

# CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE

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### Tentative Agenda

#### Board of Managers' Meeting

Chevy Chase Village Hall

Monday, April 11, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Note: The full agenda will be available on the Village website by Friday, April 8.

May Appeal Deadline: 4/18 at 5:00 p.m.

### Approval of Previous Minutes

#### Treasurer's Report

#### Committee Reports

#### Old Business

#### New Business

#### Administrative Reviews

5514 Kirkside Drive

11 Magnolia Parkway

#### Appeals

20 West Lenox Street

4/6 East Kirke Street

3 Primrose Street

46 Grafton Street

#### Police Report

#### Manager's Report

#### Building Permits/Code Enforcement

#### Chairman's Report

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## Board of Managers Election

Four Board seats will be up for election in April. Those seats are currently filled by Patricia Baptiste, Gail Feldman, David Winstead and Peter Yeo.

Three of the four incumbents—Ms. Baptiste, Ms. Feldman and Mr. Winstead—have submitted their names to run in the election. As of the printing of the April issue of the *Crier*, the following residents had also been nominated to run for election to the Board of Managers this year: Gary Crockett of Grafton Street and Richard Ruda of Newlands Street.

Any Village resident may run for a seat on the Board provided he/she is a registered qualified voter in the State of Maryland and has lived in Chevy Chase Village for thirty days prior to the election. Board members serve two-year, staggered terms.

Nominations are still open for this election. Residents interested in running for a seat should contact Charlotte Jones-Carroll, Chair of the Elections Committee, at [cjonescarroll@aol.com](mailto:cjonescarroll@aol.com) or (301) 652-2205. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the Village's Annual Meeting on **Wednesday, April 20, 2011**. Please see the article on page 7 for more information regarding the Elections Committee.

Since the number of candidates exceeds the number of available seats, a contested election will be held on **Saturday, May 7, 2011 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.** in the Village Hall. Absentee ballots will be available to residents beginning Thursday, April 21, 2011. If you think you may be unavailable to vote in person on election day, please contact the Village office on or after Thursday, April 21, 2011 to receive instructions on obtaining an absentee ballot.

The Village Code requires that candidates file a Financial Disclosure Statement with the Village's Ethics Commission (Chair, Kate Clark, c/o the Village Manager) prior to the election (by April 15 for incumbents and 10 days prior to the election for challengers). Forms are available in the Village office.

**Meet the Candidates Reception:** Residents will have an opportunity to meet and hear a presentation from each of the candidates on **Monday, May 2, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall**. Residents will also have an opportunity to ask the candidates questions, so come prepared with your questions!

A Special Election issue of the *Crier* will be mailed to residents at the end of April and will include candidate profiles and more information regarding the election. Each candidate is asked to provide a brief biography and photo by no later than Thursday, April 21.

If you have any questions about the election process, please refer to the Village's Charter, which is available on our website at [www.chevychasevillagemd.gov](http://www.chevychasevillagemd.gov) by clicking on **Governance, Our Regulations and Policies**, or call the Village Office at 301-654-7300.

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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

## Chief Roy Gordon Remembered



Former Chevy Chase Village Police Chief Roy Gordon was remembered at the Board's regular meeting on March 14. Board Chair David Winstead (pictured at left with Vice-Chair Peter Kilborn and Mrs. Gordon) and the Board of Managers presented a proclamation honoring Chief Gordon for his dedicated service to the Village. Among many things, Chief Gordon was influential in the adoption of the Village's *SafeSpeed* Program. A copy of the Proclamation was presented to Chief Gordon's widow, Diane Gordon, and will be hung in the Village Hall. Chief Gordon passed away in late January due to complications from Leukemia.

## Annual Meeting: Wednesday, April 20, 2011

The Chevy Chase Village Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m., preceded by a New Resident Social at 6:00 p.m. for residents who have moved into the Village within the last 12 months to meet and greet our long-time residents.

The Annual Meeting is an excellent opportunity to get caught-up on issues affecting the Village. Residents who have moved into the Village during the past year are especially encouraged to attend to see their Village government in action, and to meet Village Committee members and elected officials. Committee Chairs and representatives will provide reports of their Committee/Commission's activities over the past year.

Also at the Annual Meeting, the Board will adopt the operating budget for FY2012 (July 1, 2011

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through June 30, 2012) and will set the real estate and personal property tax rates for the same period. Candidates for the Board of Managers will be announced by the Elections Committee, in addition to nominations which may be received from the floor.

All residents are invited to join the Board in recapping the past year's events and accomplishments and to look ahead to the goals for the upcoming year!

## Board of Managers Meeting Board Actions—March 14, 2011

**Approval of Previous Meetings' Minutes:** February 14 Regular Session and Executive Session—approved as amended.

**Public Safety and Environment & Energy Committees:** The Board approved the adoption of the mission statements for both Committees, as amended.

**New Business: Resolution No. 03-01-11:** An Ordinance to create a new Chapter 16 of the Chevy Chase Village Code to establish the process and criteria for the closure and for the abandonment of public rights-of-way in the Village—approved. **Resolution No. 03-02-11:** An Ordinance to amend Chapter 8 of the Chevy Chase Village Code to prohibit the devotion of private use of unimproved rights-of-way—approved.

**Appeals: A-1878—3 Primrose Street:** Removal of: (a) one 12.0-inch diameter Spruce tree and (b) one 13.0-inch diameter Spruce tree both of which are located in the north (rear) yard of the property, to accommodate a proposed addition.—approved.

