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Changes to Village Noise Ordinance Affecting Landscape Work Effective December 28, 2010

At its December 13, 2010 regular meeting, the Board adopted an Ordinance amending the Village's Noise Control Ordinance to limit the hours during which power landscaping equipment can be operated in the community. Neighboring jurisdictions have recently enacted more strict regulations to combat this "noise pollution" problem.

The new Ordinance prohibits the operation of power landscaping equipment between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. on weekdays and between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. on weekends and legal holidays.

Enclosed in this issue of the *Crier* is an informational flyer which residents can provide to their landscape crews to inform crews of the new regulations. The flyer is printed in both English and Spanish and can be made available in other languages upon request to the Village office. The flyer and Ordinance are available online at www.chevychasevillagemd.gov.

Mandatory Referral Policy Established for the Review and Processing of Applications for Private Improvements in the Village's Public Rights-of-Way

The Board of Managers has adopted a temporary policy directing the Village Manager to submit all applications for private improvements in the Village's public rights-of-way to the Board of Managers for its review and comment. These requests will be placed on the Board's regular monthly meeting agendas for its consideration.

Residents planning to perform work in the public right-of-way adjacent to their property, including, but not limited to, the installation of fences, walls, trees, shrubbery (including hedges and bushes), overhead or underground wiring, cables or pipes (including irrigation systems and electronic pet containment fences) and walkways, should contact Permitting and Code Enforcement Coordinator Ellen Sands at (301) 654-7300 or ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov for more information.

Chevy Chase Burglary Suspects Captured

Montgomery County Detectives from the 2nd District investigated a series of burglaries that occurred throughout the Chevy Chase area. On October 13, at approximately 2:18 a.m., 2nd District officers responded to a residence in the Farmington section of Chevy Chase for the report of a burglary that had just occurred. The preliminary investigation determined that four suspects used stolen credit cards, at the Tenleytown McDonald's restaurant in Washington, D. C., shortly after the burglary.

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Tentative Agenda

Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall

Monday, January 10, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Note: The full agenda will be available on the Village website by Friday, January 7.
February Appeal Deadline: 1/24 at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Treasurer's Report
Committee Reports
Appeals

23 Grafton Street
127 Grafton Street
135 Grafton Street
5514 Kirkside Drive
5611 Montgomery Street

Old Business
New Business

Chairman's Report
Manager's Report
Police Report

Building Permits/Code Enforcement

Mark Your Calendar!

January 4 & 18 and February 1 & 15:
Chevy Chase @ Home's Mix & Mingle
January 7: Start of Winter Class Session

Article Deadline for the February CRIER:
January 31, 2011

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5906 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815

Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers' Meeting, 2nd Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall

Telephone: 301-654-7300, Fax: 301-907-9721, E-mail: ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov, Website: www.chevychasevillagemd.gov

In The Village

The Senior Corner Meet and Mingle – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Winter arrived with a blast in December, but our Seniors weathered the cold on December 7th to hear a very informative discussion on **Scamming**. The serious rise of scamming crimes was addressed with ways to protect yourself and to avoid being a victim. This will again be addressed in March with professionals invited to give you more information and assistance. After the discussion, we had holiday refreshments and were entertained by the children of the Village with *Songs of the Season*. I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday and a safe and Happy New Year! Following are the programs we have planned for your pleasure:

January 4 - Donna Devall will discuss her book “**The Power of Positive Aging**”. a great approach to our journey in life. Donna is a local author and will gladly sign your purchased books.

January 18 – **Have Fun With Collages**. Millie Shott, an artist and instructor, and a resident of Martins Addition, will help us create our own collage.

February 1 – **Recent Reads**. Lois Fern asks all to bring a copy of a recent book that you have enjoyed reading. Come and share your thoughts with the group.

February 15 – Sharon Chaiklin, a Dance and Movement Therapist, will join us for a session in our series on the ways to enrich our lives through exercises.

