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Board of Managers Election Results

The Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers Election was held on Saturday, May 8. The following candidates were elected to the Board of Managers: Lawrence C. Heilman, Peter T. Kilborn and Allison W. Shuren.

The League of Women Voters verified that 319 ballots were cast on the Election Day with an additional 111 absentee ballots with a total of 1,079 votes cast. This represents a 24 % voter turnout. Special thanks to the *Montgomery County League of Women Voters* for presiding over the election.

At their regular meeting on Monday, May 10, the Board unanimously elected its members to the following seats:

Douglas Kamerow, Chair
 David L. Winstead, Vice Chair
 Peter M. Yeo, Secretary
 Peter T. Kilborn, Assistant Secretary
 Gail S. Feldman, Treasurer
 Allison W. Shuren, Assistant Treasurer
 Lawrence C. Heilman, Board Member

Please see the article on page 6, second column for Board Members' contact information.

Political Sign Regulations

The Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers revised the Village's Sign Ordinance (Chapter 12 of the Village Code) last year. Among the amendments were revised regulations for the erection of "noncommercial signs". The revised ordinance defines "noncommercial signs" as: "[A] a sign conveying any political, religious or other noncommercial speech which carries no message, statement, or expression related to any commercial interest."

In addition to limits on the size of noncommercial signs, which includes campaign signs, the Ordinance also states:

- No [noncommercial] sign shall be located within two (2) feet, at its closest point, of the nearest public improvement provided, however that signs may be posted on utility poles in accordance with the regulations of the utility and the requirements of this chapter; and
- No [noncommercial] sign shall be located in the unimproved right of way or on any utility pole directly abutting private property, unless authorized by the owner (s) or occupant (s) of the directly abutting private property.

The Village has received several complaints recently regarding violations to the above-referenced Ordinance. Residents are asked to consult the Village's Signs Ordinance BEFORE erecting campaign signs. If you have any questions regarding the Village's Code of Ordinances, please feel free to contact the Village office.

Tentative Agenda

Board of Managers' Meeting

Chevy Chase Village Hall

Monday, June 14 10, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Note: The full agenda will be available on the Village website by Friday, June 11

July Appeal Deadline: June 21 at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

Appeals

11 West Melrose Street

3912 Oliver Street

6000 Western Avenue

7 West Kirke Street

Old & New Business

Chairman's Report

Manager's Report

Police Report

Building Permits/Code Enforcement

Mark Your Calendar!

June 10: Toddler Group Father's Day Party

June 15: CC@H Meet & Mingle

June 19: Backpack Donation

July 4: Parade and Party

Deadline for the July 2010 CRIER: 6/28

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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

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In The Village

Farewell to Employee John Huffstetler

In April, the Board of Managers and staff bid farewell to long-time employee John Huffstetler. After being hired by many local residents over the years as a general contractor, carpenter and handyman, the Village began using John as an independent contractor on an as needed basis in the late 1990's. Finally in 2005, John was brought on as a full-time employee as the Building and Facilities Superintendent.

In this capacity, a few years ago John helped to renovate the Village's administrative and police offices to accommodate evolving staff needs. John's skilled carpentry work is evident in the beautiful woodwork, which John was asked to replicate in the new spaces of our historic Village Hall.

In April, it was announced that John's position had been terminated due to budget constraints; however, his presence will be sorely missed by residents and staff. We wish John the best in his future endeavors.

Village to Celebrate 4th of July

Many Village residents are expected to participate in the Annual Chevy Chase Village July 4th Parade to the Park. Parade assembly will begin at 10:15 a.m. at the Village Hall. Led by the Chevy Chase Fire and Rescue Department (subject to active service calls to which they would have to respond). At 10:30 a.m. sharp, participants will make their way to the Oliver Street park where entertainment and refreshments will be available for all to enjoy. The Village Police will be on hand to register bikes at the Park. If it rains, the celebration will be held in the Village Hall.

Bring your bathing suits because we are all going to get wet! We have added a huge inflatable super water slide that is sure to be fun for all ages (adult participants and youth participants' guardians must complete a liability waiver in advance. Please contact Grace Brock at grace.brock@montgomerycountymd.gov to obtain a form).

Two moon bounces will also be featured again this year along with a 14 foot water slide, a climbing wall, Ms. Paula doing face painting, sack races and plenty of fun for the entire family.

Please see the enclosed flyer to details and plan to attend this years parade and party!

