

# CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE

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### Tentative Agenda

Board of Managers' Meeting

Chevy Chase Village Hall

Monday, May 16, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Note: The full agenda will be available on the Village website by Friday, May 13.

June Appeal Deadline: 5/23 at 5:00 p.m.

### Approval of Previous Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

Old Business

New Business

### Administrative Reviews

5803 Kirkside Drive

### Appeals

121 Hesketh Street

5803 Kirkside Drive

5625 Grove Street

37 Quincy Street

5600 Western Avenue

### Police Report

Manager's Report

Building Permits/Code Enforcement

Chairman's Report

## Traffic Committee Proposes Policy for the Installation of STOP Signs and Other Traffic Control Devices

The Traffic Committee (TC) was revived by the Board of Managers as a standing committee in November 2010 to serve as an advisory body to assist the Board of Managers (Board) in matters related to traffic and parking. Over the past year, the Board has faced an acceleration in the number of requests from Village residents for

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## Open Call for Members to Serve on an ad hoc Legal Services Evaluation Committee

As announced at its regular meeting on Monday, April 11, 2011, the Board of Managers has created an ad hoc Legal Services Evaluation Committee (LSEC). Outside legal services consumes a significant portion of the annual Chevy Chase Village budget. In a time when all communities are searching for more cost-effective and streamlined means of providing necessary services, the Board

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## Proposed Changes to the Village Special Pick-up Program

The Public Works Department has reported an increase of prohibited items being left for collection in the weekly special pick-ups conducted by the Public Works Department. In response, over the past three months the Village's Public Works Committee (PWC) has been working to revise and update Chapter 10 of the

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## Village Launches New System to Deliver Updates to Residents

Over the past couple of months the Board and the staff have been working on four (4) new systems to better communicate with you. The result of these systems will augment the Village's website, the *Crier* and list serve. They are similar to services that many of our neighboring communities provide.

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## Annual Meeting Notes

The 97th Chevy Chase Village Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 20. The Annual New Resident Social was again combined with the Annual Meeting. The New Resident Social was created so that long-time residents can welcome new residents to the community and for new residents to meet their new neighbors. It was also an opportunity to receive an update on activities within and around the Village.

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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

## Update on Capital and Utility Infrastructure Projects

### Verizon FiOS

Verizon FiOS is here!!! Verizon crews have been working throughout the Village since the beginning of November 2010 to bring its fiber optic technology, called "FiOS", into the Village. Verizon has informed the Village that FiOS service is now available throughout the Village.

Currently, Verizon crews are in the process of completing their final tests on all necessary wires and components of the Village's FiOS service.

If residents choose to order FiOS service they can call Verizon directly at **(855) 822-FiOS (3467)** this phone number will bypass the Verizon's existing phone system and will provide direct assistance. Residents can also order service online at <http://www.verizon.com>. **Note:** If any residents are told from Verizon representatives that their house is not service ready, please contact the Village office at [ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov).

In order to bring Verizon's FiOS technology to your home, Verizon will need to bring a new fiber optic wire to your house. This wire will be run along the same path (above or below ground) as your current copper phone line. Typically, Verizon runs this wire and attaches it to the main FiOS wire on the closest power pole during a single day (you don't need to be home for this) and on a second day, which is scheduled in advance, a Verizon technician will need to enter your home to complete the FiOS installation. For more information about how FiOS is installed please visit Verizon's website at [www.verizon.com](http://www.verizon.com) and click on "About FiOS".

### Brookville Road Repaving

Now that the Brookville Road sidewalk construction is completed, over the next month the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) will begin the process of re-paving Brookville Road between Western Avenue and East West Highway (MD 410). SHA anticipates the repaving to now begin in the last two (2) weeks of May 2011 and should be completed within 3 – 4 weeks of beginning the work. Notice of the repaving project has been sent via the website, e-mail systems and listserv to all residents and a separate notice has been mailed to those residents in close proximity to Brookville Road.

SHA has assured the Village that all work will be conducted during daylight hours in an effort to minimize the impact to the surrounding residents. However, during the repaving operations, residents and motorists may encounter flagging operations or single-lane closures along Brookville Road, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Per Village noise regulations, no work will be performed prior to 8:00 a.m. on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. on weekends and holidays.

