

# CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE

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### Brookville Road Sidewalk Groundbreaking

The Village officially broke ground on the Brookville Road Sidewalk on Saturday, October 2. Montgomery County Council members Nancy Floreen and Roger Berliner joined Village Board members: David Winstead, Gail Feldman and Peter Yeo; Village staff: Director of Municipal Operations Michael Younes and Village Manager Shana Davis-Cook; along with residents of the community, Village of Martin's Additions Manager Jean Sperling and representatives from the sidewalk design engineers, RK&K; the construction firm, Ardent Company; and the State Highway Administration in celebrating the start of construction. Commemorative plaques were given to the Brookville Road Working Group, sidewalk advocate and abutting neighbor, Robert Nichols, Michael Younes and former Board and Brookville Road Working Group Chair Douglas Kamerow, in appreciation for their efforts in making the sidewalk a reality.



**Pictured from left to right:** County Council President, Nancy Floreen, Village Board Acting Chair David Winstead, Secretary Peter Yeo, Brookville Road Working Group Member Pattie Firestone, County Council District 2 Representative Roger Berliner, Brookville Road Working Group Member David Kirsch (and kids) and Village Board Treasurer, Gail Feldman.

Construction began right on schedule and is running smoothly. Weather permitting construction is scheduled to be completed by the end of January 2011.

During construction the Village will provide routine updates on the project and schedule through a dedicated page on the Village's website at [www.chevychasevillagemd.gov](http://www.chevychasevillagemd.gov), by clicking on the "Brookville Road Sidewalk" link under the "quick links" section. Updates will also be sent via the list serve and be included in the Village *Crier*. Questions regarding the project should be directed to Michael Younes at [michael.younes@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:michael.younes@montgomerycountymd.gov).

### Update on Pending Litigation: Cary M. Euwer, Jr. vs. The Chevy Chase Land Company, et al (Chevy Chase Village)

In May 2009, Chevy Chase Village intervened as a co-defendant in an adverse possession lawsuit filed two months earlier in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland by Cary M. Euwer, Jr. of West Lenox Street against The Chevy Chase Land Company (Land Company). In his complaint, Mr. Euwer alleges that the Land Company never properly dedicated the section of Cedar Parkway

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#### Tentative Agenda

Board of Managers' Meeting  
Chevy Chase Village Hall

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

Note: The full agenda will be available on the Village website by Friday, November 5.

December Appeal Deadline:  
November 22 at 5:00 p.m.

#### Approval of Previous Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

Appeals

6303 Broad Branch Road

5921 Cedar Parkway

116 Hesketh Street

45 West Lenox Street

26 West Irving Street

7 Newlands Street

4019 Oliver Street

Old & New Business

Chairman's Report

Manager's Report

Police Report

Building Permits/Code Enforcement

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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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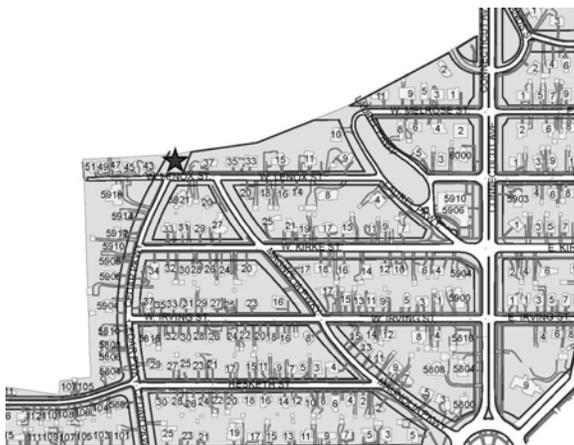
# In The Village

...Continued from cover article, "Update on Pending Litigation: Cary M. Euwer, Jr. vs. The Chevy Chase Land Company, et al (Chevy Chase Village)"

lying north of West Lenox Street as a public right-of-way. Mr. Euwer also alleges that he and his predecessors in-interest (prior owners/residents of his property at 43 West Lenox Street) have used and maintained a 2,612 square foot portion of the right-of-way located immediately adjacent to his property, and that he has, therefore, adversely possessed this area.

The subject area (see the below map denoted by the star) located north of West Lenox Street between 43 and 37 West Lenox Street is an unpaved right-of-way, originally intended to be a through-street to Bradley Lane.

Cedar Parkway was never paved beyond West Lenox Street, at least partially was later sold to become the area beyond the Village was later sold to become the Chevy Chase Club.



The Village maintains that through a series of actions, including the recordation of two plats, the creation of tax maps and other official documents showing or describing the area as a public right-of-way and long public use of the area, Cedar Parkway north of West Lenox Street was properly dedicated as a public right-of-way.