Committee on Children, Youth and Families

The Committee on Children, Youth and Families is proud to announce that the Haiti Fundraiser Block Party raised over \$3,000. All proceeds will go to the organization *Jhpiego* which helps newborn babies and their mothers.

CYF would like to thank all of the residents who attended and helped make this fundraiser a huge success! A special thanks goes out to Bryan and Kathleen Anderson of Grove Street for donating *CocaCola* products for the refreshments and to Barry Thompson and Barbara Keyes of Center Street for the *Red, Hot and Blue* BBQ!

CYF encourages Village families to continue their support to children in Haiti. Below is an upcoming Donation Drive to benefit Haiti: **Backpack Donation** on Saturday, June 19, 2010 in the Village Hall. Youth will be able to donate their gently used backpacks and school supplies. See the enclosed flyer for more information.

Save the date: A welcome back BBQ will be held on Friday, September 24, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Oliver Street Triangle Park. This is a time to welcome new families and to re-connect with old friends! There will be a live band, delicious BBQ and a moon bounce for the kids!



2010 Resident Directory

Residents may now pick-up their 2010 Resident Directory from the Village office or Communications Center.

Village Permitting Position Vacancy

Due to a staffing vacancy, part time permitting assistance is available in the Village office for limited hours which will vary from week to week.

Please email permitting questions and requests to: **ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov**. All permitting forms and a list of permit fees are available on our website at www.chevychasevillagemd.gov.

We appreciate residents' patience as we seek to fill our permitting position. As always, if you have general questions or need assistance, please contact the Village office at (301) 654-7300.

In The Village

Board Actions—May 10, 2010 Board of Managers Meeting

Swearing in of the Board Members: Shana R. Davis-Cook, Village Manager and Notary Public, administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Board Members Lawrence C. Heilman, Peter T. Kilborn and Allison W. Shuren.

Election of Officers: The Board voted unanimously to appoint the following slate of officers—Douglas Kamerow, Chair, David L. Winstead, Vice Chair, Peter M. Yeo, Secretary, Peter T. Kilborn, Assistant Secretary, Gail S. Feldman, Treasurer and Allison W. Shuren, Assistant Treasurer.

Minutes: April 12, 2010 regular meeting—approved.

Committee Reports: Brookville Road Working Group—Memorandum of Understanding with the State Highway Administration and Chevy Chase Village for the Brookville Road Sidewalk Project—approved; and Resolution No. 05-01-10: An Ordinance to amend Chapter 8 of the Chevy Chase Village Code to exempt owners of any lot fronting or abutting an improved public sidewalk that is within a State Highway Right of Way from the snow removal requirements of Section 8-32, and to delete a redundant term in Section 8-32(a)—approved. **Ethics Commission**—The Board approved additional language for the Financial Disclosure Form that the Public Ethics Code requires Board members and the Village Manager to complete each year. **Public Works Committee**—The Board approved use of the Pine Hall Brick in the running bond pattern.

Appeals: A-5559: 209 Primrose St.—Extension of a previously granted variance to install a fence measuring 6' in height in front of the Western Ave. front building restriction line between the southern corner of the porch and the Western Ave. front lot line a along the northeast property line between Western Ave. front lot line and the front building restriction line—approved; **A-5962: 101 E. Melrose St.**—Replace the portion of an existing wooden stockade fence located in the Newlands Street public right of way, measuring 6' in height, and 48' in length. The fence would be located at least 2' from the Brookville Rd. public sidewalk at its closest point and would be located approximately 7' from the Newlands Street curb at its closest point—approved;

A-5693: 102 E. Kirke St.—Install a wooden stockade fence varying in height from 4' to a maximum of 6', in the west from (Brookville Rd.) yard of the property. The fence would be located along the west front (Brookville Rd.) property line, and would be located at least 3' from the public sidewalk at any one point—approved; **A-5694: 26 Oxford St.**—(a) construct a wooden vertical board fence measuring 6 1/2' in height located along the front (Brookville Rd.) property line; (b) and located 18" from the public sidewalk at its closest point—approved; **A-5695: 26 Oxford St.**—Construct a timber tie retaining wall abutting the public sidewalk in the front (Brookville Rd.) yard of the property. The retaining wall would be located approximately 3 1/2' from the front (Brookville Rd.) property line. The wall would be a maximum of 20" in height at any one point and would be approximately 100' in length—approved; **A-5696: 102 E. Melrose St.**—Install a wooden vertical board fence: (a) measuring 6 1/2' in height, located in the west front (Brookville Rd.) yard; and (b) located 12" from the public sidewalk at its closest point. The fence would be a total of 89' in length, a 59' portion of which would be located along the west front (Brookville Rd.) property line—approved; **A-5698: 3706 Bradley La.**—Install a second curb cut for the purpose of installing a proposed circular driveway—approved.