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

Over the past couple of months, Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) contractors have been improving and upgrading sidewalks and handicap ramps along Connecticut Avenue. This project includes portions of the sidewalks located south of Bradley Lane within the Village. SHA identified the following areas for upgrade and improvement along Connecticut Avenue between:

- Western Avenue and East Irving Street
- West Irving Street and West Kirke Street
- East Kirke Street and East Lenox Street
- East Lenox Street and East Melrose Street (*reconstruction added by SHA at the Village's request*)
- West Lenox Street and West Melrose Street
- West Melrose Street and Newlands Street (*reconstruction added by SHA at the Village's request*)

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# The Village Hall

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

We really did have “Fun With Collage” on April 19<sup>th</sup>! Our resident artist, Millie Shott, helped each of us to make a collage. Our Book Discussion helped us bring back memories of our favorite children’s books. Our first evening event was held on May 4<sup>th</sup>, WHO DOES WELL IN OLD AGE?, which was the first in a series of programs to help us with some of the problems we encounter as we grow older.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

May 17—Stephanie Brown, Ph.D, the Executive Director for the Chevy Chase Historical Society, will present the Society’s program for creating oral histories. She will explain the mechanics for creating your own oral history. Stephanie will have hand-outs to help you get started at home. This will be a great gift for your children and your grandchildren.

June 17—Wendi Kaplan, a noted expert on Memoirs, will present a workshop to help us write those forgotten moments of our lives.

June 21—We hope to present an interesting discussion on the safety or non-safety of our homes. The Montgomery Fire Department has a service for all residents to help them become aware of some of the hazards in our homes – and some things that can make our homes safer. Come and find out information and services provided by our Fire Department.

During the summer months of July and August, we will have only one M&M a month – so we will skip July 5<sup>th</sup>, and jump to July 19 and August 16.

Please join us for these exciting and informative programs. If you need a ride, give me a call and we can provide one for you. We welcome your suggestions – we are here to serve you, so please communicate with us. Call or e-mail me at 301-656-0597 or e-mail [betty.oconnor@comcast.com](mailto:betty.oconnor@comcast.com)

*Betty O’Connor*  
Chairman, Committee for Seniors

Rent the Village Hall for  
your Next Event!

## 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.

## 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).

## Discounted Summer Rental Rates

The Chevy Chase Village Building Facilities Commission is proud to announce a **50% discount** for all Hall rentals during the months of June, July and August 2011.

The Village Hall is the perfect setting for your next event and is available to all Village residents.

Our three large rooms are available for:

- birthday and sweet 16 parties,
- weddings and wedding receptions,
- anniversary and graduation parties,
- bar and bat mitzvah receptions, and
- business/organization meetings.

Contact the Village’s Community Liaison, Grace Brock, at (301) 654-7300 or by email at [grace.brock@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:grace.brock@montgomerycountymd.gov) for additional information or visit the Village website and click on About/Village Hall/Village Hall Rental Policy.

# In The Village

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- 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 funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act under Maryland State contract. The goal and objective of this project is to encourage pedestrians' use of mass transit by providing safe pedestrian passage along Maryland State Highways to access Metro and Ride-on bus stops.

During construction, residents and motorists may encounter flagging operations or single-lane closures along Connecticut Avenue, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Per Village noise regulations, no work will be performed prior to 8:00 a.m. on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. on weekends and holidays.

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

## Volunteer Sought for Personnel Commission

The Personnel Commission is in need of a resident to fill its single remaining vacancy. Chartered by the Village Code, the Commission consults with the Board and Village Manager and makes recommendations to the Board of Managers to promote the efficiency and effectiveness of the Village civil service. Employment law/personnel management experience is a plus.

Please contact the Village Manager, Shana Davis-Cook, at (301) 654-7300 or [shana.davis-cook@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:shana.davis-cook@montgomerycountymd.gov) if you are interested in volunteering and for more information.

## Board of Managers Meeting Board Actions—April 11, 2011

**Approval of Previous Meetings' Minutes:** March 14 Regular Session, Executive Session, Special Meeting Budget Work Sessions, February 28, 2011 Special Meeting Budget Work Session—approved as amended.

**Elections Committee:** The Board appointed Ms. Charlotte Jones-Carroll of 11 East Irving Street as Interim Chair.

**Energy and Environmental Committee:** The Board approved the vision statement presented by the Energy & Environment Committee.

**Review of a Draft Plan to install benches in the Cedar Parkway Public Right-of-Way, Located North of West Lenox Street**—approved.

**Consent Agenda: Case No. 5888—11 Magnolia Parkway:** Building Permit and License to Use the Public Right-of-Way to plant three (3) blueberry bushes in the Magnolia Parkway public right-of-way—approved. **Case No. 5887—5515 Kirkside Drive:** Building Permit and License to Use the Public Right-of-Way to plant three (3) evergreen trees or shrubs in the Center Street public right-of-way—approved.

