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Tentative Agenda

Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall

Monday, December 12, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Note: The full agenda will be available on the Village website by Friday, December 9.

January Appeal Deadline: 12/19 at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Appeals

5810 Connecticut Avenue

5815 Cedar Parkway

20 Magnolia Parkway

12 Primrose Street

Treasurer's Report

Old Business

New Business

Manager's Report

Police Report

Staff Reports

Chairman's Report

Mark Your Calendar

December 6 & January 5—Chevy Chase @ Home's Meet and Mingle

December 14—Annual Holiday Party

December 26—Offices Closed

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Chief Reception a Success!

The Board of Managers would like to thank all of the residents who came out to meet Chevy Chase Village Police Chief John Fitzgerald and his family. The Board would also like to thank Montgomery County Police Chief



Tom Manger and other local municipal leaders for showing their support to our new Chief and welcoming him to the Community!

If you would like to meet the Chief, please call the Village office or email: john.m.fitzgerald@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Tree Removal Appeal Review Process

The Board of Managers will consider a proposal to revise the Tree Removal Appeal Review Process at the Board's December 12 meeting. Copies of the draft proposal should be available on the Village's website, www.chevychasevillagemd.gov by December 1.

Building Permits: Who Needs Them?

Why Does the Village Require Permits?

A unique quality of Chevy Chase Village is the scale of our homes proportionate to the lots on which they are constructed, and the relationship between our homes and our beautiful tree-lined streets. To preserve these special qualities, the Village over the years has adopted building setbacks, lot coverage restrictions, landscaping controls, and other limits. Whether you are modifying an existing fence, driveway, or walkway or building an entire house, you are responsible for getting the necessary permits before starting work. *Additionally, any changes to the work of a previously permitted project must also be approved.*

What Work Requires a Permit?

Per Sections 8, 10, 12, 17 and 20 of the Chevy Chase Village Code, the following work may require permits:

- ✓ New construction
- ✓ Exterior home improvements
- ✓ Detached garages or accessory structures
- ✓ Demolition of more than 50% of any structure
- ✓ Replacement and maintenance of existing driveways, side walks, patios and other features at grade
- ✓ Fences, walls and arbors
- ✓ Swimming pools and tennis courts

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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

Update on Capital and Utility Infrastructure Projects

Village-wide Sidewalk Replacements

Over the past couple months, the Village's sidewalk contractor, Capital Hardscapes, has been working to replace the sidewalks along Oliver Street. Now that the contractor has completed its work on Oliver Street, beginning the week of November 21, the contractor will start replacing sidewalks on Hesketh Street and Kirkside Drive (between Grafton and Hesketh Streets). Weather permitting the contractor anticipates that the sidewalks on those streets will be replaced by January 15. During construction the contractor will ensure that pedestrian access is maintained on at least one side of the street at all times (in areas where sidewalks exist on each side of the street). Throughout the multi-year project, the Village's Public Works crews will continue to monitor for and repair sidewalks deemed to be immediate hazards.

In response to questions residents have posed during the Oliver Street sidewalk replacements a list of "Frequently Asked Questions" has been developed, which is enclosed as an insert in this issue of the *Crier*. If you feel there is a question that has not been addressed, please contact the Village office at (301) 654-7300 or by e-mail at ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov.

In an effort to provide timely and accurate information regarding the progress of this multi-year project, a dedicated page has been created on the Village's website for project updates. Residents can access the page from the Village's homepage at www.chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov by clicking on the "Village-wide Sidewalk Replacements" link under the "Quick Links" section. We thank you for your patience as we undertake this project to make the Village a safer community for all.

WSSC Water Main Replacements

Since this past September, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) has been working to replace, upgrade, and, in some cases, relocate two miles of water main lines throughout the Village. As a result of the colder temperatures, WSSC will be transitioning to its winter replacement operations. This phase of the project will involve the relocation of water mains on portions of Cedar Parkway and all of Oliver Street.