*This is a synopsis of the Board's actions. To view an archive of the approved minutes and listen to an audio recording of the Board's meetings, please visit the Village website at [www.chevychasevillagemd.gov](http://www.chevychasevillagemd.gov).*

## FORM 502 MARYLAND RESIDENT INCOME TAX RETURN

OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 2010, ENDING

Social Security number		Spouse's Social Security number	
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 resided on the last day of the taxable period. (See Instruction 6)		Maryland County	City, Town, or Taxing Area Chevy Chase Village

Print Using Blue or Black Ink Only

## Tax Return Reminder

When preparing your State of Maryland tax return for 2010, please remember to enter **Chevy Chase Village** in the proper block of **Form 502/503** as shown here.



# The Village Hall

## THE SENIOR CORNER

**Meet and Mingle – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays  
2:00-4:00 P.M.**

Our March programs were informative and fun. **Scamming** – a representative from the Mont. County State’s Attorney’s Office gave us an informative and amusing lecture on this current crime. And our **St. Pat’s Party** was a rousing success as usual.

I am afraid that many of you will not have marked your calendars for **April 5** – and you will have missed a very informative and helpful program presented by two of our own therapists. “**Challenges of Growing Older: Mental Health**” speaks to the problems of anxiety, depression, stress, etc. and on the positive side, the Gifts of Growing Older, the richness to be discovered and enjoyed in spite of physical changes that sometimes limit us. This is such an important subject that I know it will be repeated.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**April 19 FUN WITH COLLAGE:** Millie Shott, our local artist and teacher will demonstrate this art form and help us to create our own collage to take home to adorn our homes. She says everyone has some artistic talent – we just have to recognize it. Millie will bring all the materials. Refreshments, as always, will be served.

**May 3 BOOK DISCUSSION:** Lois will again lead us and requests that we all bring or talk about our favorite childhood book and how it influenced us. This should bring back memories and provide a few chuckles. Refreshments, as usual.

**May 4:** We will have our first evening event at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Nathan Billig, M.D., a Geriatric Psychiatrist, has titled his program: “**Who Does Well In Old Age?**”. He will discuss many aspects of growing older with the difficulties confronting seniors, their families and their care-givers brought about by physical changes to body and mind. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information!

As always, we welcome suggestions—we are here to serve you, so communicate with us. Call or email me at [betty.oconnor@comcast.net](mailto:betty.oconnor@comcast.net) or 301-656-0597. And if you need a ride, we have volunteers to assist.

Betty O’Connor  
Chairman, Committee for Seniors

## New Resident Social

**All Residents Encouraged to Attend**

The Village will hold its annual New Resident Social on Wednesday, April 20 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Both new and long-time residents are encouraged to attend to participate in this wonderful opportunity to meet your neighbors. There will be crafts for the kids and appetizers for all. See the enclosed flyer for more information. Babysitters will be on-hand to do activities with the kids so parents can stay to enjoy the informational Annual Meeting, which will begin at 7:30 p.m.

## Springtime Reminder— New Noise Regulations

The Village reminds residents that use of lawn mowers, leaf blowers and other power landscape equipment is prohibited between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. weekdays, and between the hours of 6:00 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 and Code Enforcement Coordinator.

## Weekly Toddlers Group’s Spring Party!

The Chevy Chase Village Toddler’s Group will host a Spring Party with activities for kids, with bagels and coffee for parents and caregivers.. Please come and celebrate on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at the Village Hall. Please RSVP to Lesley Caldicott at [caldicott@gmail.com](mailto:caldicott@gmail.com).

## Committee on Children, Youth & Families

The Committee is looking for volunteers to co-chair the Committee on Children, Youth and Families. Some responsibilities are planning events such as the Red Cross Babysitting Class, Valentines Day Party, Community Service Projects and Fundraisers, Backpack Collection & Social, Welcome Back Social, Costume Swap, Food Drives, Parents Nights Out, Movie Nights and more.

For more information and to volunteer, please contact Interim Chair Jill Watson at [jillwatson2@aol.com](mailto:jillwatson2@aol.com).

# In The Village

## Update on Capital and Utility Infrastructure Projects

### Brookville Road Sidewalk and Roadway Repaving (by the Maryland State Highway Administration):

Despite the extended periods of cold and wintery weather, major construction on the Brookville Road Sidewalk construction has been completed and the Brookville Road Sidewalk is now open for use.

Now that the sidewalk is complete, the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) will begin the process of repaving Brookville Road between Western Avenue and East West Highway (MD 410). SHA anticipates the repaving to begin in April 2011 and should be completed within 3–4 weeks thereafter. As we move closer to the re-paving operations and details are finalized, a notice will be sent via the website and listserv to all residents and a separate notice will be mailed to those residents in close proximity to Brookville Road.

Once again, the Board, members of the Brookville Road Working Group and Village staff would also like to extend our deepest appreciation to the residents along Brookville Road who agreed to donate a portion of their property to permit the installation of the sidewalk and to all residents who have patiently endured this major construction project.

### Connecticut Avenue Sidewalk Upgrades (by the Maryland State Highway Administration):

Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) contractors have been working along Connecticut Avenue to improve and upgrade the sidewalks and handicap ramps over the past couple of months. SHA has identified the sections of sidewalk between the following cross streets for upgrade and improvement:

Western Avenue and East Irving Street  
West Irving Street and West Kirke Street  
East Kirke Street and East Lenox Street  
West Lenox Street and West Melrose Street  
Newlands Street and Oxford Street (East side of Connecticut Avenue)  
Newlands Street and Bradley Lane (West side of Connecticut Avenue)  
Primrose Street and Quincy Street (East side of Connecticut Avenue)

This upgrade project is being funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act under Maryland State contract. The goal and objective of this project is to provide safe pedestrian passage along Maryland State Highways and to mass transit facilities such as Metro and bus stops to encourage their use.