**Appeals: A-1885 (Tree Removal Appeal)—20 West Lenox Street:** Removal of one 20.0-inch diameter Red Maple tree located in the east (side) yard of the property, to accommodate a proposed addition—approved. **A-5885 (Special Permit)—3 Primrose Street:** Demolish the detached garage located in the north (rear) yard—approved. **A-5890 (Special Permit)—46 Grafton Street:** Replace an existing stockade fence that is six (6) feet in height located in the Cedar Parkway public right-of-way in the same location and at the same height—approved. **A-5891 (Variance)—46 Grafton Street:** Replace an existing stockade fence that is six (6) feet in height located forward of the front building restriction line with a wood flatboard fence in the same location and at the same height—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.chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov](http://www.chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov).*

# In The Village

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This year's Social featured light appetizers and refreshments for all and crafts and movies for the enjoyment of our younger residents. Babysitters were provided so parents could attend the Annual Meeting.

As hoped, many residents remained for the Village's Annual Meeting. Board of Managers Chair David Winstead, began the Annual Meeting by presenting his State of the Village report (see next column for highlights).

The Board approved a resolution to adopt the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012 and a second resolution to levy a tax on certain real and personal property under provisions of Section 6-203 of the Tax Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland at a rate of \$.1005 cents per \$100 of assessable value (fair market value) on real property.

Chairs of the Village's Committees and Commissions provided updates on their activities during the past year, synopses of which are included in the enclosed insert.

Election Committee members Irwin Pernick and Larry Heilman reported that there were five candidates running for four seats on the Board. There were no additional nominations from the floor.

The Village wishes to extend special thanks to Hesketh Street resident Alice Kinter and Oliver Street resident Susan Kilborn of the Garden Club of Chevy Chase, for providing beautiful flower arrangements for the evening. All flower arrangements came from properties and parks within the Village and were a wonderful addition to the evening.

## Fingerprinting Services

The Village provides fingerprinting services to Village residents at no cost. Fingerprinting services are provided by appointment only during the hours 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

If you would like to make an appointment, please contact the Village's Communications Center at (301) 654-7300.



## State of the Village Report from Board Chair David L. Winstead

- David L. Winstead was appointed as Chair in November 2010 following the departure of Douglas Kamerow. Last year, the Board also welcomed Patricia Baptiste, Larry Heilman, Peter Kilborn and Allison Shuren to serve on the Board of Managers.
- Members of the Board and the Brookville Road Working Group along with staff and residents worked together to complete the long awaited sidewalk along Brookville Road.
- A settlement was reached concluding all litigation between Cary Euwer and the Village regarding the portion of the Cedar Parkway public right-of-way located north of West Lenox Street.
- Village residents and staff were shocked at the tragic and sudden loss of Police Chief Roy Gordon who had served the residents of this community for 15 years. Chief Gordon's goals toward community-oriented policing, with a specific focus on high levels of professionalism led to the department being awarded as a flagship agency last year from The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.
- Public Works staff, under the supervision of Director Jerry Lesesne, have begun to replace sections of sidewalk that are in immediate need of repair.
- As of the end of April, all Village residents should have access to cable, telephone and internet service through Verizon FiOs as an alternative to Comcast.
- The Village has officially launched its new tools for communicating with residents—a blast e-mail service, Facebook, Twitter and RSS feeds,—which will allow more timely dissemination of information from general news to emergency notifications.
- The Board created two new standing Committees and one ad hoc Committee. First, an ad hoc Speed Hump Committee was created to prepare a policy based on objective criteria for the removal of speed humps. The Board also created a new standing Traffic Committee, to provide analysis and guidance to the Board on traffic issues within the Village. Last, the Board created an Elections Committee to oversee Village elections, Board appointments and any matters related to democratic process and good governance as requested by the Board.

# In The Village

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of Managers has agreed that a review the Village's current use of legal services should be conducted to determine if there are ways to reduce our spending on legal services, while ensuring the Village has competent and timely access to legal counsel. This review would be focused on understanding the various services provided today by the Village's outside legal counsel, the types of matters for which outside legal counsel is sought by the Village Manager, the Village staff and the Board of Managers, the time spent on these matters by outside legal counsel, and the business relationships between the Village and its various legal counsel. At the end of this review, the Committee is expected to provide an analysis of the Village's utilization and quality of legal services and make a recommendation as to how the Village might reduce its spending on these services.

The LSEC will consist of three (3) members, plus Allison Shuren of Hesketh Street who will serve as the Board liaison.