Beginning the week of December 5, WSSC contractors will begin to replace and relocate the water main lines on portions of Cedar Parkway and all of Oliver Street. The existing water mains are at the end of their useful lives, many of which were installed in the early 1920's. The resulting work is intended to cause a notable reduction in the number of water main breaks experienced in the Village.

Tentative Schedule (Weather Permitting):

Saw Cutting on Cedar Parkway: December 5 – December 14

Installation of new water main on Cedar Parkway: December 6 – 22

Saw Cutting on Oliver Street: December 9 – December 19

Installation of new water main on Oliver Street: December 19 – January 19, 2012

During the entire water main replacement process, WSSC and its contractors will work Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. In the event that WSSC contractors must turn-off water service advance notice will be provided by WSSC to the affected houses detailing the anticipated duration. WSSC inspectors are required to go door-to-door notifying residents three (3) days prior to a shutdown and leave information at the front door. WSSC has assured the Village that water shut-offs will not exceed eight (8) hours and will not be scheduled on the day before, day of or the day after the following holidays: New Years Day, Good Friday, Easter, beginning of Passover, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah and Christmas.

In an effort to provide timely and accurate information regarding the progress of this project, a dedicated page has been created on the Village's website for project updates. Residents can access the page from the Village's website www.chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov by clicking on the "WSSC Water Main Replacement Project" link under the "News" tab.

Please monitor the Village website (www.chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov) for further updates on all of the above projects or contact Director of Municipal Operations, Michael Younes at michael.younes@montgomerycountymd.gov for more information.

In The Village

Board of Managers Meeting Board Actions—November 14, 2011

Approval of Previous Meetings' Minutes: October 10, 2011 Regular Session—approved.

Appeals:

A-6019 (Special Permit Request): 7 Oxford Street— Install an external air conditioning unit in the east (side) yard of the property—approved

Old Business & Status Reports:

Purchase Authorization & Supplemental Appropriation Request— Encrypted Police Radios—approved.

New Business:

Contract Authorization Request—Holiday Party Caterer: Innovative Gourmet— approved.

Manager's Report: Ms. Davis-Cook presented the annual matter of a monetary holiday gift to the Village staff for the Board's consideration. *The Board unanimously approved the issuance of a Giant Food grocery store gift card to each employee in the amount of \$100.00.*

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.

Holiday Closings

The Administrative office and Public Works Department will be closed on Monday December 26, and Monday, January 2, in observance of the Holidays.

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



2011 Resident Directory

Residents may pick-up their 2011 Resident Directory at the Village Office or from the Communications Center.

THE SENIOR CORNER

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

If you missed our visit from the representative for IONA HOUSE, we have information available.

Our “Show and Tell” on November 15 was a real winner for all who attended. iPads, iPhones, Kindles, and other new devices were demonstrated by our experts. For those who need more instruction, we hope to have another session later.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 6—To start the holiday season off, Jerry Bernstein will return with a surprise from his vast collection of movie greats. He can't tell us the title, but it's a traditional holiday show and a few stars include Cary Grant, David Niven, and Loretta Young. This will be our Holiday Celebration to end the year.

January 5—Right after the New Year celebrations, we will have a Poker Party for everyone. Come play, watch and learn. Gambling is not allowed, but we can all place our chips. We'll have other games available as well.

January 17—We're planning a sing-along with a ukulele player. Enjoy the music and lend your voices to join the “choir”.

February 7—“Finding the Right Hearing Aid”. As requested by many of you we will have an audiologist come and give us information and advice on the aids available. Bring your questions!

We have a wide range of programs planned for next year, but we are always looking for new ideas. And remember, bring a friend or two – and if you need a ride, let me know. You can reach me by phone or e-mail: 301-656-0597 or betty.oconnor@comcast.net.

* *Note* – the CC@H's **Brunch Bunch** meets on the second Thurs. of each month @ the Olympia Coffee Shoppe on Brookville Road for coffee and lively conversation.