During construction, residents and motorists may encounter flagging operations or single-lane closures along Connecticut Avenue, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Per Village noise regulations, no work will be performed prior to 8 a.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. on weekends and holidays.

### Wisconsin Avenue Sidewalk

In November 2010, Village staff met with Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) officials regarding the possible installation of a sidewalk along Wisconsin Avenue between Grafton Street and Hesketh Street in response to residents' requests. Village and SHA staff were hopeful that this project could be paid for under the State "Safe Passage" initiative for providing pedestrian access to mass transit facilities.

Earlier this month, SHA notified the Village that they had approved funding for the design of a sidewalk along Wisconsin Avenue from Grafton Street running north all the way to Bradley Lane. It is standard practice that before SHA agrees to fund project construction, preliminary design work is completed first.

SHA anticipates that project plans will be completed by the end of June 2011. Once the design work is completed the Village and representatives from SHA will be meeting to discuss any property, utility, and tree impacts along the section of sidewalk adjacent to the Village, as well as project construction funding and a timeline for moving forward.

Please continue to monitor the Village website ([www.chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov](http://www.chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov)) and listserv for further updates on all of the above projects or contact Director of Municipal Operations Michael Younes at (301) 654-7300 or [michael.younes@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:michael.younes@montgomerycountymd.gov) for more information.

# The Police Beat

To e-mail Acting Chief Adventino Dasilva: [adventino.dasilva@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:adventino.dasilva@montgomerycountymd.gov)

## April is National Distracted Driving Month

### Did You Know...

- Distracted driving is anything that pulls your attention, physical or mental, away from the road.
- Nearly 80% of crashes and 65% of near crashes involve driver inattention within 3 seconds of the event. *NHTSA and Virginia Tech Institute 2006.*
- Nearly 5,500 people in the U.S. were killed and almost half a million were injured in accidents related to distracted driving in 2009. Eighteen percent of those fatal accidents involved the use of a cell phone. *U.S. Department of Transportation*
- Drivers on cell phones have more rear-end crashes than drunk drivers. *Excerpt from Ibid*



### Reminder to Drive Safely in Chevy Chase Village



With Spring upon us more and more residents will be taking advantage of the warmer weather and walking along Village streets and sidewalks. The

Chevy Chase Village Police Department would like to remind residents to be mindful of their speed and traffic laws while driving through the Village. Drivers are asked to be especially cognizant of small children and pets who may dart out between parked vehicles and into the street.

### Leash Law Enforced

Many residents are enjoying the warmer weather by taking strolls through the neighborhood with their dogs. The Chevy Chase Village Police Department reminds residents that Montgomery County requires that all dogs be on a leash, otherwise they are classified as being "at-large." The law states that a dog must be leashed when outside the owner's premises unless it is a service dog, the area is designated as a dog exercise area, or the dog is participating in a supervised dog activity such as a dog show. Fines for dogs off leash begin at \$100 for the first offense and go up \$500.



### 2010 Annual Police Report

The following is a summary of police activity for the year 2010.

	2010 TOTALS
Incident Reports	1426
Auto Collisions	128
Residential Alarms	257
Code Enforcement Checks	136
Code Enforcement Violations	6
Adult Arrests	18
Juvenile Arrests	0
Homicides	0
Sexual Offenses	0
Robberies	0
Assaults	0
Burglaries	7
Larcenies	46
Auto Thefts	1
Vandalism	7
Traffic Citations, Warnings, and Equipment Repair Orders	2729

### 2010 Communications Center Report

	2010 TOTALS
Front Office Calls	13,703
Police Department Calls	4,557
House Checks	43,759
Mail Pick Up	755
Key Pick Up/Drop Off	441
Walk In	1,568
House Check Requests	1,888
Trash and Recycle Complaints	60
Special Pick Up Requests	1,538
Open Vehicle Door/Trunk Notifications	3
Interior/Exterior Vehicle Light Notifications	21

Choose Safety for Life 

# Community News

## Elections Committee—Up and Running

The April 2011 issue of the *Crier* included an “open call” for volunteers to serve on the newly formed Elections Committee. This Committee was constituted by the Board of Managers and, as outlined in the Committee’s Scope of Work, the Committee’s responsibilities include:

1. Establish the method of conducting elections including the oversight of the Village Staff in their role of administering elections.
2. Work with the Village Manager to develop a checklist that identifies all the actions and the specific party responsible for executing each action that are to be undertaken to efficaciously manage the election process.
3. Establish an orientation process for new members of the Board. Part of that process must include a review of the duties and responsibilities of Board Officers and the process for selection of Officers.
4. Perform duties related to filling Board vacancies.
5. Review issues concerned with democratic practice and good governance as they apply to CCV at the direction of the Chair of the Board of Managers.

The complete Scope of Work for this Committee is available on the Village website under Governance, Committee and Commissions.

The following residents have been appointed by the Board to serve on the elections Committee:

Charlotte Jones-Carroll of East Irving Street, Committee Chair  
Minh Le of Oliver Street  
Robert Broeksmit of Primrose Street  
Irwin Pernick of Hesketh Street  
Norman Asher of East Melrose Street

Nominations are open for the four seats on the Board of Managers. Nominations should be sent to the Elections Committee via Committee Chair Charlotte Jones-Carroll at [cjonescarroll@aol.com](mailto:cjonescarroll@aol.com) or (301) 652-2205 at any time between now and the Annual Meeting AND from the floor at the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 20. *Please see the cover article, “Board of Managers Election” for more information regarding this year’s election.*

## 2011 Resident Directory

The 2011 Village Resident Directory will be made available for residents to pick-up from the Village office by early June.