Old Business: Resolution 03-02-10: An Ordinance to amend Section 8-1(p) of the Chevy Chase Village Code to modify the definition of lot coverage to exclude certain projections from the calculation of lot coverage—approved. **New Business: 1 Primrose Street**—Removal of one 10.0" diameter Crab Apple Tree, located in the south (Primrose Street) yard of the property, east of the existing driveway—approved. **Contract Authorization Request:** Contract extension with *Lindsey and Associates* for independent auditing services—approved. **Supplemental Appropriation Request and Purchase Notification:** Repair of damaged storm drain from winter storms (Chamberlain Contractors, Inc.): \$4,875 from tax-based reserves to streets, walks, Drains & Lights—Streets-Contractor—approved.

This is a synopsis of the Board's actions. To view an archive of the approved minutes from the Board's meetings, please visit the Village website at www.chevychasevillagemd.gov.

The Village Hall

The Senior Corner

**Meet & Mingle— 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Meet & Mingle continues to be a success! With Sandy Geller's "**Myself Growing Older**" and the very informative session with Troy Fox, and Margaret Nolan, Financial Planners, everyone enjoyed the afternoon.

June 15—Judy O'Hara, well-known attorney and Estate Planner in the Chevy Chase Village area, will share her expertise with us and will have answers to the many questions that we pose for her. Mark Ward will also be there to offer help with computer problems, as well as instructions to handle the "listserve". As always, refreshments will be served.

July 6th and 20th and August 3rd and 17th will be Tuesdays for M&M socials— Book club, games and occasionally computer help and as always we will always have refreshments. Several of us are trying to learn **Mah Jong**; we may have learning sessions for anyone interested.

More and more people are coming to our Tuesday events— and we hope that that continues. We urge you to join us this summer. If there is a program you would like to have, we'll try to find it for you. We have received requests for information on the new changes to Social Security, and also for programs featuring some of our talented artists and writers. Help us plan events that interest you. Come and bring a friend or neighbor with you. If you need a ride or have suggestions, please call me at 301.656.0597 or email me at betty.oconnor@comcast.net. Hope to see you soon!

Betty O'Connor

Weekly Toddler's Group

The weekly Toddlers Group will host a Father's Day Party on **Thursday, June 10** from **9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** in the Village Hall. Come and enjoy snacks and crafts for the kids and coffee for parents, grandparents and caregivers.

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

Rent the Village Hall for your next event!

Public Hearing Notices

The Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers will convene on Monday, June 14, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. to hold a public hearing to consider possible adoption of:

- ◇ **Resolution No. 05-02-10:** A Resolution pursuant to Section 13-2 of the Village Code to authorize the Chair of the Board of Managers to issue an order for the installation of warning signs and two speed humps on Hesketh Street between Cedar Parkway and Magnolia Parkway, warning signs and one speed hump on Center Street between Belmont Avenue extended and Kirkside Drive, and warning signs and two speed humps on Center Street between Kirkside Drive and Cedar Parkway.
- ◇ **Resolution No. 05-03-10:** An Ordinance to require vehicles traveling northbound and southbound on Cedar Parkway to stop at the intersection of Cedar Parkway and Center Street and to authorize the Chair of the Board of Managers to issue an executive order for the erection of stop signs on Cedar Parkway at the intersection with Center Street.

Copies of these draft Ordinance may be obtained at the Chevy Chase Village Office between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, you may download a copy at www.chevychasevillagemd.gov or you may submit a request for the draft Ordinances to be mailed to you.

Reminder to all Residents...Stay Informed

Residents are reminded that the Village's primary source for disseminating information is through the *Crier*, however, reminders regarding upcoming events and other important timely information is disseminated through the listserve and on the Village website. For instance, did you know that the *Crier* is posted on the website with a link provided on the listserve almost four days before the *Crier* arrives in your mailbox?

If you have not done so already, please enroll in the listserve (instructions on page 6) and be sure to check the website at www.chevychasevillagemd.gov.