Betty O'Connor
Chairman, Committee for Seniors

In The Village

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- ✓ Play equipment
- ✓ Installation or replacement of air conditioners, heat pumps, and generators
- ✓ Dumpsters and portable storage units
- ✓ Construction in the public right-of-way, above or below ground (such as irrigation systems or walks)
- ✓ Signs
- ✓ Storm water and drainage
- ✓ Tree removal and protection

Who Regulates Construction and Landscaping in the Village?

Three levels of control govern construction and landscaping within the Village:

(1) Covenants and/or Easements on Individual Properties

For most properties in the Village, restrictions exist from covenants and/or easements. These are the oldest controls in the Village. Many covenants were placed on lots when the Village was originally subdivided. Covenants are recorded in the Montgomery County's Land Records. Residents should review deeds and title insurance policies for covenants and easements specific to their property and obtain a copy of all such covenants and easements before proceeding with any construction projects. The Village office does not maintain all official copies of land records, covenants, or easements.

(2) Montgomery County Ordinances

All construction in Montgomery County requires county permits. The Department of Permitting Services of Montgomery County is the primary permitting agency for the county. For properties in the Village that lie within the boundaries of the historic district, the county requires a Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP) as well. To determine if your property has historic designation, contact the Village office.

3) Chevy Chase Village ("the Village") Ordinances

The Village has an independent municipal code regulating construction. Our code is enacted by our Board of Managers, who are comprised of and elected by fellow Village residents. Village regulations apply to all Village properties. *Please note:* having a permit from

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Montgomery County does not guarantee a permit from the Village.

A proposed project must comply with all of the Village's municipal regulations, and Village regulations are typically more restrictive than county regulations.

For thorough information, regarding the Village's permitting process, please visit the Village website to review the User's Guide to the Municipal Permitting Process. It can be found under the Printable Forms tab on the home page.

On the same page you will also find the Urban Forest User's Guide, which details the tree inspection and removal policies.

Village staff will gladly advise you throughout your permitting process. Please do not hesitate to call the Village office or make an appointment with us. e-mail: ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov to discuss questions you may have. We look forward to working with you to ensure a smooth project, start to finish.

Rent the Village Hall for Your Next Event

The Village Hall is the perfect place to host an event. It is a beautiful building with high ceilings, wooden floors, wonderful lighting and a caterer's prep space. The rental of the Hall for a weekend event is \$350.00 per room for 7 hours. There is a reimbursable damage deposit of \$750.00 per room. There is a \$75.00 per room cleaning fee as well. The rental price for a weekday event is \$250.00 per room for 7 hours. The damage deposit is \$500.00 per room and the cleaning fee is \$75.00 per room.

The Village Hall has been used for many different types of events, such as: Birthday Parties, Anniversary Parties, Weddings, Bar and Bat Mitzvah's, Fundraisers, Retirement Parties, and meetings.

Some uses of the Village Hall may qualify for a fee waiver. If you are looking to use the space for a small meeting or conference, please call the Village office to inquire if your use qualifies for a fee waiver. Please contact Grace Brock at the Village Office or by email at grace.brock@montgomerycountymd.gov.

The Police Beat

To e-mail Police Chief John Fitzgerald: john.m.fitzgerald@montgomerycountymd.gov

Holiday Shopping Safety

Chevy Chase Village wants you to have a safe and enjoyable holiday. But first, take a moment to review the following suggestions that may help you avoid becoming a victim of crime when you are doing your holiday shopping:

Safety Tips

- Always park in well-lit areas, lock your car and take your keys.
- Put your purchases in the trunk or otherwise hide them; never leave packages or valuables in plain sight in your vehicle. If you place packages in your car and plan to go back to do more shopping, drive to another part of the parking lot/garage first, then go back in. Some thieves sit in the parking area and watch as shoppers put new purchases in their car; they wait for shoppers to go back in the store so that they can steal those new purchases.
- Whenever possible, walk in groups. If you are shopping alone, consider requesting an escort from the security staff; they will gladly walk you to your car.
- Walk confidently (a potential mugger or thief will target people who seem apprehensive).
- Get organized before you walk to your car. Have your car keys in your hand as you approach your car, and be aware of your surroundings.
- If you notice something that does not seem right, then it probably is not. Request assistance from security personnel or the police.