An update form was enclosed in the February 2011 issue of the *Crier* and mailed to residents in early March. Please remember to return the completed update form by Friday, April 8, 2011 so changes and corrections may be made to your listing prior to printing the new directory. **Please Note:** The directory listing update form circulated in the February issue of the *Crier*, stated that the Resident Directory will be available at the Village’s Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 20. The Directory will not be available until early June to allow for inclusion of the list of elected Board members.

## Free Family Outing Full of Fun Local History

Trolley tours of early local architecture, “Chevy Chase trot” dance lessons, and the painting of a community mural will be among family-friendly activities planned for “Chevy Chase Celebrates,” a free event hosted by the Chevy Chase Historical Society in partnership with five historic Chevy Chase neighborhoods on Sunday, May 1, from 1-4 p.m. at the Jane E. Lawton Center, 4301 Willow Lane, in the Town of Chevy Chase.

The Society is marking its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with this party for the community, complete with a mammoth birthday cake. Residents can be videotaped sharing their memories of family and neighborhood celebrations for the Society’s archives. In addition, adults can talk with the authors of a new book, *Place Names of Chevy Chase*, being released by the Society on May 1.

For the full schedule of the free “Chevy Chase Celebrates” activities, visit [www.chevyCHASEhistory.org](http://www.chevyCHASEhistory.org).

## 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, April 25.

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.



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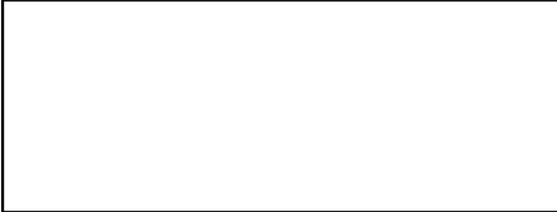
**Plan to Attend: Wednesday, April 20, 2011**  
**6:00 p.m.—New Resident Social**  
**7:30 p.m.—Annual Meeting**

**BOARD OF MANAGERS**

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

**Rent the Village Hall for  
your Next Event!**

**Mark Your Calendars: Important Dates**

- Tuesdays, April 5 & 19 and May 3 & 17 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.**—Chevy Chase @ Home Mix and Mingles
- Friday, April 8**—Resident Directory Forms Due
- Monday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m.**—Monthly Board Meeting & Public Hearing on the Draft FY2012 Budget
- Thursday, April 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**—Toddler Group Spring Party
- Wednesday, April 20 at 6:00 p.m./7:30 p.m.**—New Resident Social/Annual Meeting
- Monday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m.**—Board Candidates Reception
- Saturday, May 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**—Contested Board of Managers Election
- Monday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m.**—Monthly Board Meeting

**Building Permits Issued March 2011**

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|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| 21 Hesketh St.    | Replace existing driveway        |
| 45 West Lenox St. | Replace existing retaining walls |
| 26 Hesketh St.    | Replace existing fence           |
| 5514 Kirkside Dr. | Two-story addition               |
| 114 Hesketh St.   | Plant trees                      |
| 23 Grafton St.    | Two-story addition               |
| 141 Grafton St.   | Replace fence & garden wall      |
| 5406 Center St.   | Install air conditioning unit    |

## Budget and Tax Matters

### FY2012 Budget Materials and Approval Schedule

**Monday, April 11, 2011, beginning at 7:30 p.m.—Regular Board of Managers' Meeting:** Formal introduction of the DRAFT FY2012 Operating Budget and Property Tax Rate and Public Hearing. Residents' questions and comments will be invited at the meeting or in advance by email to [ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov).

**Wednesday, April 20, 2011, beginning at 7:30 p.m.—Village Annual Meeting:** Adoption of the FY2012 Operating Budget and Tax Rate.

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### Report from the Village Manager Regarding the DRAFT Budget for FY2012

Chevy Chase Village has weathered the economic downturn of the past couple of years well relative to other jurisdictions and municipalities across the State and country, with healthy reserves and careful budgeting leaving us better prepared to deal with revenue declines. We entered the current fiscal year with \$7.32 million in aggregate reserves (general funds combined with reserves from the Village's photo speed enforcement program along Connecticut Avenue). These reserves have allowed the Village Manager and Board to maintain core services to the community, while exercising restraint in ongoing expenses. This report seeks to inform residents of Chevy Chase Village regarding our financial position, and our projections and plans for the upcoming fiscal year. Residents are encouraged to attend the Public Hearing on Monday, April 11, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall to comment on the draft budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012 (FY2012). *Note: Unless otherwise noted, this report refers to the budget in aggregate—general (or tax-based), AND photo speed enforcement program (SafeSpeed), budgets.*

### **Response to Fiscal Changes in the Current Fiscal Year**

The Village's largest source of income has historically been income taxes. In the years between FY2001 and FY2009, income taxes accounted for over 50% of the Village's total revenues, and in the fiscal years between FY2005 and FY2009 averaged in excess of \$2.6 million annually. Income tax revenues have proven to be highly volatile and unpredictable. In FY2010, the Village experienced an extraordinarily sharp decline in income tax revenues, when that revenue source plummeted by 48% from \$2.9 million in FY2009 to \$1.5 million in FY2010. Income tax revenue for the current fiscal year (FY2011) is now estimated to fall some \$350,000 short of our \$1.8 million original projection. State and County grants in aid to the Village have also come in below estimates, but Village operating expenses have been constrained as well. As a result, we now project a year-end FY2011 general funds budget deficit of \$620,000 (originally budgeted at \$422,000).