This is one of five public rights-of-way that were never paved as a roadway. Commonly referred to as *unimproved* rights-of-way, the other locations are at the dead end of East Kirke Street, the dead end of West Melrose Street (west of Laurel Parkway), the dead end of Kirkside Drive (north of Hesketh Street), and the dead end of

Belmont Avenue (known now as the Buffer Area).

On October 12, 2010, Village attorneys argued a Motion for Partial Summary Judgment asking the court to find that based on undisputed facts: the Cedar Parkway public right-of-way had been effectively dedicated as a public right-of-way. After hearing arguments from both sides, the Judge did not immediately rule stating that he would do so within the coming weeks after he had had an opportunity to further research the facts presented in the case and the applicable case law. On October 25, 2010, Judge Terrence J. McGann entered his order granting the Village's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment.

In his final order, Judge McGann stated that the "...Court finds that the subject property was recorded by county surveys in the 1892 plat and in the 1909 plat..." and that "...the property was designated for a public use and not modified since...", and "...[T]hat dedication remains inviolate despite Chevy Chase Village's failure to extend [the paved surface of] Cedar Parkway or clearly define specific use or uses for the property."

This ruling is a victory for the Village and would have disposed of the case; however, the day that the Village filed its motion, the Village received an Amended Complaint filed by Mr. Euwer. In it, he continued to allege that the right of way was not validly created and he added a new allegation that if it was properly dedicated, the Village abandoned it. The Village is actively defending against the new allegation.

Defending this case has taken an unfortunate toll on the Village's finances. Last year, the Board approved the Village Manager's mid-year request to appropriate \$250,000 from reserves to cover legal expenses in the fiscal year ended on June 30, 2010. The current budget, drafted prior to the amended complaint filed by Mr. Euwer, includes a litigation reserve in the amount of \$150,000. To date, this case has cost the Village over \$415,000.

We will continue to keep residents informed regarding this case. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Village Manager Shana Davis-Cook at (301) 654-7300 or [shana.davis-cook@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:shana.davis-cook@montgomerycountymd.gov).

# The Village Hall

## Board Actions—September 13, 2010 Board of Managers Meeting

**Minutes:** September 13, 2010 Regular and Executive Sessions—approved.

**Appointment to fill the vacancy on the Board of Managers:** Patricia Baptiste of Grafton Street was unanimously appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Managers.

**Appeals: A-5809 (a) & (b): Mr. and Mrs. John J. Gorman, 45 West Lenox Street.** Construction of in ground pool and pool deck located in the rear yard of the property—postponed pending plan modifications.

**New Business: Public Hearing** Modification to current Restrictions along both sides of the southwest portion of the 5500 block of Montgomery Street—postponed pending Traffic Committee review.

**Public Hearing:** Modification to current restrictions along the northeast side of the 5500 block of Kirk-side Drive between Western Avenue and Grove Street—postponed pending Traffic Committee review.

*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.chevy Chase Villagemd.gov](http://www.chevy Chase Villagemd.gov) and click on Governance/Board of Managers*

## 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.

If you have any questions about the group, please contact Kristen Best at (202) 460-1256 with questions or for additional information.

### Mark Your Calendar!

**November 14:** CC@H Gala

**November 16:** CC@H Meet and Mingle

**December 15:** Holiday Party

*Deadline for the December CRIER: 11/29*

## Water Main Replacement Presentation at November 8 Board Meeting

WSSC plans to begin replacing water mains installed in the 1930s that are in poor condition. The new larger, lined cast iron pipes will reduce water main breaks and improve water quality and pressure. WSSC representatives will make a presentation to the community at the Board's November 8 regular meeting. The presentation will detail what residents can expect during the replacement project. A map showing the water mains proposed for replacement is located on the Village's website at [www.chevy Chase Villagemd.gov](http://www.chevy Chase Villagemd.gov).

Residents are encouraged to attend the November 8 presentation. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.



### Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 7, 2010

Turn Your Clocks Back BEFORE you go to bed on Saturday, November 6.

## Chevy Chase Historical Society Presents “The Ballad that inspired Chevy Chase's Name”

M.I.T literature professor Dr. Ruth Perry will speak on “the ballad of Chevy Chase”, the ancient sung story about a bloody battle on the England-Scotland border that gave peaceful Chevy Chase its name, when she delivers CCHS' 2010 Fall Lecture on Sunday, November 21 at 4:00 p.m. the program at the Chevy Chase Village Hall, 5906 Connecticut Avenue, is open to the community.