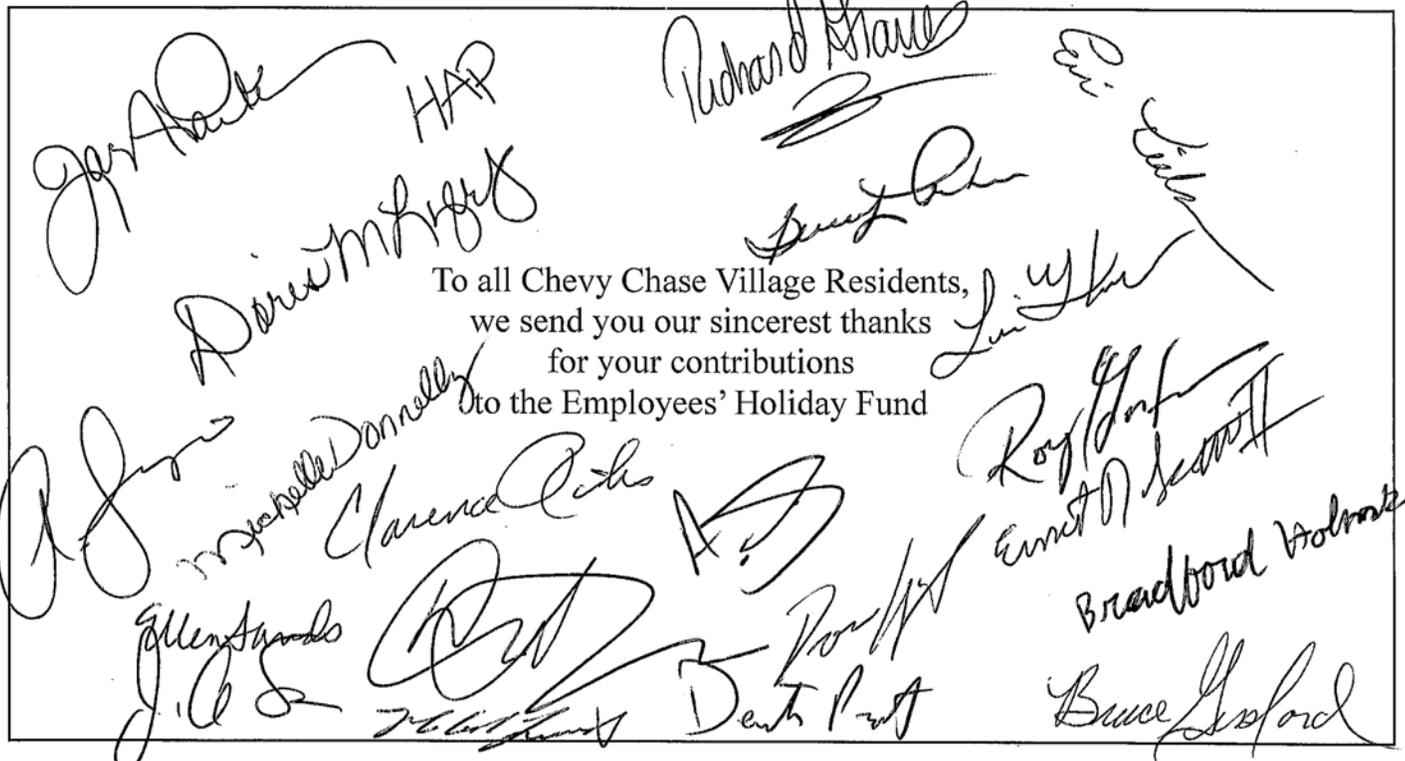
March 1 – **Scamming**. The second in our series will be led by professionals who are dealing with the scamming of our residents. You will receive tips on protecting and avoiding this crime – don’t be a victim, come and learn.

March 15 – **St. Patrick’s Day Party**. Kathleen will again help us to have an Irish celebration with Irish treats and entertainment. Join us with Irish blarney, songs and lore! And be sure to come wearin’ the green!!

April 5 – **Challenges of Growing Older**. This will be a panel, leading a discussion of the positive and negative events in our lives as we grow older. More information will appear in the next issue of the *Crier*.

If you need a ride, call me and someone will pick you up. Bring a friend and help us to reach out to more of our neighbors. If you have suggestions for topics or events that you would like to have, we welcome them. Call me at 301-656-0597 or e-mail betty.oconnor@comcast.net.