The shortfall in general fund revenues in 2011 has been partially offset by better than expected *SafeSpeed* results. When the Village launched its photo speed enforcement program—the *SafeSpeed* Program—in FY2008 there was no thought or expectation the program might become a significant element of support for ongoing Village finance. The program's primary purpose was to slow traffic, and in this, it has been quite successful: the program has contributed to a 71% decline in auto collisions and a 52% reduction in average vehicle speed along

Connecticut Avenue. In addition, revenues from the *SafeSpeed* Program have allowed the Village to pursue a number of public safety projects and pedestrian safety initiatives, including the installation of a new sidewalk along Brookville Road, which was completed earlier this year, sidewalk trip hazard repairs and maintenance, street repair and maintenance, and the acquisition of a surveillance vehicle and other public safety equipment.

**Proposed Budget for FY2012**

In the context of our current volatile revenue situation, the Village Manager, with assistance from the Finance Director, has developed a budget for FY2012 which seeks to trim expenses as much as is feasible while minimizing the impact on direct services to the community. The draft budget was reviewed by the Budget Committee at its meetings on January 27 and February 3 and by the Board of Managers at its work sessions on February 28 and March 14. The complete DRAFT aggregate budget for FY2012 immediately follows this report.

**Revenue Projections in the DRAFT Budget for FY2012**

The primary revenue sources for the Village budget are (a) income tax revenues, (b) property tax revenues, and (c) *SafeSpeed* Program citation revenues.

<b>Revenue</b>	
Income Tax	\$1,500,000
Property Tax	1,077,500
Investments & Misc. Income	36,000
Cost Recoveries/Grants	355,307
<i>SafeSpeed</i> Citation Revenue	2,110,000
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<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$5,078,807</b>

(a) The income taxes received by the Village are apportioned by the State by allocating 17% of the Montgomery County portion of annual State/local income taxes paid by Village residents.

This is money that would otherwise remain with the County if residents fail to enter "Chevy Chase Village" in the "City, town or taxing area" portion of their income tax return.

The draft budget for FY2012 conservatively estimates income tax revenues at \$1.5 million. There is reason to believe, however, that we may begin to see a moderate up-swing in these revenues due to a stabilization of Village residents' net taxable incomes.

(b) Village property tax receipts are budgeted on a "constant yield" basis. That is, unless a change in property tax *dollar revenue* is determined to be appropriate for the upcoming year's budget, property tax *rates* are adjusted so that the rate multiplied by total property assessments in the Village will yield an unchanged level of property tax income. Because of a lowered estimated assessable property base (home values have decreased by an average of 10.6% since the prior assessments—three years ago—in our community), the DRAFT budget for FY2012 reflects adoption of the constant yield rate of 10.05 cents per \$100 of assessed property value, which is higher than the current year's rate of 8.98 cents per \$100 of assessed value. The dollar amount Village residents in aggregate will pay on their property tax bill will NOT increase; however, those whose assessments decreased more than 10.6% will pay somewhat less while those with a more modest reduction in assessed value will pay a bit more.

(c) The *SafeSpeed* Program continues to generate steady revenue for that portion of the budget eligible for financing from these funds. Last year, the Village Board approved a contract to pursue severely delinquent citations. In the DRAFT budget for FY2012, we anticipate gross revenues from newly issued citations, and payment of delinquent citations and interest, to total

\$2,110,000. The Village, under the 2009 amendments to the State's law authorizing the *SafeSpeed* Program, may retain all costs of the program's implementation and administration, and also *Safe Speed* revenues after such expenses of up to 10% of gross Village revenues (estimated in FY2012 at slightly over \$5 million) for support of public safety projects and programs.

### Expenses Proposed in the DRAFT Budget for FY2012

Notwithstanding, the Village's healthy reserves, ongoing financial uncertainty requires conservative planning and budgeting. Careful reductions must be made, and have been made, to the Village's ongoing expenses. However, respondents to the 2009 triennial Resident Survey were very clear that it is important to them that we maintain the services that make Chevy Chase Village a unique and desirable community. In order to satisfy both of these objectives, budgeted FY2012 expenses were cut in ways which are not expected to have a significant impact on Village services.

<b>On-going Program Expenses</b>	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Operations</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Department Services</u>			
Police	\$1,089,780	\$1,140,760	\$2,230,540
Communications	423,259	22,350	445,609
Public Works	539,227	313,700	852,927
Capital Contracts	123,567	17,470	141,037
Administration	431,674	115,725	547,399
Legal Counsel-General		255,000	255,000
<u>Facilities, Fleet, &amp; Infrastructure</u>			
Village Hall		93,855	93,855
Parks, Trees, & Greenspace		295,200	295,200
Streetlights		40,000	40,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,607,507</b>	<b>\$2,294,060</b>	<b>\$4,901,567</b>

Pursuant to modifications advanced by the Board at its work sessions, the DRAFT FY2012 operating budget now reflects a 13% expense reduction from the FY2011 amended budget, excluding capital projects and vehicle and equipment purchases, and an almost 20% reduction from costs actually incurred in FY2010 as shown in the table below.