## Appointment Requirements:

- Resident of CCV for at least one year.
- Current or formerly practicing attorney and/or individual who holds or has held a professional position in which retention of legal services for a corporation/non-for-profit/other legal entity was among the required duties. Selection of legal counsel for personal matters is not sufficient. Board appointment will attempt to seat attorneys with varying backgrounds and practice experience.
- Schedule flexibility to conduct evaluation and make recommendations by September 2011 Board of Managers meeting.

## Duties of the LSEC:

The Committee will interview at least the following individuals to gain an understanding of the types of services provided by outside counsel: the current outside counsel, the Village Manager, key CCV Department Heads (e.g., Finance Director, Police Chief, Director of Public Works and Director of Municipal Operations), current Chairman of the Board, and others individuals as determined by the LSEC. The Committee also will review the billing records received from outside counsel over the past three years and any contracts or other engagement letters with outside counsel. NOTE: Review of the billing records by non-Board members needs to be discussed with current counsel since billing records are covered by the attorney-client privilege.

Present recommendations to the Board of Managers at its September 2011 meeting.

## Ongoing work:

Should the Board of Managers implement an RFP process for legal services, part of the LSEC's work could be assisting the Village Manager with the preparation of the requests for proposals, reviewing proposals, interviewing candidates and making recommendations to the Board of Managers. Similarly, should the Board decide to hire in-house counsel the LSEC members could be among those who interview candidates.

## Operations of the LSEC:

- The LSEC will hold as many meetings as necessary to formulate its recommendations.
- Meetings of the LSEC will be public, and will be announced by the Village's email service to residents, in the Village Crier, and on the CCV website.
- Content of the meetings will not include any discussion of the particulars of past matters for which CCV has sought legal counsel.
- The LSEC Chairperson will present the Committee recommendations to the Board of Managers in writing at least one week prior to the September 2011 Board meeting and will present the recommendation at that meeting.

Residents interested in serving on this Committee who meet the above-stated appointment requirements should contact the Committee's Board Liaison Allison Shuren at [awshuren1024@gmail.com](mailto:awshuren1024@gmail.com).

# Community News

...Continued from cover article, "Proposed Changes to the Village Special Pick-up Program"

Village Code entitled "Health and Sanitation" to address these concerns.

Currently, Chapter 10 of the Village Code states that the Village will make special pick-ups of rubbish, which is defined as *"All refuse other than household garbage and trash and lawn and garden debris. This shall include ashes, rubble, junk, street refuse and all other solid waste materials including salvageable waste"* by arrangement of the owner or occupant with the Village office. However, the following items are prohibited from being included for special pick-ups: *all construction or renovation debris, large appliances, auto and machinery parts, carpet and carpet padding*. Disposal of these items is the responsibility of the property owner or occupant.

In response to violations of these restrictions, and a lack of clarity about what can be collected in special pick-ups, the PWC has recommended several changes to the Code. The Public Works Department would still conduct special pick-ups of rubbish; however, crews would not pick-up construction rubble. A definition of construction rubble has been added to the Code, and includes: *"material from the alteration, construction, destruction, rehabilitation, or repair of any manmade physical structure, including materials such as brick, concrete and other masonry materials, stone, glass, wall coverings, plaster, drywall, framing and finishing lumber, roofing materials, plumbing fixtures, heating equipment, electrical wiring and components"*. In addition, instead of listing other specific items, such as carpet, there is a recommendation to include a general prohibition on *"objects weighing in excess of 50 pounds, or other material which the Director of Public Works determines would unreasonably burden staff"*. Disposal of these prohibited items would continue to be the responsibility of the property owner or occupant.

Currently, the Village Public Works conducts a monthly hazardous waste collection service along with its weekly special pick-up and garden debris collection. This service is provided on the second Wednesday of each month for such items as containers of garden chemicals, corrosive household cleaners, motor oil, and dry oil-based paint. As part of their review of Chapter 10, currently under consideration is a restriction of the frequency for collection of hazardous materials/waste items.

At the April 11 regular meeting of the Board of Managers, the PWC presented the above recommended amendments to Chapter 10 in order to ensure that the Village's special pick-up program can be conducted in a safe and efficient manner for residents and Public Works staff and their equipment. At that meeting, concern was expressed about whether the 50 pound limit was too restrictive. The Board will be conducting a public hearing on these proposed changes at its regular May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Written comments received by the Board prior to the hearing will be included in the record and will be considered by the Board in making its decision on the proposed changes in the Code. If you cannot be present at the hearing, you may send your comments and thoughts either in person to the Village office or via e-mail at [ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov).