Betty O’Connor
Chair, Committee for Seniors



To all Chevy Chase Village Residents,
we send you our sincerest thanks
for your contributions
to the Employees’ Holiday Fund

In The Village

Annual Village Holiday Party a Success

What a party! Residents attended the Annual Holiday Party held on December 15th. Mindy's Catering provided delicious hors d'oeuvres and wonderful desserts for everyone's enjoyment. In addition to a wonderful meal, there were visits by the Christmas Fairy, a.k.a. Miss Paula, and Santa. The children had their own room again in which to play, where they decorated picture frames for their pictures with Santa Claus. Special thanks are extended to teen helpers Kat Baird and Bernadette Sundback who assisted with the children's crafts table.

Many Village residents and staff have contributed their energies to build, enhance and preserve the sense of community which the Village residents have come to cherish. Among those who have not sought, but certainly deserve thanks for helping with this year's event is the Garden Club of Chevy Chase for the seasonal decorations. Special thanks goes to Grace Brock who organized the event and did a great deal of the actual set-up both indoors and out with the greatly appreciated assistance of the Public Works staff.

We look forward to watching this event grow every year and we hope to see even more residents in attendance at next year's party!

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 toddlers, but all ages—including babies—are welcome! There are lots of moms, granies, nannies and sometimes dads who attend. For more information, contact Kristen Best at (202) 460-1256 or kristenabest@yahoo.com.

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On October 28, at approximately 4:54 a.m., 2nd District officers responded to the area of West Lenox Street for the report of a burglary that had just occurred. The preliminary investigation determined that the suspects stole the victim's vehicle during the burglary. The vehicle was located the next day in the 2600 block of 12th Street SE Washington, D.C.

On November 22, surveillance photos of the four suspects using the stolen credit card at the Tenleytown McDonald's restaurant were released. Based on these photos, detectives from the Metropolitan Police Department recognized one of the suspects and confirmed his identity. This information coupled with interview reports from the Chevy Chase Village Police Department lead to the identification of the other three suspects. Between December 10 and December 20, 2010, Metropolitan Police arrested four male subjects between the ages of 19 and 23 on unrelated charges. Montgomery County Detectives applied for arrest warrants charging these same individuals with multiple counts of burglary. Three of the four individuals are currently in the D.C. jail awaiting extradition back to Montgomery County, Maryland. The fourth individual's whereabouts are unknown, but active warrants for his arrest are on file. The investigation continues and additional charges may be forthcoming related to additional burglaries in Chevy Chase and Montgomery County.

Snow Removal Reminder

Please remember, if your home is under construction, you are on vacation or you are otherwise not occupying your property during the snow season, you are still responsible for the removal of snow and ice from the sidewalks abutting your property.

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.



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

The Village Hall

Board of Managers Meeting Board Actions—December 13, 2010

Approval of Previous Meetings' Minutes: November 8, 2010 Regular and Executive Sessions—approved.

June 8, 2010 Executive Session—approved.

New Business: Resolution No. 12-01-10: Ordinance to amend Chapter 20 of the Village Code, entitled “Noise Control”, to limit the hours during which power landscaping equipment may be used within the Village—approved. **Proposal to Form a Design and Use Plan Group for the West Kirke Street/Laurel Parkway Triangular Public Right-of-Way:**

The Board approved formation of a group to be co-Chaired by Susie Eig of West Kirke Street and Bliss Ryan of Grove Street.

Resolution No. 12-02-10: A Resolution urging the State of Maryland to reinstate Highway User Revenues and State Aid for Police Protection diverted from municipal governments to the State general fund and to provide additional local discretionary revenue raising authority for municipalities—approved. **Temporary Policy to Have the Village Manager Submit all Administrative Permit Requests to the Board of Managers for Comment Before a Building Permit and License for Private Improvements in the Village's Public Rights-Of-Way are Issued—approved.** **Contract Authorization Request:** Collections processing of delinquent *SafeSpeed* Program citations with *Affiliated Computer Services* (ACS)—approved. **Supplemental Appropriation Request:** \$150,000 from tax-based reserves to tax-based budget: Special Projects, Litigation Reserve (to fund the cost of pending litigation, Cary M. Euwer, Jr. vs. Chevy Chase Land Company, et al [Chevy Chase Village])—approved.

Administrative Reviews of Applications for Private Improvements in the Public Right-of-Way: Case No. 5847—5500 Montgomery Street, installation of a walkway in the Montgomery Street public right-of-way—approved. Case No. 5840—7 West Kirke Street, installation of an electronic pet containment fence, and an irrigation system, portions of both would be located in the West Kirke Street and Laurel Parkway public rights-of-way inside the footprint of the existing wood fence—approved.