The Police Beat

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



Chevy Chase Village Police Department Receives Recognition for Participation

The Chevy Chase Village Police Department was recently recognized as a participant of the prestigious Maryland Law Enforcement Challenge, a program sponsored by the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA), the Maryland Sheriff's Association (MSA) and the Maryland State Highway Administration's Highway Safety Office (MHSO).

The Maryland Law Enforcement Challenge is a competition between Maryland law enforcement agencies which recognizes and honors those excelling in traffic safety enforcement. There were more than 80 agencies participating throughout 2009. The submissions are reviewed by a panel of law enforcement officials from throughout the State. This year Chief Gordon was asked to be on the panel.

2009 was the first year that Chevy Chase Village Police Department entered a submission to the Challenge.

On Wednesday, May 5, 2010, Police Chief Roy Gordon and Public Safety Coordinator Jackie Parker attended the 2009 Maryland Law Enforcement Challenge Awards Luncheon in Baltimore, Maryland to accept a plaque in recognition of the department's participation.

"Every injury, every death on Maryland's roadways is a tragedy," said Maryland Chiefs of Police Association President Chief George Johnson. "The Chevy Chase Village Police Department deserves this award for its lifesaving efforts and recognition that traffic safety is public safety."



Chevy Chase Village Police Department will be focusing on aggressive drivers during the months of June through September as part of the Smooth Operator Initiative.

Safety In Public Places



Purse Snatching is a frequently committed street crime, and the mature woman is often the target. You can help protect yourself by doing the following:

- When walking, carry your purse on your side away from the street. Carry your purse close to your body. Make it a practice to carry a closed purse.
- Make sure your purse contains only the things you really need. Limit the amount of cash you carry and never carry important papers unless you absolutely must!
- If your purse is grabbed, let it go! Consider trying to open your purse as you let it go, causing the contents to spill onto the ground. Your assailant won't take the time to pick them up.
- When you are sitting in a public place, hold your purse on your lap. Don't put it on the floor or in another chair or seat.
- To prevent injury, sit down on the ground if someone attempts to take your purse. This could prevent your being pushed roughly to the ground.
- Always report a purse theft or attempted purse theft to local law enforcement.

Make a photo copy of all important items normally carried in your purse. If it is stolen, you have an easy way of identifying everything that is missing (credit cards, etc.)

Walking

If your primary transportation is walking, there are things you can do to help avoid being the victim of a crime.

- Vary the route and time you walk to your destination.
- Walk with companions, especially after dark.



Community News

Commission and Committee Vacancies

Building Facilities Commission—formulates and submits to the Board of Managers for its approval proposed rules and regulations concerning public use of the Lambert Room, Humphrey Hall and the Tuohey Conference Room, standards of the eligibility for use, hours of use, rental fees, conduct during use, permits for use, damage to equipment, building or utility and enjoyment of the Village Hall. There are currently two vacancies on the Commission.

If you are interested in serving on this Commission, please contact Village Manager Shana R. Davis-Cook at shana.davis-cook@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Committee for Seniors—Chaired by Betty O'Connor of Grafton Street, this Committee serves as a liaison to the multi-community senior village group, Chevy Chase @ Home.

The Committee focus is to improve the quality of life for seniors here in our community by providing social activities, networking and resource sharing opportunities and volunteer outreach. To volunteer on this Committee, contact Betty O'Connor at (301) 656-0597 or betty.oconnor@comcast.net.

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, June 21, 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.



Summertime Reminder

The Village reminds residents that use of lawn mowers, leaf blowers and other outdoor power equipment is not permitted between 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. weekdays, nor between 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. on holidays and weekends.

Please advise your landscape crews of these noise regulations, which are strongly enforced by the Village Police.

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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!

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



5906 Connecticut Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Join your neighbors for the 4th of July Parade to the park!
See the enclosed flyer for details

BOARD OF MANAGERS

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VILLAGE MANAGER

Shana R. Davis-Cook



**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.

Ride FREE Anytime on *RideOn* and METRO buses in Montgomery County

Seniors 65 or older and persons with disabilities with a valid METRO Senior ID Card or Medicare Card with Photo ID and persons with disabilities must have a valid METRO Disabled ID card. Call the transit information center at (240) 777-RIDE (7433) for more information.