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## **Seat Belt Special Enforcement Program: Click It or Ticket!**

**During the month of May, Chevy Chase Village Police will issue citations for seat belt violations as part of a statewide campaign.**

The single most effective act you can do to protect yourself in a crash is putting on your seat belt. Seat belts in vehicles are designed to keep you safe and secure inside your vehicle. Being ejected from a vehicle is almost always fatal. In 2008, 13,000 lives were saved because of people making the conscious choice to buckle-up. Between 2004 and 2008 over 75,000 people were saved by wearing seat belts. Maryland instituted a primary seat belt law in 1997 which allows police officers to stop motorists for not wearing their seat belt.

Since the law went into effect seat belt use has risen from 80 percent in 1997 to 93.1 percent in 2007 and there has been a 22 percent decrease in traffic-related injuries on Maryland roadways.

# Community News

...Continued from cover article, "Village Launches New System to deliver updates to Residents"

The new systems include a "blast" e-mail (this means that once a message has been posted, emails are "blasted" to all enrolled recipients) service, which only residents of the Village can subscribe to along with Facebook, Twitter and RSS feeds which are available to both residents and non-residents.

As part of the blast email service the Village has created two different lists to deliver information to residents:

Urgent News Alerts will include messages such as reports of criminal activity, neighborhood disruptions such as water main breaks, power outages and road closures, and major weather events. These alerts will be sent out only on an as-needed basis.

General News Alerts will include messages about Board and committee meetings, community events, changes in public services such as trash collection schedules, and upcoming road closures. These alerts will typically be sent out once or twice per week.

Residents can also sign-up to view and receive alerts from the following new systems:

Facebook: by searching for "Chevy Chase Village"

Twitter: @chevychasevill

RSS Feeds: News Feed link: [www.chevychasevillagemd.gov/rss/news.rss](http://www.chevychasevillagemd.gov/rss/news.rss)

To register and sign-up for the new systems, please see the enclosed flyer or visit the Village's website at [www.chevychasevillagemd.gov](http://www.chevychasevillagemd.gov) for more information. If you have questions on how the new systems work, please contact the Village office at (301) 654-7300 or [ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov).

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*Continued from the cover Article, "Traffic Committee Proposes Policy for the Installation of STOP Signs and Other Traffic Control Devices"*

a variety of controls over traffic, parking, pedestrian safety and other related matters. In part, these requests relate to the overall traffic growth and congestion in Montgomery County and the District of Columbia, and in part to specific land-use developments, individual perceptions, changes in property ownership, temporary or occasional street construction, emergencies creating congestion elsewhere that lead vehicles to choose to use certain Village streets, etc.

The Traffic Committee, at the request of the Board of Managers, has considered various processes and policies regarding the installation of STOP signs and other traffic control devices. The Committee has drafted a memorandum, which identifies those policy elements and outlines an array of best practices from other jurisdictions. General recommendations are proposed for desirable characteristics of Village processes and policies. The Committee then presents specific recommendations for a policy process framework and evaluation criteria to apply toward petitions for installation of STOP signs and other traffic control devices. A working draft of this memo was discussed at the Board meeting on April 11.

The Traffic Committee's memorandum outlining its proposed policy for the installation of STOP signs and other traffic-control devices is available on the Village website and in the Village office. Residents are encouraged to submit feedback on the proposed policy when it is discussed at the Board's meeting on Monday, May 16, 2011. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

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## 2011 Resident Directory

The 2011 Village Resident Directory will be made available for residents to pick-up from the Village office by mid June to allow for inclusion of the list of elected Board members.

## Just a Reminder...

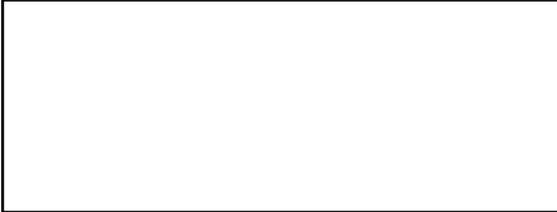
If you see or hear anything suspicious, please do not hesitate to contact the Police Department by calling (301) 654-7300. The Communications Center is open and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



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**Mark Your Calendars: Important Dates**

**Monday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m.**—Monthly Board Meeting  
**Tuesday, May 17 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.**—  
CC@H Meet & Mingle



**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.

**Contact the Village office before you start your home improvement project to verify permitting requirements: (301) 654-7300 or [ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov).**

**Building Permits Issued April 2011**

209 Primrose Street	Construct patio
6016 Western Avenue	Extend existing walkway
22 West Irving Street	Rear addition
3921 Oliver Street	Install generator
5512 Grove Street	Replace A/C unit
128 Grafton Street	Construct rear patio

**A Sweet Story of Charity...**

On March 14, Hesketh Street resident Grace Spring received a visit from seven of her smallest neighbors. These children stopped by Ms. Spring's house seeking a donation to the Red Cross relief effort for the victims of the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

Ms. Spring immediately grabbed a ceramic dish where she had thrown loose change and bills for the past few months. To this she added a \$20 bill and sent the kids off with her donation and ceramic dish. The next morning, Ms. Spring went out to her front porch and found her ceramic dish with the a note inside from the children: Jessie, Jack, Reganne, Mollie, Caitlyn & Audrey.

