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Please see the letter to the community from our new Police Chief, located on page 5.
SAVE THE DATE: "Conversation with the New Police Chief" November 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Update on the Use of Methyl Bromide at the Chevy Chase Club

As the October issue of the *Crier* indicated, representatives on behalf of the Village—Board Chair Patricia Baptiste, Energy & Environment Committee co-Chair Dr. Marilyn Bracken and Village Manager Shana Davis-Cook—attended a meeting on October 6 along with representatives from other surrounding communities, including the Town of Chevy Chase, the Town of Somerset, the Village of Chevy Chase Section 3 and Chevy Chase West and representatives from the Chevy Chase Club to discuss the Club's proposed use of methyl bromide. Methyl bromide is an ozone depleting agent that is highly toxic and has been banned for production by the EPA since 2005. The Club proposed to treat specific greens with methyl bromide in mid- to late October 2012.

The Club's President, President-elect, Manager and other members of the Club's Board of Governors were in attendance at the meeting. Dr. Bracken, who is an expert on toxic substances and a former EPA official, detailed the dangers of the use of methyl bromide along with Town of Chevy Chase resident, Steven Seidel, who was the EPA employee who wrote the regulation banning methyl bromide. The Club's current President Thomas Fitzgerald stated that while the Club had researched the gas and its alternatives prior to deciding to proceed, he admitted that they had not done sufficient research to understand the risks posed by using this toxic gas, which the Federal Environmental Protection Agency has banned for use on soils on golf courses after 2013.

During the meeting, community representatives requested a commitment from Club officials that they would abandon their proposed use of methyl bromide. The Club officials in attendance declined to make that commitment, but promised to relay the community's concerns to the Club's Board.

On October 11, a letter was sent by the Village Board to the Club reiterating our community's environmental and public health concerns, noting that 45 Village homes directly abut the Club property, and urging the Club to forego its proposed use of methyl bromide by finding a less toxic remedy for improving its greens. A copy of the letter is available on the Village website.

On October 23, 2011, the Chevy Chase Club's Board of Governors circulated a letter stating that they had "**decided not to use Methyl Bromide on the Club's golf course greens next year**" and that they will "**find alternate ways to maintain the golf course** to the highest standards". A copy of this letter is also located on the Village's website. We applaud the Club for this wise decision.

Tentative Agenda
Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall
Monday, November 14, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.
Note: The full agenda will be available on the Village website by Friday, November 11.
December Appeal Deadline: 11/21 at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Appeals

7 Oxford Street

Old Business

New Business

Manager's Report

Police Report

Staff Reports

Chairman's Report

Mark Your Calendar

November 1 & 15—Chevy Chase @Home's Meet and Mingles

November 11—Village Offices Closed

November 16—Conversation with the New Police Chief

November 17—CC@H Evening Event

November 24—Offices Closed

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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

Tips From the Environmental & Energy Committee—Reduce Your Carbon Footprint

Here are some simple and constructive ways you can reduce your carbon footprint.

1. Buy organic and local
2. Pay attention to packaging-use stores that keep packaging to a minimum
3. Avoid bottle water- reuse water bottles or purchase reusable canteens
4. Energy-proof your home-make sure your windows close properly and the attic is insulated.
5. Switch to compact florescent light bulbs-they use 75% less energy
6. When you leave your house or are otherwise not using specific rooms, turn the lights off.
7. Select native plants to landscape your home.
8. Unplug appliances that you don't use frequently and chargers for cell phones, and laptops.
9. Use cold water for laundry when your things don't need hot water.
10. Walk or bike when you can and bundle your errands to save on gas.
11. Car pool or take Metro-some organizations contribute to Metrocheck to subsidize public transportation.
12. Reduce, reuse, and recycle at home and at work.

Ethics Commission Vacancy

The Ethics Commission is chartered by the Village's Public Ethics Code (PEC; a copy of which is available on the Village website) to serve as the advisory body responsible for:

- 1.) interpreting the Village's PEC,
- 2.) advising persons subject to the PEC as to its application,
- 3.) hearing and deciding on advice of Village Counsel, any complaint filed regarding an alleged violation of the PEC, and
- 4.) all forms (such as the financial disclosure form required to be completed annually by each member of the Board of Managers) submitted in accordance with the PEC.