Protect Yourself Against Fraud

- Sign all credit cards prior to activation.
- Take along only those credit cards that you will need on this shopping trip.
- Avoid wearing expensive jewelry when shopping—especially during the holiday season when the number of robberies typically rises.
- Do not keep check cashing cards in your checkbook.
- Keep purses or bags closed tightly.
- Keep your glove compartment locked or keep your registration on you as it contains vital personal information.
- When carrying large amounts of cash, keep it in different places, as opposed to all together.
- Never reveal your social security number to strangers or telemarketers.
- Never throw out anything that contains personal information without destroying it first (thieves search through trash in hopes of finding such material).

Home Security Surveys

The Village Police Department offers free confidential home security surveys. These surveys are used as a tool to identify weak areas of your home's security. Simple remedies can make your home safer and more secure. Interested residents should contact the Village Communications Center at (301) 654-7300 to request a Home Security Survey. A police officer will contact you to arrange a convenient time to conduct the survey.

Securing Your Home When You're Away

Many of us travel over the holiday season and we leave our homes empty. By taking a few important and easy steps, you can measurably reduce the chance of someone breaking into your home while you're gone.

- Request a free home security survey from the police department.
- Lock all doors and windows.
- Turn off the main water supply valve (this prevents a flood if there is a plumbing failure).

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Community News

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Place a timer or a light-sensitive switch on 2 outside lights: one light in the front and one light in the back of the house. This will ensure that there is exterior lighting in the front and back of your house through all hours of darkness. Put 2 or 3 interior lamps on variable timers. This gives your house an occupied look. Sign-up for a house check with the police department. We will check your house every day that you're away.

Reminder: House Checks during the Holidays

Village residents may contact the Village Communications Center at (301) 654-7300 to arrange a House Check. You can also submit a "House Check Request" form directly from the Village website. Residents are encouraged to contact the Village Communications Center to cancel their House Check if they return early or cancel their departure or to make additions/deletions to their information.

The women and men of the Chevy Chase Village Police Department wish you a happy and joyous holiday season!

Holiday Gifts to our Trash and Recycling Contractor

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

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

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

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



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.

Reminder—Noise Regulations for Power Landscape Equipment

The use of lawn mowers, leaf or snow blowers and other power landscape equipment is prohibited between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. weekdays, and between 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.

How to Stop The Washington Examiner

In the face of periodic complaints from residents, The Washington Examiner has promised to stop delivery of newspapers to nonsubscribers' homes. Un-retrieved, the papers can alert burglars of a residents absence.

To stop the deliveries, contact Ms. Teresa Browne at The Washington Examiner by email to tbrowne@dcexaminer.com or by fax to (703) 738-0754.

Officials at the The Washington Examiner have advised that this is the most effective way to ensure delivery is stopped, but to be aware that it still might take a couple of weeks for the delivery to stop completely.

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, December 19.

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.



5906 Connecticut Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Holiday Party!
Wednesday, December 14, 2011
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

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David L. Winstead, Member

VILLAGE MANAGER

Shana R. Davis-Cook



Public Works Department/Trash Collection



Resident input regarding the contracted services for trash and recycling collection is an important factor during the evaluation of these services.

The Village provides rear-door collection of refuse and recycling as a convenience to our residents. Please leave your gates unlocked to allow access to your receptacles and remember to contact the Communications Center if either your refuse or your recycling was not collected.

On windy collection days, please weigh down the lids to your paper and trash receptacles. This small effort saves the collection crew from chasing lids and debris all over the neighborhood and ensures your lids aren't lost.

Special Pickups 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.

Holiday Trash Schedule—Christmas & New Year's
There will be NO Change in the Recycling and Trash Pick up Schedule.