What a wonderful example of charity among the smallest of residents in our community.

## Chevy Chase Open Space Urban Park Update

Last summer, the Village made its final payment toward the acquisition of the Chevy Chase Open Space property located at the far southwest corner of the Village between Grove Street and Western Avenue. This was yet another step in a process that began over 11 years ago when then Chevy Chase Village Board Member Susie Eig (of West Kirke Street) identified this property as a critical open space within the County. Ms. Eig, who at the time also sat on the Legacy Open (LOS) Advisory Group, recommended to her fellow LOS Advisory Group members that the property should be included in the LOS Functional Master Plan for acquisition as an Urban Open Space. LOS funds are designated for the acquisition of properties within the County, which are then developed and maintained as a variety of open spaces for the public's use.

This 1.9-acre property, while titled to Montgomery County, is operated and maintained as a public park by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's Montgomery Department of Parks. The Village is a financial partner with the Commission and Montgomery County due to our contribution toward the purchase of the property. M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks staff are moving forward actively with studying Chevy Chase Open Space and implementing an initial site cleanup to improve the safety and usefulness of the site as public parkland. A Tree and Shrub Survey of the site has just been completed (please see the site plan, located on the reverse; a more complete version is available on the Village's website) with the help of Parks arborists and horticulture specialists from Brookside Gardens (located in Wheaton). That survey has identified several trees and many shrubs that will need to be removed this spring to meet several goals:

- improve visibility and safety in the park
- remove undesirable and invasive plant species per M-NCPPC Parks policy
- remove dead, dying and hazardous trees and tree limbs

You may see Parks staff and contractors on the site during the coming months implementing these cleanup plans. Please be assured that only the minimum vegetation necessary to meet the above goals will be removed and that Park staff is working to improve visibility and safety in the Park while preserving the majority of the beautiful plants across the park. .

Once this initial site cleanup is completed, Montgomery Parks staff and the community will have a much better picture of the healthy vegetation that we have to work with as we develop a long-term Concept Plan and an interim improvement and planting plan for the park. The existing vegetative structure of the Park will be a great asset as we work collaboratively on a vision for this urban park. Please keep your eyes open for notice of an initial public workshop in early summer for a chance to voice your input on the vision for Chevy Chase Open Space.

This yet unscheduled initial meeting will be the first step in a community-wide process to develop this park into a real asset for the community. . At the Village Board's regular meeting on April 11, Legacy Open Space Program Manager Brenda Sandberg requested that the Village establish a small committee of citizens to serve as a liaison between the Village and the Commission as we work through this Concept Plan process and beyond. Other municipalities have established such committees when partnering with M-NCPPC on parks in their jurisdictions and they have been very helpful in streamlining the collaboration process. Included in this 5-person Committee will be Village staff liaison Michael Younes. If you are interested in serving on this Committee, please contact Mr. Younes by Friday, May 13 at [michael.younes@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:michael.younes@montgomerycountymd.gov) or (301) 654-7300.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Brenda Sandberg, Legacy Open Space Program Manager, Montgomery Parks, at [brenda.sandberg@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:brenda.sandberg@montgomeryparks.org) or 301-650-4360. For more information, please visit the Village's website at [www.chevychasevillagemd.gov](http://www.chevychasevillagemd.gov), and click on the "Chevy Chase Open Space" *Quick Link*.

# Village Launches New System to deliver updates to Residents

The Village has four (4) new ways for you to receive updates and alerts. These new systems augment the Village's Website and the *Crier*.



## **Blast E-mail Service:**

Join the Village's new blast e-mail service. The Village has created two (2) different lists to deliver information to Residents.

- **Urgent News Alerts** will include messages such as criminal activity, neighborhood disruptions such as water main breaks, power outages and road closures, and major weather events. These alerts will be sent out only on an as needed basis.
- **General News Alerts** will include messages about Board and committee meetings, community events, changes in public services such as trash collections schedules, and upcoming road closures. These alerts will typically be sent out once or twice per week.

To subscribe, please visit the Village's website at [www.chevychasevillagemd.gov](http://www.chevychasevillagemd.gov) and then click on the "white envelope" located under the Village logo. Please note that in order to sign-up for the e-mail services you must be a Village resident and have registered for access to the website.