Dr. Ruth Perry has lectured widely on 18th Century English literature, has authored eight books and is now working on a biography of Anna Gordon Brown, an 18th Century singer of traditional ballads. A folksinger herself, Dr. Perry will sing an abridged version of the 65-stanza “Ballad of Chevy Chase” during her November 21 talk.

The public is cordially invited to the lecture, which will be at 4 p.m. following a short CCHS business meeting. Light refreshments will be served.

Questions may be directed to Mary Sheehan at 301-652-5726

# The Village Hall

## The Senior Corner

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

On October 5th, we celebrated our first Anniversary of M&M's. Our "Geller and Heller" duo led us in discussions from the challenges of growing old in our community to memories brought forth from dozens of shoes, worn by us in days gone by. Wonderful stories were shared and enjoyed by all. And October 19, a group from hearing loss Association of America discussed the problems if hearing impairment for Seniors.

**November 2**— NO M&M. Time to VOTE!

**November 14**— the Grand opening of the Chevy Chase at Home project from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. will take place in the Village Hall. We hope everyone will join us in this community undertaking. Our goal is to have neighbors helping neighbors. Helping us to depend on each other and become increasingly sensitive to a new definition of community. Please see the enclosed flyer for more details.— and come join us, help us celebrate with fun, refreshments and information.

**November 16**— our regular M&M will include our Book Club, games and puzzles, bridge, computer assistance, and some recounting of the Gala Event and of course our tempting refreshments.

**December 7th**— A very important program for everyone, and especially for seniors! Scamming the Elderly: Things to watch out for as you grow older. Scammers come from all directions. Whom can you trust? Come and hear experts discuss how you can protect yourself. This will be our last M&M for the year— we will start up again on January 4 with a very interesting discussion from Donna Devall, author of "the power of aging—Seeing Life As a Glorious Voyage". Mark your 2011 calendars, and join us for the start of the New Year.

As usual, we invite all to come and enjoy the programs, refreshments and the conversations with your neighbors. If you have any questions or need a ride, please call me, and thank you for all the support.

*Betty O'Connor  
Committee for Seniors*

## Village Administrative Office Closings

The Administrative office will be closed on Wednesday, November 11 in observance of Veterans' Day and on Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26 for Thanksgiving.

As always, the Communications Center and Police Department remain open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

## Notice of Public Hearing

The Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers will convene on Monday, November 8, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. to hold a public hearing and to consider possible adoption of:

**Resolution No. 10-01-10:** Amendment to Chapter 13 ( Motor Vehicles and Traffic) of the Village Code to delete provisions which are redundant, unnecessary or pre-empted by state law and to amend section 6-5 (Penalties, Fees and Fines) of the Village Code to reflect the new Section numbers and letters which will result from the amendments to the Chapter 13.\*

Copies of this draft ordinance may be obtained at the Chevy Chase Village Office between 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, you may download a copy at [www.chevychasevillagemd.gov](http://www.chevychasevillagemd.gov) or you may submit a request for the draft Ordinance to be mailed to you.

\*This Resolution was introduced at the Board's regular meeting on October 13, 2010. In addition to the changes referenced above, the resolution also proposes to increase the fines for violating sections of the Motor Vehicles and Traffic Ordinance, to provide consistency with fines imposed by Montgomery County. The fines will increase to a maximum of between \$60.00 and \$85.00

## Toddler Group in Search of New Chairs

Kristen Best and Jill Watson, current chairs of the Toddler Group are looking for two volunteers to take over the leadership of toddler group.

The Chair(s) duties include coordinating and planning toddler group activities. The toddler group meets once a week at the Village Hall. If you are interested, please contact [jillwatson2@yahoo.com](mailto:jillwatson2@yahoo.com)

# The Police Beat

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

## Seat Belts: Special Enforcement



**In November, Chevy Chase Village Police will focus on issuing citations for seat belt violations as part of a state-wide campaign.**

While seat belt use is at a record high of 83 percent nationwide, 45 million Americans still fail to buckle up when they get in a motor vehicle. According to statistics from the U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), on any given day about 38 passenger vehicle occupants who are not buckled up are killed in motor vehicle crashes.

In 2008 alone, nearly 13,000 unbuckled passenger vehicle occupants lost their lives on U.S. roadways. It is estimated that nearly one third of these lives could have been saved if they had been properly belted. NHTSA statistics also show that those least likely to buckle up are teens; young adults; males; nighttime riders; motorists traveling on rural roads; and individuals traveling in pickup trucks.