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Combined Budgets Excluding Capital Projects &amp; Vehicles/Equipment</b>	<b>FY2012 Draft Budget Savings Compared to Prior Budget</b>	<b>FY2012 Draft Budget Savings as a % of Prior Year Budget</b>
<b>FY2012</b>	\$4,901 thousand		
<b>FY2011</b>	\$5,648 "	\$ 747 thousand	13.2%
<b>FY2010</b>	\$6,094 "	\$1,193 "	19.5%

The \$446 thousand difference between FY2010 actual expenses and FY2011 amended budget is largely due to a lower contract cost for *SafeSpeed* camera services and the termination

of contract policing. The \$747 thousand difference between the FY2011 amended budget and FY2012 draft budget reflect a number of further expense reductions including:

- Reduced legal costs as a result both of conclusion of the Euwer litigation and other actions
- Removing funding for two full-time positions, which have been vacant for all of FY2011: the Director of Administration and one police officer
- No cost-of-living adjustments for Village employees
- Reduced conference attendance for Village employees
- Elimination of two marked cruisers (when they are due for replacement), which will ultimately reduce the fleet from 5 to 3
- Prolonged use of equipment and vehicles in lieu of replacements, with minimally increased maintenance and repair costs
- Reductions to costs for community events
- Reductions to the tree care program
- Conclusion of the 10 year payments for the acquisition of the Chevy Chase Open Space property (previously referred to as the Wohlfarth Property)
- Deferral of certain discretionary purchases and projects

In addition to the above expense reductions, the Board of Managers, Village Manager and department heads continue to monitor the Village's ongoing expenses to ensure long-term fiscal sustainability and will specifically seek to evaluate the long-term projected cost of the current size of and compensation structure for the Village civil service.

### **Capital Improvements Program (CIP)**

Traditionally, the Village's budget has included a category called "Special Projects", which listed those projects that the Village sought to pursue above ongoing operations. In the current fiscal year, this included the installation of a sidewalk along Brookville Road. Previously this category included renovations to the Village Hall, payments toward the acquisition of the Chevy Chase Open Space parcel (previously referred to as the Wohlfarth Property), and large equipment purchases.

This year, the Board of Managers directed the staff to draft a Capital Improvements Program, or CIP. The CIP includes projects and equipment purchases, to be funded either by general fund revenues and reserves or *SafeSpeed* Program revenues and reserves that would previously have been listed in the budget as Special Projects. While the CIP's future focus will be to fund visible upgrades to Village facilities and infrastructure, as available funding permits, this year's CIP also includes some maintenance work on streets and sidewalks that had been deferred over the past couple of years in response to declining tax-based revenues and stringent restrictions on the use of *SafeSpeed* funds, which were removed in the October 2009 amendments to the State's authorizing legislation for the program.

Please note that while these projects are listed in the CIP for 2012, final action to begin these projects does not occur until the Board approves the related contract for the work. The future year scope of these projects, and the pace at which they proceed, will be governed by the financial condition of the Village and on-going assessment of needs.

Some of these projects begin in FY2012, but extend over five fiscal years or more. Some, such as street maintenance and sidewalk repair, are ongoing. The amounts shown in the table to the right reflect the proposed projects' costs for FY2012; please refer to the enclosed CIP summary sheet for our present, preliminary estimate of the total anticipated cost of these proposed projects. The full CIP is available on the Village website and in the Village office.

**Financial Outlook and Status of Village Reserves**

The DRAFT FY2012 budget, including both operating and CIP costs, is conservative, allowing the Village to maintain basic operations and staffing while protecting a meaningful level of tax-based and *SafeSpeed* reserves to deal with future financial challenges. Excluding the CIP projects, the DRAFT budget for FY2012 projects a year-end surplus of \$177,240. With inclusion of the full slate of proposed capital projects, the projected deficit (or draw on reserves) totals \$417,510. These outcomes permit the Village to continue to maintain a healthy reserve balance for future investment and contingencies (which includes a working capital set-aside of \$1,000,000 to fund the first quarter of the fiscal year during which minimal revenues are received), as shown in the table below.

<b>Capital Improvements Program (CIP)</b>	
<u>Equipment</u>	
Police Radios	\$50,000
Digital Archiving	55,000
<u>Projects</u>	
Sidewalk Trip Hazard	11,000
Street Maintenance	181,000
Village Wide Sidewalk Replacement	185,000
Street Lights	30,000
Chevy Chase Open Space Development	8,750
Public Works Upgrade	69,000
Crime Technology	5,000
<b>Total CIP Costs</b>	<b>\$594,750</b>

	General Fund (\$000)	Safe Speed (\$000)	Total (\$000)
Reserves as of June 30, 2010	3,388	3,932	7,320
Anticipated FY2011 Draw on Reserves	-620	-787	-1,407
June 30, 2011 Projected Reserve Balance	2,768	3,145	5,913
Anticipated FY2012 Draw on Reserves	-203	-215	-418
June 30, 2012 Projected Reserve Balance	2,565	2,930	5,495
Set aside for working capital and contingencies	-1,800	-325	-2125
Net remainder	765	2,605	3,370

The Board of Managers and Village Manager are committed to ensuring the Village's fiscal sustainability while ensuring continuation of core services and programs, maintaining infrastructure, and pursuing improved technology, with the ultimate goal of upholding the legacy and quality of life this community has come to expect. This will require continued careful management of our financial position to ensure an efficient government over the long-term.

*Report Submitted by Shana R. Davis-Cook, Village Manager  
April, 2011*

**FY 2012 General Funds and Safe Speed Budgets  
Aggregate Summary  
( \$ )**

<b>I. Revenue</b>	
Income Tax	1,500,000
Property Tax	1,077,500
Investments & Misc. Income	36,000
Cost Recoveries/Grants	355,307
Citation Revenue	<u>2,110,000</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>5,078,807</b>

**II. Costs**

<b>A. On-going Programs</b>	Personnel	Operations	Total
<u>Department Services</u>			
Police	1,089,780	1,140,760	2,230,540
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Street Lights		<u>40,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2,607,507</b>	<b>2,294,060</b>	<b>4,901,567</b>

**Surplus/Deficit**

177,240

**B. CIP and Special Projects**

<u>Equipment</u>			
Police Radios			50,000
Digital Archiving			55,000
<u>Projects</u>			
Sidewalk Trip Hazard			11,000
Street Maintenance			181,000
Village Wide Sidewalk Replacement			185,000
Street Lights			30,000
Chevy Chase Open Space Development			8,750
Public Works Upgrade			69,000
Crime Technology			<u>5,000</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>594,750</b>

<b>Total Costs</b>	<u>2,607,507</u>	<u>2,294,060</u>	<u>5,496,317</u>
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**III. Budgeted Deficit/Draw on Reserves**

(417,510)

Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and Special Projects  
(Shown in thousands.)