Appeals: A-5843 (Variance Request)—5500 Montgomery Street, expand the existing front stoop, which would extend no more than three (3) feet forward of the twenty five (25) foot front building restriction line—approved. A-5845 (Variance Request)—5500 Montgomery Street construct a fence measuring six and one-half (6 ½) feet in height between the front (Belmont Avenue extended) lot line and the twenty five (25) foot front building restriction line—approved. A-5844 (Variance Request)—127 Grafton Street, to:(a) expand the existing front stoop, which would extend no more than five and one half (5 ½) feet forward of the twenty five (25) foot front building restriction line, and (b) erect a new roof over a proposed expanded stoop, which would extend no more than five and one half (5 ½) feet forward of the front building restriction line—(a) approved, (b) case continued. A-5838 (a) & (b) (Variance Request)—107 Hesketh Street, construct: (a) a new deck and steps that would encroach no more than five feet one inch (5'-1") into the north (rear) yard setback, and (b) a new screened porch, the soffit and gutters of which would encroach no more than thirteen (13) inches into the north (rear) yard setback—approved. A-1865 (Tree Removal Appeal)—28 Hesketh Street, removal of: (a) one 10.5-inch diameter Juniper tree located in the south (rear) yard of the property and (b) one 14.5-inch diameter Holly located in the north (front) yard—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.

Committee on Children, Youth & Families

The Committee on Children, Youth & Families (CYF) presents its annual Red Cross babysitting course on January 22. See the enclosed flyer for more details.

The Committee is looking for volunteers to co-chair CYF events, which include the Red Cross Babysitting Class, Valentines Day Party, Community Service Projects and fundraisers, Backpack Collection and Social, Welcome Back Social, Costume Swap, Food Drives, Parents Nights Out, and Movie Nights.

For more information and to volunteer, please contact CYF Co-Chair Jill Watson at jillwatson2@aol.com.

The Police Beat

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

CHIEF'S CORNER

I want to take this opportunity to wish all our residents a Happy and crime free New Year. Thanks also to the residents who dropped off food and "goodies" for the officers and staff who worked during the holidays.



During the past year, the Village Police were involved in a number of property crime investigations, mostly involving thefts from vehicles. Total Part I Offenses were reduced by 32%. Thefts from Auto were reduced by 82%. These reductions are a credit to the officers who serve our community and take pride in the work they do every day.



The Village Communications Center handled more than 18,000 telephone calls and Village Police conducted in excess of 43,000 house checks for Village residents.

Officers working the various patrol shifts will be involved in "directed patrol" activities based on crime and traffic trends. We will experiment with officers assigned areas of responsibility throughout the Village based on the four patrol zones. Officers will be assigned primary responsibility for everything that happens within their assigned zones, from code enforcement to crime investigation and follow-up. Residents will be notified in a future Crier article and information will be placed on the Village website detailing this program and identifying the officers and zones which will give residents their own Community Policing Officer.



If you were out of town during the holidays, please remember to visit the Communications Center to collect your mail and packages.

RE-INSTATEMENT OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM



Resident's concern over recent home burglaries has generated a new interest in re-instating the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Neighborhood Watch is a community run program with the Village Police providing information and assistance as needed. Any residents who are interested in participating in this program are asked to contact Chief Roy Gordon by email at

roy.gordon@montgomerycountymd.gov. If sufficient interest is demonstrated a meeting will be conducted to discuss program implementation and required training. Training consists of a three-hour session one evening a week, for three weeks.

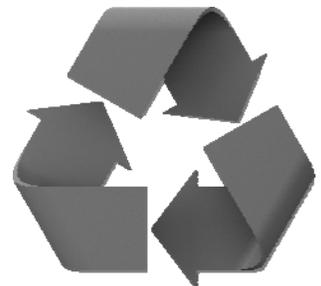
Snow Removal on Sidewalks



Sidewalks must be cleared of excess snow. Residents are responsible for clearing all snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of or abutting their property within the first forty-eight (48) hours after the cessation of falling snow. Residents who occupy corner lots are responsible for the sidewalk in front of and on the side of their property.