Building Permits Issued in November 2011

5508 Grove Street	Install wood fence
36 Quincy Street	Replace wood fence
4009 Oliver Street	Replace front walkway
6303 Broad Branch Rd.	Replace driveway
5605 Center Street	Install external a/c unit
12 Primrose Street	Replace steps/walkway
3 Primrose Street	Construct patio/fountain
3 Primrose Street	Construct fence & wall
3 Primrose Street	Install a hedge and tree
10 Newlands Street	Install drainage system
10 Newlands Street	Construct garden shed
29 West Kirke Street	Install drainage system
20 Oxford Street	Replace wood fence
116 Summerfield Rd.	Add attic dormers
4113 Oliver Street	Addition & screened porch
5604 Montgomery Street	Install a/c unit

*The Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers
Requests the Pleasure of Your Company*

*Wednesday, December 14, 2011
at the Chevy Chase Village Hall
from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.*

*Please join us during this Holiday Season for a special
evening of merriment and good cheer.*

*A selection of Heavy Hors D'oeuvres and Desserts are
sure to please residents of all ages.*

*Please call the Village Hall at (301) 654-7300 or send an
email to ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov to make
reservations for your family.*



Menu on Reverse

Stationary Hors D'oeuvres

Grilled chicken skewers drizzled with tzatziki sauce

*Chilled smoked salmon mousse served with an assortment of
baguettes and crackers*

*Array of international and domestic cheeses, garnished
with fresh fruit and berries and served with imported crackers,
pita triangles and sliced French bread*

*Smoked garlic brisket and caramelized onion quesadillas topped
with green onion sour cream*

Black Angus burger sliders topped with roasted shallots

Wilted spinach, artichoke, and feta cheese pastries

Risotto cakes with porcini mushrooms, topped with arugula pesto

Assortment of fresh vegetables served with a creamy herb dip

Desserts

*An Assortment of cookies, dessert bars, truffles,
miniature pastries, and holiday treats.*

Catered by Innovative Gourmet

Village-wide Sidewalk Replacements

Frequently Asked Questions

After years of planning and open discussions by the Public Works Committee and the Board of Managers, the Village has begun replacing all of our old concrete and old brick sidewalks with new brick. To see how your sidewalk will look, walk from Western to Wisconsin along Oliver, the first street with a new sidewalk. What follows are frequently asked questions the Village office has received, and some answers. You can raise others with the Village staff by calling 301-654-7300 or emailing ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov. For more information, go to the Village's website at www.chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov and click on "Village-wide Sidewalk Replacements" under the "Quick Links" section of the homepage.

Q. Will all Village streets get new sidewalks?

A. Most. All streets and blocks that have sidewalks, whether brick or concrete, will get them. Those without sidewalks will not.

Q. When will the sidewalk in front of my house be replaced?

A. Maybe not for some time. This work is scheduled over four years. After Oliver Street, the sidewalks along Hesketh Street and parts of Kirkside Drive will be replaced. Residents will be alerted some days before the contractor reaches other streets. For the schedule of other replacements, go to the website page cited above.

Q. The Village is running a sizeable deficit, so how are we paying for this?

A. The sidewalks are funded by the citation revenue collected from the Connecticut Avenue speed cameras. Maryland State law requires that we spend speed camera revenue for public and pedestrian safety, and sidewalks readily qualify.

Q. What pattern are the bricks being laid in?

A. The new brick sidewalks will be laid in a running bond pattern—the same as that of our older brick sidewalks.

Q. Who is doing this work?

Capitol Hardscapes of Bethesda, whose bid was selected from eight submitted by contractors.

Q. What kind of bricks are they using?

A. The bricks are Pine Hall Pathway Full Range clay brick pavers. They are predominantly red clay bricks that are randomly mixed with darker, gray-brown clay bricks. They have square, unbeveled edges and are eight (8) inches long and four (4) inches wide. Their slip resistance exceeds that of some types of concrete and of all the Village's older bricks. They are also designed to withstand damage and dislocation from freezing and thawing.