Equipment	Proposed FY2012	Total 5 Yr. Cost	Equipment/Project Description
Police Radios	\$50.0	\$117.0	A total new system mandated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to all police agencies. Radios to be acquired over a 2-year period.
Digital Archiving	30.0	55.0	Anticipated 2-year project, estimated to acquire scanning equipment and software for the archiving of Village files.
	25.0		Part-time staffing to perform the digitizing of the Village's files.
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$105.0</b>	<b>\$172.0</b>	

Projects	FY2012	5 Yr. Cost	Equipment/Project Description
Street Maintenance and Repair Program	\$181.0	\$988.0	This project provides for the ongoing maintenance and repair of the Village's roadways, curbs and storm drainage infrastructure using concrete and hot mix asphalt. Current plans anticipate paving 5% of Village streets in FY 2011, 5% in FY 2012 of the Village's 8.1 miles of roadway. This funding level anticipates repaving each Village street every 20 years.
Village-wide Sidewalk Replacement	185.0	2,094.0	The FY2012 amount will permit replacement of approximately 10% of existing sidewalks. Additional sections of sidewalk to be replaced will be determined at a later date by the Board of Managers.
Sidewalk Trip Hazards	11.0	41.25	This amount will cover materials cost for ongoing sidewalk construction and/or repair performed by Public Works personnel.
Street Lights	30.0	842.0	FY2012 amount represents funds to install new street lights at 14 "dark spot" locations. Future replacements await further technological developments.
Public Works Upgrade	69.0	109.0	Anticipated 2-year project, to create additional covered storage space and improve office and restroom areas for Public Works personnel.
Crime Fighting Technology	5.0	80.0	These amounts are included to permit exploration of options to introduce new public safety equipment as new technologies develop.
Chevy Chase Open Space Development	8.75	43.75	Consultant and other costs to participate with Montgomery County in planning improvements for and use of the Chevy Chase Open Space property (previously referred to as the Wohlfarth Property).
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$489.75</b>	<b>\$4,198.0</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$594.75</b>	<b>\$4,370.0</b>	

## 2011 Constant Yield Tax Rate Certification

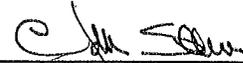
Taxing authority: **Chevy Chase Village  
 in Montgomery County**

1	1-Jul-2010	Gross assessable real property base	\$	1,132,993,800
2	1-Jul-2010	Homestead Tax Credit	-	55,488,856
3	1-Jul-2010	Net assessable real property base		1,077,504,944
4	1-Jul-2010	Actual local tax rate (per \$100)	x	0.0898
5	1-Jul-2010	Potential revenue	\$	967,599
6	1-Jul-2011	Estimated assessable base	\$	970,308,657
7	1-Jan-2011	Half year new construction	-	3,468,070
8	1-Jul-2011	Estimated full year new construction*	-	550,000
9	1-Jul-2011	Estimated abatements and deletions**	-	3,219,669
10	1-Jul-2011	Net assessable real property base	\$	963,070,918

11	1-Jul-2010	Potential revenue	\$	967,599
12	1-Jul-2011	Net assessable real property base	÷	963,070,918
13	1-Jul-2011	<b>Constant yield tax rate</b>	\$	0.1005

# EXEMPT

Certified by

  
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 Director

\* Includes one-quarter year new construction where applicable.  
 \*\*Actual + estimated as of July 1, 2011, including Homestead Tax Credit.  
 CYTR #1



Chevy Chase Village  
Cordially Invites All Residents to Attend

The New Resident Social  
from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.  
immediately followed by the  
Chevy Chase Village Annual Meeting  
from 7:30 p.m. to close

Wednesday, April 20, 2011

In the Chevy Chase Village Hall  
5906 Connecticut Avenue

Please attend to meet and greet your neighbors—both new and long-time residents. Appetizers, refreshments and desserts will be available. There will be crafts and movies for the kids, so bring the entire family! Babysitters will be on-hand so parents can join the informational Annual Meeting, which begins at 7:30. We hope to see you there!

RSVP Requested: (301) 654-7300  
or [ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov)  
by Friday, April 15, 2011



# 2011 New Resident Social Buffet Menu

## Something Savory

Pastry Puffs Filled with "Hint of Curry" Chicken Salad

The Finest Imported & Domestic  
Cheeses Displayed with Grapes,  
Water Biscuits and Crackers

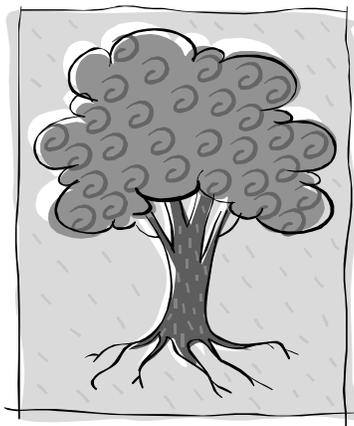
Crudités of Fresh Vegetables  
with Classic Buttermilk Ranch Dip