Recycle Old Cell Phones

Residents may drop off old cell phones **and** chargers at the Communications Center. The phones are wiped clean of any services, phone numbers, or address books. They are then re-programmed for victims of domestic violence or senior citizens so they may call 9-1-1 to report an emergency situation. They cannot be used for



Community News

Village Administrative Office Closings

The Administrative office will be closed on Monday, January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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

Village Observed Holidays: 2011

The Administrative Offices and Public Works Department will observe the following holidays in 2011:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Monday, January 17
Presidents' Day - Monday, February 21
Memorial Day - Monday, May 30
Independence Day - Monday, July 4
Labor Day - Monday, September 5
Veterans' Day - Friday, November 11
Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 24
Christmas - Monday, December 26

The Village Police Department and the Communications Center remain open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

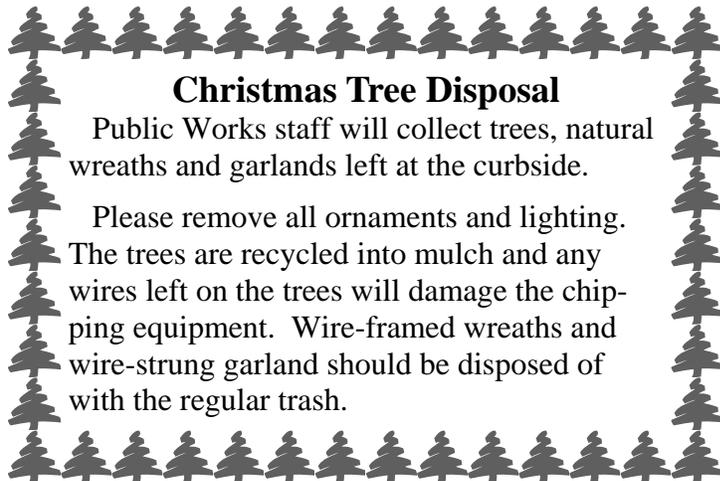
Ride FREE Anytime on RideOn and METRO buses in Montgomery County

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

WSSC Presentation Now Available Online

WSSC has made plans to begin replacing water mains that are in poor condition, which were installed in the 1930s. The new larger, lined cast iron pipes will reduce water main breaks and improve water quality and pressure.

WSSC representatives presented their project plan at the Board's December 13 regular meeting. The presentation was an overview about the overall upcoming project, including the water main replacement schedule, and is available on the Village's website at www.chevyCHASEvillagemd.gov.



Christmas Tree Disposal

Public Works staff will collect trees, natural wreaths and garlands left at the curbside.

Please remove all ornaments and lighting. The trees are recycled into mulch and any wires left on the trees will damage the chipping equipment. Wire-framed wreaths and wire-strung garland should be disposed of with the regular trash.

2011 Trash & Recycling Schedule

The 2011 Trash & Recycling Holiday Schedule has been included as a flyer in this month's issue of the *Crier* and is available on the Village website.

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!

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, January 24.

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.



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Chevy Chase, MD 20815

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2011!

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 Schedule

Resident input regarding the contracted services for trash and recycling collection is an important factor during the evaluation of these services. The Village provides rear-door collection of refuse and recycling as a convenience to our residents. Please leave your gates unlocked to allow access to your receptacles and remember to contact the Communications Center if either your refuse or your recycling was not collected.

On windy collection days, please weigh down the lids to your paper and trash receptacles. This slight extra effort saves the collection crew from chasing lids and debris all over the neighborhood 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 via the Village website by 2:00 p.m. on the preceding Tuesday to ensure collection.

Holiday Trash Collection Schedule

Trash will NOT be collected on Monday, January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Trash collection will slide one day: Monday's normal

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collection will be made on Tuesday, Tuesday's normal collection will be made on Wednesday, Wednesday's normal collection will be made on Thursday, Thursday's normal collection will be made on Friday and Friday's normal collection will be made on Saturday.

Recycling collection for residents WEST of Connecticut Avenue will be picked up on Thursday, January 20. **Recycling** collection for residents EAST of Connecticut Avenue will be picked up on Friday, January 21.

Special pick-ups will not be affected and will be collected on their regularly scheduled day, Wednesday, January 19, 2010.

Building Permits Issued December 2010

5810 Connecticut Avenue	One story addition
Chevy Chase Village	Verizon FiOs
10 Newlands Street	Driveway and Fence
12 Primrose Street	Install generator

Rent the Village Hall
for your next event!