Building Permits Issued May 2010

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 10 East Kirke Street | Replace existing fence |
| 4 Quincy Street | Build new house |
| 4016 Oliver Street | Replace fence |
| 15 Primrose Street | Stucco garden wall |
| 5 Chevy Chase Circle | Roof, masonry |
| 8 Quincy Street | Flagstone walkway |
| 6 West Kirke Street | Remove sidewalk |
| 5505 Montgomery Street | Replace A/C unit |
| 5511 Cedar Parkway | Repair patio and steps |
| 7 Newlands Street | Roof repair |
| 6000 Western Avenue | Construct building |
| 3912 Oliver Street | Driveway apron |
| 4013 Oliver Street | Gutter repair |
| 108 Summerfield Road | Replace roof |

Parade to the Park



Sunday, July 4th

Assemble at the Village Hall at 10:15 a.m.

Parade leaves the Village Hall at 10:30 a.m.

Refreshments at the Park until 12:30 p.m.

Dress up your bikes, strollers and wagons.

Bring the whole family!

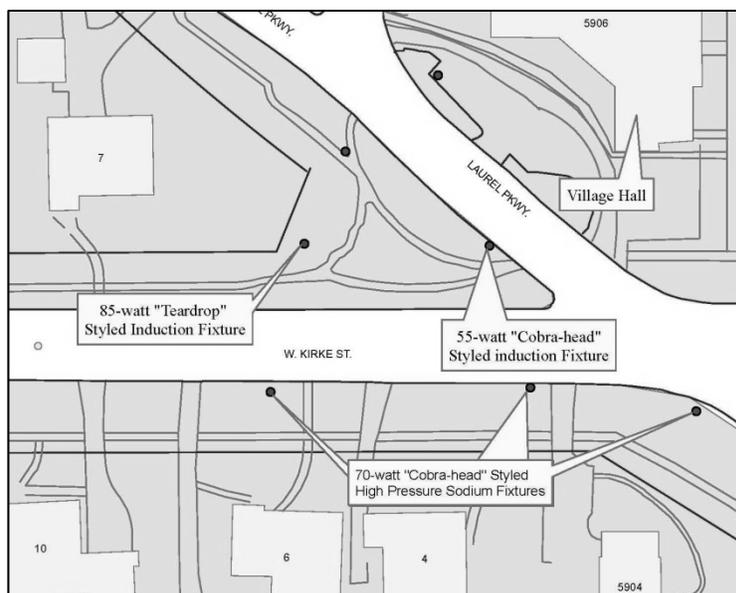
In the event of rain, party will be held in the Village Hall

Sample Streetlights Installed

In the past two (2) triennial Chevy Chase Village Resident surveys, residents overwhelmingly supported upgrading the street lighting throughout the Village. As a pedestrian and public safety initiative the Village is developing a plan to use a portion of the funds generated by the *SafeSpeed* Program to enhance and upgrade the public right-of-way lighting throughout the community.

In order to assist residents, the Public Works Committee and the Board of Managers in the selection of adequate street lighting, PEPCO and the Village have installed the following sample streetlights as shown on the map below:

- One – 55-watt induction cobra-head styled light (white-light)
 - located on Laurel Parkway across from the Village Hall (at the intersection of West Kirke Street and Laurel Parkway)
- One – 85-watt induction teardrop styled light (white-light)
 - located in the triangle park across from the Village Hall (at the intersection of West Kirke Street and Laurel Parkway)
- Three – 70-watt high pressure sodium styled lights (yellow-light)
 - located along West Kirke Street in front of 4 and 6 West Kirke Street and along the right side yard of 5904 Connecticut Avenue



At a future Board meeting, the Public Works Committee will seek the Board's approval on a wattage and fixture for use throughout the Village. Once approved by the Board, the selected fixtures and bulbs will replace each of the existing mercury vapor cobra head fixtures. During the replacement project PEPCO and the Village will work hand-in-hand to survey the height and tree cover surrounding the lights to determine where lights may be able to be lowered on the existing poles to minimize tree impacts. Once the streetlights are installed, the Village, in coordination with the Public Works Committee, will survey the new streetlight system to determine where additional street lighting might be necessary.

Residents are encouraged to provide feedback by email: ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov or by dropping your feedback off at the Village Hall.

Chevy Chase Village
Committee on Children, Youth and Families

Backpack Donation to continue relief to Haiti



What a perfect way to get rid of all your old school supplies!

Bring your gently used backpacks, sneakers, jump ropes, and school supplies (no books please) to the Village Hall.

ALL DAY Saturday, June 19, 2010

All backpacks with supplies will be given
to school children in Haiti.

For additional information or for youth looking to
earn service hours, please contact Jill Watson at
301-656-2186 or JillWatson2@yahoo.com