## Something Sweet

Medley of Fresh Fruit

Miniature Desserts and Assorted Cookies

## Chevy Chase Village 2011 Public Right-of-Way Tree Planting Notice



DEAR VILLAGE RESIDENT: The Village Tree Committee has chosen to plant a street tree located either in front of, beside or near your home. This is your chance to check the site which is marked with a white paint mark and green flag. The Committee is happy to consider modifications to location as suggested by Village residents. Except in special situations, street trees must be deciduous hardwood canopy trees that reach a mature height of at least forty-five feet. **If you have any questions or comments, please submit your request in writing to the Village office ([ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov)) by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 2011 including your name, address and telephone number.** A member of the Tree Committee or the Village office will contact you to discuss the matter. If the Village office does not hear from you by the stated deadline the Village will proceed with installing the listed tree below,

Address	Common Name – Botanical Name
<b>Bradley Lane</b> 3706	Scarlet Oak – <i>Quercus coccinea</i>
<b>Cedar Parkway</b> 5815	White Oak – <i>Quercus alba</i>
<b>Center Street</b> 5416 5419	Chinese Elm – <i>Ulmus parvifolia</i> American Yellowwood – <i>Cladrastis kentukea</i>
<b>Grafton Street</b> 8 115	Black Gum – <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> Willow Oak – <i>Quercus phellos</i>
<b>Grove Street</b> Across from 5410	Red Maple – <i>Acer rubrum</i> ‘October Glory’
<b>Hesketh Street</b> 10	London Plane – <i>Platanus x acerifolia</i>
<b>West Irving Street</b> 27 32	Willow Oak – <i>Quercus phellos</i> Willow Oak – <i>Quercus phellos</i>
<b>West Kirke Street</b> Across from 4 4	Two (2) Willow Oak – <i>Quercus phellos</i> Black Gum – <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>

<b>Address</b>	<b>Common Name – Botanical Name</b>
<b>West Lenox</b> 9 (point at end of W. Lenox Street facing Laurel Parkway)	Sweet Gum – Liquidamber styraciflua 'Rotundlobia'
<b>Oliver Street</b> Next to 3 Chevy Chase Circle (All Saints Church)	Swamp White Oak – Quercus bicolor
<b>Park Street</b> 5500	Swamp White Oak – Quercus bicolor
<b>Summerfield Road</b> 111	Red Maple – Acer rubrum 'October Glory'



# Chevy Chase Village Announces Classes for the Spring Session 2011



The Chevy Chase Village Building Facilities Commission is pleased to announce that the following classes will be offered in the Village Hall beginning April 2011. After reading the description for each class, please complete one registration form (on the other side of this flyer) for each class and return with **a check for the fee as noted under the class description made payable to the instructor to:** Chevy Chase Village, 5906 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815, at your earliest convenience.

## Children's Classes

### **Creative Movement Instructor: Paula Brassfield**

Mondays: 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. (3-4 yrs) Apr 11 May 23\*

\$70 per 7-week session — Residents

\$87.50 per 7-week session — Non-Residents

*Check payable to: Paula's Fantasy Theater*

**(Minimum 6 students)**

\*Open Enrollment



### **Musical Theatre/Dance Instructor: Paula Brassfield**

Wednesdays: 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (5-7yrs) Apr 13 - June 1\*

\$70 per 7-week session—Residents

\$87.50 per 7-week session—Non-Residents

*Check payable to: Paula's Fantasy Theater*

**(Minimum 6 students)**

\*Open Enrollment



### **Toddlers' Group**

Contact: Tanya Correa at tanyaalan@ah.net

or Leslie Caldicott at caldicott@gmail.com

Thursdays: 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (1-3yrs)

No Charge. Sponsored by the

*Committee on Children, Youth and Families*



## Adult Class

### **Yoga Instructor: Kathleen Thomas**

Fridays: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. April 15 - June 3

\$80 per 8-week session — Residents

\$100 per 8-week session — Non-Residents

*Check payable to: Kathleen Thomas*

**(Minimum of 12 students)**



## Registration Form

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (for children's classes) \_\_\_\_\_

Class Selected: \_\_\_\_\_ Time Selected: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Village Resident (check one): Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (for subsequent class schedule notification): \_\_\_\_\_

*For Office Use: Payment received on:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Payment received by:* \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have an idea for a class you would like to see at the Village Hall, please contact the Village office at 301-654-7300 or email us at [ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov).**

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- ◆ *If a class is to be cancelled due to weather or another reason, the teacher will contact each student enrolled in that class. Exception: If Montgomery County Schools are closed for inclement weather or Holidays, classes will not be held.*
  - ◆ *At least 60% of a class' registrants must be Village residents in order for the class to begin.*



# CHEVY CHASE AT HOME

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Stay at Home

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*An Open Forum for the Community*

## WHO DOES WELL IN OLD AGE?

**Nathan Billig, MD**

*Clinical Professor of Psychiatry*

*Georgetown University*

*Author, Growing Older and Wiser:*

**Coping with Expectations, Challenges and Change in the Later Years**

*Dr. Billig served on the initial steering committee that established the mission and structure of CC@ H, and currently serves as a Member of the Board.*

***PLUS***

**Medication Drop: Bring your unused/out of date medications in original bottles for proper disposal**

**Wednesday, May 4**

**7:00 pm**

**Chevy Chase Village Hall**

**5906 Connecticut Avenue**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Members: Need a ride? Call 301 657-3115**

*Sponsored by CHEVY CHASE AT HOME*  
*[www.chevychaseathome.org](http://www.chevychaseathome.org)*