## **Facebook:**

The Village is on Facebook!!!! Get news updates and view photos from all the Village events. If you are on Facebook you can visit the Village's page by searching for "Chevy Chase Village" Remember to "like" the Village's page to receive updates from the Village. You can also visit the Village's Facebook page by clicking on the "Facebook" icon under the Village logo on the Village website.



## **Twitter:**

Follow the Village on Twitter!!!! If you have a Twitter account follow the Village @chevychasevill. You can also visit the Village's Twitter page by clicking on the "Twitter" icon under the Village logo on the Village website.



## **RSS feeds:**

RSS feeds are direct e-mail messages that are sent to subscribers instantly anytime news items are uploaded to the Village Homepage.

The Village's RSS feed is available to everyone who wants to sign-up. To enroll, add the RSS Feed link to your Work e-mail program (i.e., Microsoft Outlook or Lotus Notes) or home internet browser (i.e., Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome).

Chevy Chase Village RSS News Feed link: [www.chevychasevillagemd.gov/rss/news.rss](http://www.chevychasevillagemd.gov/rss/news.rss)

If residents have questions on how the new systems work, please contact the Village office at (301) 654-7300 or [ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov).

## Commission/Committee Reports

### Highlights from the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

**Audit:** Member Gail Feldman spoke on behalf of Committee Chair Timothy Trifilo who was absent. Ms. Feldman stated that the Village received a clean audit report from the independent audit firm *Lindsey and Associates*, for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2010.

**Budget:** Chair Samuel Lawrence noted that when his Committee began its review of the Manager's proposed budget for FY2012, the Village was facing a decline in income tax revenues, a steadily decreasing yield on invested funds, and an increasing amount in expenses related to ongoing litigation and legal services. Over the past couple of months, however, the litigation has been settled and ongoing legal expenses have been reduced, the State has restored a portion of highway user revenues previously cut, income tax revenues have come in slightly above the projection advised by the State in November, revenues from the *SafeSpeed* Program have exceeded expectations, and the Manager and Board have made reductions to ongoing operating expenses while not directly impacting Village services. With these changes, in the current fiscal year and projected in the next, revenues are likely to exceed expenses for ongoing operations expenses, with draw downs from reserves targeted solely at capital improvement projects, including some catch-up repaving of Village roads. Mr. Lawrence also noted that his Committee had worked with staff and the Board to review the cost calculations for operating the *SafeSpeed* Program. These allocation procedures are important because they affect how much citation revenue the Village can retain for ongoing public safety expenditures and projects.

**Building Facilities:** Interim Chair Elissa Leonard reported that the Commission has been meeting to discuss matters related to the Village Hall and its use. The Commission hopes to work with the Public Works Committee regarding planned improvements to the Public Works space.

**Children, Youth & Families:** Village Manager Shana Davis-Cook spoke on behalf of absent Acting-Chair Jill Watson. Ms. Davis-Cook stated that the Committee is actively looking for new co-Chairs to lead the Committee, and Jill Watson has offered to serve as Acting-Chair until replacements are found. Any residents interested in Chairing or Co-Chairing the Committee should contact the Village's Administrative Assistant Grace Brock at [grace.brock@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:grace.brock@montgomerycountymd.gov).

**Democratic Process and Good Governance:** Committee Chair Margot Anderson submitted a report regarding the Committee's activities, which outlined that the Committee serves as an Advisory Group to assist the Board in creating rules and procedures for Village elections and Board and Committee operations. The Committee recommended procedures for Village elections, which were subsequently approved by the Board and will be implemented in this spring's election for seats on the Board of Managers.

**Emergency Preparedness:** Ms. Davis-Cook spoke on behalf of the Committee. She stated that one of the Committee's Co-Chairs, Mr. Oliver Davidson, had recently submitted a memorandum, which was discussed at a recent Board Meeting regarding emergency preparedness, specifically during power outages. The Board and staff will work with the Committee over the coming months to pursue the goals outlined in Mr. Davidson's memorandum.

**Environment and Energy:** Co-Chair Marilyn Bracken reported that the Committee has held regular meetings, and has met with representatives from the Town of Chevy Chase, a neighboring community, which has become a leader in environment and energy-conscience programs. The Committee also met with the Building Facilities Commission to review the Village Hall's Energy Audit, and they have completed a Vision Statement for Village trees that has been approved by the Board to incorporate the use of the National Tree Benefit Calculator, which provides quantifications of functional benefits of trees such as reducing carbon, storm water retention, air quality and increased property value. The Committee's action plan for 2011 will involve community education and outreach including articles in the *Crier* and guest lecturers.