Q. How are they being installed?

A. The sidewalks will follow the same paths of the typical four-foot-wide existing sidewalks. Once the old sidewalk is jack hammered away, the contractor lays a four-inch-deep bed of crushed bluestone dust for the bricks. They are pressed together, without mortar. They must be level, with no more than a

quarter-inch variation in height. Along each side of the walk, the contractor lays a row of bricks to form a border. To stabilize the walk, the contractor anchors the border with metal and plastic restraints. The surface is graded to prevent puddling in rain.

Q. Will the construction hurt our trees?

A. No. The walks' bluestone bed allows roots room to flourish and spread. As the sidewalk is laid, the contractor weaves, slopes and notches it past trunks and exposed roots. Later, as younger trees invade the sidewalk, the Public Works Department will have mastered the skills of realigning the bricks. This is a big advantage of brick over concrete. As roots spread, they dislodge the concrete slabs, causing most of our sidewalk trip hazards. Now and then of course, some robust young oak might get out of hand. A root might have to be trimmed, but only with the Village arborist's approval.

Q. Will driveways be more susceptible to damage from vehicles using them?

A. They shouldn't be. When a new sidewalk is laid to replace an old sidewalk that crosses a driveway, the contractor lays the crushed bluestone bed on top of a deeper bed of larger aggregate stone to support vehicles.

Q. Will my driveway be blocked while the sidewalk is replaced?

A. No. You can keep using your driveway. Late afternoon, when the contractor goes home, he lays plywood over any unfinished sidewalk crossing a driveway.

Q. Will the new sidewalks be laid across all driveways?

A. No. They will be laid only where a sidewalk already exists. For example, a driveway that has been installed over an old sidewalk all the way to the street will not be altered to accommodate the new brick sidewalk. If later, homeowners replace these driveways, they must install a brick sidewalk across them.

Q. What if I want to replace the walkway I installed between the curb and the outer edge of the sidewalk, a place where someone getting out of a car can step?

A. Like driveways, walkways are permitted as a private use of the public right-of-way and are not included in the sidewalk contract. Residents can hire a contractor to replace the walkway after getting a Village permit.

Q. What if I want to extend brick paving along the walkway to my front door?

A. Residents may extend the brick paving along the walkway to their front doors, again getting a permit.

Q. What if the Village's contractor damages my property?

A. The contractor is responsible for any damage arising from the sidewalk replacement.

Q. What are we doing about flaws in the new sidewalks? Bricks can crack, chip, break and fall out of alignment.

A. As part of this multi-year project there are bound to be areas of the sidewalk that will need touching up. Throughout the project Village staff will be overseeing the replacements. When repairs are needed the contractor is required to repair these areas where it is found to be installed incorrectly or if there was a flaw in the material used.

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Chevy Chase Village Employees' Holiday Fund

To the Residents of Chevy Chase Village:

The Board of Managers has established the Chevy Chase Village Employees' Holiday Fund. The purpose of this fund is to recognize Village employees during the holiday season. Residents may use their own judgment in handling gratuities for non-employee service providers.

Since Village employees have different degrees of responsibility and varying lengths of service to the Village, the Board of Managers requests that all holiday gratuities be sent to this special fund. The pooled contributions will then be distributed based on the various lengths of service and responsibility.

The 24 employees who will share in the distribution are: 4 administrative staff members, 9 Police personnel, 5 Communications Clerks and 6 Public Works employees.

We hope that all Village residents will show their appreciation by contributing to this special fund. All contributions should be made by check payable to: Chevy Chase Village Employees' Holiday Fund, and returned to the Village office in the enclosed envelope. In order for the distributions to be made before the holidays, we ask that you please return your contribution before Monday, December 12, 2011; however, contributions received after December 12, 2011 will be distributed to the staff after January 1, 2012.

With gratitude and best wishes for you and yours this holiday season,

The Board of Managers of Chevy Chase Village