**The holidays are no different and in fact are often times some of the most dangerous days of the year, especially for those driving at night.**

- ◆ During the 2008 Thanksgiving holiday travel season, 1,120 passenger vehicle occupants were killed in motor vehicle crashes nationwide. Of those, more than 50 percent were unrestrained, based on known restraint use. (2008 Thanksgiving's holiday period was from November 17 to December 1.)
- ◆ During the 2008 Thanksgiving holiday weekend alone (Wednesday, November 26 to Monday, December 1), 231 passenger vehicle occupants were killed in motor vehicle crashes occurring during nighttime (6 p.m. to 5:59 a.m.) hours nationwide. Of those, 67 percent were unrestrained, based on known restraint use.

## Holiday Shopping Safety Tips



The holidays provide a wonderful opportunity for family and friends to gather and celebrate. It is also a time of continuous activity, with errands to run and scheduled activities that demand attention and time.

- ◆ **Teach your children to stay with you at all times while shopping.** They should always check first with you or the person in charge before they go anywhere. Always supervise your children in a public facility and accompany young children to the restroom.
- ◆ **Make a plan in case you become separated.** Have older kids meet you in a pre-designated spot (e.g. the sales counter or mall information booth). Teach younger children to look for people who can help within the store or mall — a uniformed security officer, a salesperson with a nametag, a mother with children, etc. They should never leave the store/mall or go to the parking lot to look for you or your car.
- ◆ **Turn shopping trips into opportunities for your children to practice these “safe shopping” skills.**
- ◆ **Leave clothing that displays your children's names at home,** as it can prompt unwelcome attention from people who may be looking for an opportunity to start a conversation with your children.
- ◆ **Never leave children in toy stores or public facilities** (e.g. video arcades, movie theaters, playgrounds) and expect store personnel to supervise your children.
- ◆ **Have older children take a friend,** if you allow them to go shopping or to public functions without you. It's more fun and much safer. Older children should check in with you on a regular basis while they are out. Agree on a clear plan for picking them up including: where, what time, and what to do in case of a change in plans.
- ◆ **Make other arrangements for child care,** if you feel that you will be distracted during holiday shopping.

**BUCKLING UP COULD SAVE YOUR GIBLETS.**



# Community News

## Autumn Leaves

The Public Works Department's yearly leaf collection effort is soon to be underway. Two leaf vacuums began running in 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.

## Suggestions for the *Crier*

Over the past year, the Village staff has made an effort to provide more pertinent information to residents of the Village. The *Crier* is the primary source for disseminating information to the community.

We would like to know how we are doing. Are there ways we can further improve the Village's *Crier*? What are your thoughts on the layout, the format, and the content? Please tell us, we would like to know. Email us at [ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov).



## 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, November 22, 2010.

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.

## Holiday Gifts to our Trash and Recycling Contractor

If you would like to provide a holiday gift to our trash and recycling crews this season, please do so by either placing an envelope on the lid of your trash cans, by providing it to them in person or by mailing a gift to the contractor at:

**Unity Trash & Disposal**  
c/o Trash & Recycling Crew for Chevy Chase Village  
14862 Old Gunpowder Road  
Laurel, MD 20707

Residents' contributions to the trash and recycling crews is completely voluntary and is in no way solicited by staff nor is Village staff able to provide your gift to the crews.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## Board Members' Contact Information

**David L. Winstead, Acting Chair**  
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Mark Your Calendars...

The Village's annual Holiday Party will be held on Wednesday, December 15 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

More information will be mailed to residents in mid-November.





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**BOARD OF MANAGERS**

- David L. Winstead, Acting-Chair
- Peter M. Yeo, Secretary
- Peter T. Kilborn, Assistant Secretary
- Gail S. Feldman, Treasurer
- Allison W. Shuren, Assistant Treasurer
- Lawrence C. Heilman, Member
- Patricia Baptiste, Member



**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.

**Building Permits Issued October 2010**

- |                       |                                   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 7 West Kirke Street   | Plantings                         |
| Throughout CCV        | Prep for Fios Installation        |
| 4019 Oliver Street    | Install a/c air conditioner units |
| 26 West Irving Street | Demolition of existing house      |
| 4 Quincy Street       | Extend front lead walk to curb    |
| 3712 Bradley Lane     | New fence                         |
| 102 E. Melrose Street | New Fence                         |
| Connecticut Avenue    | PEPCO Feeder upgrades             |
| 7 East Melrose Street | Asphalt apron and driveway        |

**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.



October 21, 2010

**RE:** Verizon FiOS Installation Activities

Dear Resident:

As residents have seen, *Verizon* and its contractors have been in the Village throughout the past three (3) months preparing the Village’s underground infrastructure for the installation of *Verizon’s* Fiber Optic Technology called “FiOS”. The next round of work for *Verizon* and its contractors will focus on the aerial, or aboveground infrastructure which will include work along the pole lines located in the rear yards of the majority of the properties in the Village.