**Ethics Commission:** Chair Kate Clark submitted a report prior to the meeting stating that there have been no reports of ethics violations during the preceding year. Last year, the Committee began requiring that all Village staff involved in matters related to Village finances must complete a Financial Disclosure Statement in addition to all Board Members, candidates for the Board and the Village Manager in accordance with state laws.

**Local Advisory Panel to the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC):** Chair Thomas Bourke explained

that the LAP continues to review residents' applications for Historic Area Work Permits to ensure proper administration of the historic review process. Mr. Bourke thanked Bob Elliott for his service on the Committee for the past 20 years. Mr. Elliott stepped down from the Committee last year. Mr. Bourke added that the LAP is open to new members and welcomes anyone interested in serving on the LAP.

**Investment Committee:** Investment Committee Chair Gail Feldman outlined the Committee's mission to: 1) develop appropriate investment policies and procedures for Village investment activities and proposing changes as appropriate to Village circumstances, 2) monitor the implementation of those policies and procedures, and 3) determine appropriate investment strategies and to review the results. Ms. Feldman added that the Committee has created an investment control log which tracks investments and has developed procedures for the purchase and sale of investments. She noted that investment income has decreased drastically and the Committee, along with assistance from Legal Counsel, Finance Director Demetri Protos and the Village Manager, continue to look for sound financial investments within the parameters of the Investment Policy.

**Parks:** Chair Alice Kinter stated that her Committee continues to oversee the general upkeep and maintenance of the Village's parks. This year they added benches in some parks, began renovating the rain garden along with assistance from the Garden Club of Chevy Chase, presented a lecture on boxwoods, and added numerous plantings around the Village. Ms. Kinter urged residents to contact the Village office if they see broken and dead limbs or ailing shrubs.

**Personnel:** Ms. Davis-Cook spoke on behalf of Chair David Kushner, who was absent. She advised that although actively seeking to fill a current vacant position, the Commission continues to handle issues related to the Village's civil service, including budget discussions related to compensation in the upcoming fiscal year. Any residents interested in serving on the Commission should contact the Village Manager Shana Davis-Cook at shana.davis-cook@montgomerycountymd.gov.

**Public Safety:** Chair Saul Goodman stated that one of the wonderful features of living in the Village are the public safety services, which include the police force and the 24-hour Communications Center. He added that former Police Chief Roy Gordon, who passed away earlier this year, will be missed, but the Acting Chief Adventino Dasilva has been doing a great job leading and overseeing the department. Mr. Goodman and Acting Chief Dasilva highly encouraged residents to call in to the Village's Communications Center whenever they see, hear or sense a suspicious situation. In an emergency always, dial 9-1-1.

**Public Works:** Co-Chair Thomas Jackson submitted a report prior to the meeting which outlined the Committee's activities during the previous year and goals the Committee will pursue during the upcoming year. During the past year, the Committee submitted to the Board of Managers: 1) a sidewalk rehabilitation plan recommendation, which included a recommendation for a style of brick to be used throughout the Village; 2) a streetlight replacement project whereby PEPCO—at no cost to the Village—replaced all of the previous mercury vapor light bulbs with high pressure sodium bulbs on every light pole within the Village; and 3) a recommendation that the Village use *SafeSpeed* Program funds to install streetlights in identified locations where there was insufficient illumination of Village sidewalks and roadway. During the upcoming year, the Committee will focus on: 1) tasks as delegated by the Board of Managers; 2) with assistance from Board Liaison Patricia Baptiste, revise Chapter 10 of the Village Code, entitled "Health and Sanitation", as it relates to the collection of garbage, recycling, bulk items and hazardous materials from Village homes; and 3) renovation of the Public Works space in the bottom level of the Village Hall to improve the staff's working conditions.

**Seniors:** Chair Betty O'Connor reported that the Committee and the local organization "Chevy Chase@Home" has continued their bi-weekly *Meet and Mingles* where older residents can come to the Village to enjoy scheduled activities including lectures from guest speakers, games, dancing, discussions and other activities. Ms. O'Connor would like to set up a neighbor-helping-neighbor network to assist those elderly residents that are living alone.

**Traffic:** Chair Porter Wheeler reported that his Committee has been actively working to develop and apply best practices across a broad range of traffic issues. Currently, the Committee is working on policies and procedures to address several requests for the installation of stop signs and other traffic control devices.

**Tree:** Chair Bob Elliott stated that his Committee is currently overseeing this spring's tree planting program. The Committee intends to plant approximately 24 trees throughout the Village.