state-of-the-art standards in four basic areas: policy and procedures, administration, operations and support services.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session on Monday, April 19, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. The session will be conducted in the Chevy Chase Village Hall located at 5906 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD.

Agency employees and the public are also invited to offer comments by calling 240-876-1493 on April 19, 2010 between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Comments will be taken by the Assessment Team.

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address agency's ability to comply with CALEA's Standards. A copy of the standards is available for review 24 hours a day at the Chevy Chase Village Police Department at 5906 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD. For additional information about this process call the Village Police, 301-654-7300 and speak with Chief Roy Gordon or Public Safety Coordinator, Jacqueline Parker, during normal business hours or, Sergeant Adventino Dasilva during the evening hours.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments about the Chevy Chase Village Police Department's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 10302 Eaton Place, Suite 100, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-2215 or www.calea.org.

Community News

Wisconsin Place Community Recreation Center

This state of the art Community Center is located at 5311 Friendship Boulevard in Chevy Chase and houses a regulation sized gymnasium, a weight room/exercise room, 2 activity rooms, a conference room and a child's play room. There is also a silver sneakers program where residents who are 55 and older may use the facility free of charge Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

A three month pass to use the Weight Room & Gym at the center is \$75, \$110 for six months and \$180 for a one year pass.

The community center also offers classes in everything from arts and crafts to dance and exercise. For a complete list of classes, please visit <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/rec/currentguide.pdf> or call (240)777-8088.

Hours of operation are : Monday through Friday. 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Census Form 2010

Every ten years the US Census Bureau sends United States residents a census packet consisting of ten questions such as the number of people living in your home, each person's name, age, sex, race and if you rent or own your own home. Census workers will NOT ask your legal status or for your social security numbers.

Residents should receive their Census form in March. The completed forms must be mailed back by April 1, 2010. If the form is not returned by that date, the Census Bureau may decide to visit you at your home. If you find that a Census taker knocks on your door, before speaking with them, make sure to ask for official government badge and personal ID, to protect you from any possible scams.

State Tax Credit Information

The Maryland Historical Trust has a list of "Frequently Asked Questions" about rehabilitation tax credits offered by the state on its website at: www.marylandhistoricaltrust.net/taxcr.html. The tax credit application and informational materials can also be found at this site.

For additional information about tax credits, please call the Office of Preservation Services directly at (410) 514-7628.

Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Educational Foundation Fundraising Event

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School community is holding an event to raise money for their School's Educational Foundation on Thursday, March 11, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This is their fourth annual "Wine, Chocolate and Cheese" event and it will be held at the Woman's Club of Chevy Chase. There will be great food, wine, music by the B-CC HS Jazz Combo and a chance to catch up with friends!

For ticket information, and to learn more about the foundation, go to www.bccedfoundation.org. If you do not have access to a computer, call (301)657-2547

Tax Credits Available for Snowstorm- Affected Historic Homes

In a recent press release, the M-NCPPC announced that owners of historic buildings in Montgomery County are eligible for local tax credits for repairs needed for snowstorm-related damage.

Valerie Burton, Communications Manager for the Montgomery County Planning Department advised that owners of buildings listed in the County Master Plan for Historic Preservation may apply for the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Tax Credit for repairs to roofs, gutters and the like as long as the work does not alter the look of a building's exterior features.

To qualify, the cost of the repair work must exceed \$1,000. The tax credit, applied toward County property taxes, will equal 10 percent of expenses.

The County Council created the historic preservation tax credit program in 1984. The Historic Preservation Commission reviews tax credit applications, certifies that project work is eligible for tax credits and forwards recommendations to the County Department of Finance for approval. Any unused portion of the tax credit may be carried forward for as many as five years.

For a list of eligible activities, criteria and to download an application, visit www.montgomeryplanning.org/historic/instructions/taxcredit.shtm or call (301)563-3400.



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**Public Works Department/
Trash Collection**

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 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 small effort saves the collection crew from chasing lids and debris all over the neighborhood and ensures your lids aren't lost.

Special Pickups

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

Copper Phone Service Complaints

At its December 14, 2009 regular meeting, the Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers heard a presentation from a *Verizon* representative outlining plans to install FiOS technology throughout the Village. The Board voted in favor of *Verizon* to install its fiber optic technology throughout the Village. Construction is scheduled to begin in the fall/winter 2010.

In the meantime, if you are experiencing service interruptions with your copper phone line we encourage you to report them to the Village office by phone at (301) 654-7300 or by e-mail to ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov in order for the Village to contact *Verizon* to expedite the repairs.

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, March 29, 2010.

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.