As part of this next phase, *Verizon* will need to trim tree branches along the path of existing copper telephone lines., This tree trimming is required to accommodate the new conduit lines along the existing poles throughout the Village. We understand that utility company tree trimming can typically be a case for concern; however, the Village office and arborist have worked and will continue to work with *Verizon* to ensure that the tree trimming conducted is as minimal as possible and only as required. In some cases trees that are in contact with the wires may not be trimmed, but rather physically shifted during the wire installation. Unlike PEPCO’s tree trimming activities, *Verizon* will only be trimming where needed to gain a clearance of two (2) feet on either side of their existing copper telephone lines. *Verizon* has contracted with Pittman Tree Service, a Maryland Department of Natural Resources licensed-contractor, to perform all tree trimming activities . All trucks and personnel will be indentedified with either *Verizon* or Pittman uniforms/signage.

Once *Verizon’s* contractors have completed their tree trimming activities *Verizon* will then begin the process of installing a small (1 ¼ inch in diameter) black pipe called “self-supporting inner duct”. This duct will house the FiOS lines when installed and will ensure that squirrels and other wildlife do not disrupt or damage the new FiOS lines. The duct will be placed in the air directly below and along the same path as the existing copper telephone lines.

Weather permitting *Verizon’s* contractors are scheduled to begin tree trimming work on November 1, 2010, which they expect to complete by the end of the month. Placement of the self-supporting inner duct will begin immediately following the commencement of tree trimming work, with completion target for the end of the year (all weather permitting).

All of these activities are required to make *Verizon’s* FiOS technology available to all Village residents. This timeline should allow residents to begin subscribing to *Verizon* FiOS by the end of January 2011.

Should you have any questions regarding *Verizon’s* FiOS installation, please do not hesitate to contact me at (301) 654-7300 or via e-mail at [michael.younes@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:michael.younes@montgomerycountymd.gov).

Sincerely,

Michael Younes  
Director of Municipal Operations  
Chevy Chase Village

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The Chevy Chase Village  
Committee for Seniors and  
Chevy Chase @ Home  
Invite you to attend two special events!

Grand Opening of the  
Chevy Chase @ Home Project  
November 14, 2010  
from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
in the Village Hall.

There will be speakers, a short film,  
drawings for prizes and tasty refreshments.



Scamming the Elderly:  
Things to watch out fo  
r as you grow older.  
December 7, 2010  
from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
in the Village Hall.

Contact Committee for Seniors Chair Betty O'Connor at



October 28, 2010

**RE:** PEPCO Wiring Upgrades and Tree Pruning

Dear Resident:

As you are no doubt aware, the Village and surrounding region have been plagued by massive power outages caused by this past winter and summer storms. In PEPCO's continuing efforts to improve service reliability in the Village, PEPCO will soon commence wire upgrades and pruning operations to clear all tree limbs located within seven feet (7') of high voltage electric lines that could potentially cause a power outage in future severe weather events.

In response to recent criticism for poor performance, the Maryland Public Service Commission has mandated that PEPCO conduct these aggressive reliability upgrades. This effort will include aggressive, but responsible, tree pruning around the power lines and wire/cablings changes and upgrades.

PEPCO's scope of work for these improvements will include tree trimming along Connecticut Avenue and along a portion of Bradley Lane. Tree limbs will be pruned to a minimum distance of seven feet (7') from the power lines, based upon the voltage carried across the lines, which constitutes 4-years of tree growth. PEPCO plans to trim both private and public trees along Connecticut Avenue during this phase of work. When PEPCO conducts pruning on privately-owned trees they are required to obtain written sign-off from the respective homeowners.

PEPCO will also replace 12 utility poles and all three phases of the primary (or high voltage) wire along Connecticut Avenue from Chevy Chase Circle to Bradley Lane. This part of a multi-phase project will replace what PEPCO classifies as one of its lowest performing electric feeders. The next phase of the project will include tree trimming, pole and wire replacements continuing along Bradley Lane. The resulting work should create a notable reduction in both the frequency and duration of power outages in the Village.

PEPCO is scheduled to begin this work in the next month and all work will be completed by the end of the calendar year 2010, weather permitting. Should you have any questions regarding PEPCO's upgrade project, please do not hesitate to contact me at (301) 654-7300 or via e-mail at [michael.younes@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:michael.younes@montgomerycountymd.gov).

Sincerely,

Michael Younes  
Director of Municipal Operations  
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