If you are interested in serving on the Ethics Commission, please contact the Village Manager Shana Davis-Cook at (301) 654-7300 or shana.davis-cook@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Proposed Sidewalk Along Wisconsin Avenue Between Grafton Street and Bradley Lane

On Wednesday, October 5, representatives from the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) District 3 and Headquarters held a public meeting in the Village Hall with residents of the Village and surrounding jurisdictions to discuss preliminary design plans for a proposed sidewalk along Wisconsin Avenue to receive community feedback on the plan. If constructed the sidewalk would be located on the east side of Wisconsin Avenue from Grafton Street north towards Bradley Lane and would be fully funded by SHA. The meeting was attended by approximately 25 people. SHA representatives heard a number of concerns about the potential tree loss, the width of the sidewalk, proposed to be 6 ft wide and would involve the construction of a retaining wall as the sidewalk traveled north toward Bradley Lane.

Based on the feedback received at the meeting, SHA will be looking into whether it would be possible weave the sidewalk between trees while staying within the current State Highway right-of-way and will be reviewing and revising its plans where possible to address concerns over the next couple months. At that time a second public meeting will be held. If the design and approvals are received in a timely fashion SHA anticipates construction on the sidewalk could begin as early as the late spring or early summer 2012. Please stay tuned to the Village website and *Crier* for updates on the project and announcement of second public meeting.

If residents have any further questions about this project, please contact SHA Assistant District Engineer for Project Development, Kate Mazzara at 301-513-7346, or kmazzara@sha.state.md.us.

In The Village

Village Administrative Office Closings

The Administrative office will be closed on Friday, November 11 in observance of Veterans' Day and on Thursday, November 24 and (Friday, November 25 for) Thanksgiving.

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

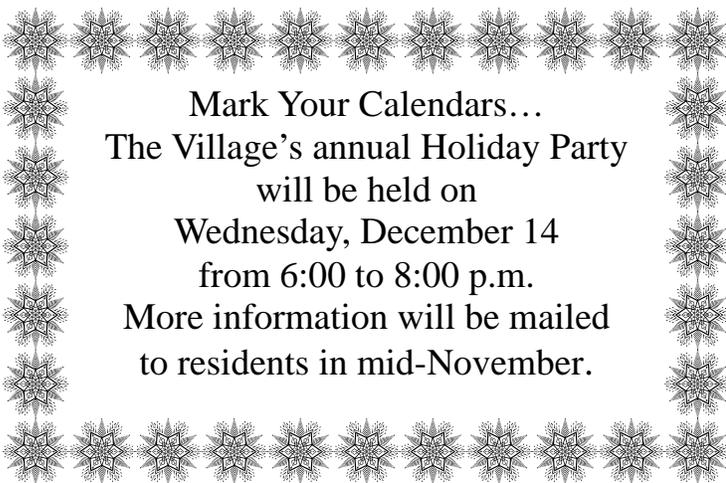
Holiday Gifts to our Trash and Recycling Contractor

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

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

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

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Mark Your Calendars...
The Village's annual Holiday Party
will be held on
Wednesday, December 14
from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
More information will be mailed
to residents in mid-November.

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

THE SENIOR CORNER

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

If you missed the Art Workshop on October 18, look on the website of Chevy Chase at Home and you will see some of the great "Ink Drawings" that were created with the help of Millie Shott our local artist.

Also we had a very informative program by two experts on Senior Services in our County – we can give you some info and telephone numbers if you were not able to come.

Come join us on:

Nov. 1—"Declaration of Interdependence: How IONA Can Help Older Adults Live Well at Home in the Community" – a long title for a very informative presentation by Bill Amt, MSW, LICSW, who is a Psychotherapist/Practice Development Manager for IONA Senior Services. IONA has so many programs that can benefit all of us. This is a must for Seniors who want to stay in their homes.

Nov. 15—"Show and Tell": See How New Fangled Devices Work. There will be members who have their own iPods, iPads, Kindles, etc. and will demonstrate for you (and maybe even let you try them out).

Dec. 6—Jerry Bernstein will present one of Paramount's holiday films – with four magnificent actors: Carey Grant, David Niven, Loretta Young and Monty Wooley, a real classic. The only way we learn the name of it is to come and see it. Jerry can't tell Refreshments will be served at all our Meet and Mingle Events – and remember if you need a ride, please call me. And if you have suggestions, we welcome them all.

On Thursday, November 17 from 7-9 P.M., Chevy Chase at Home will offer a special event, titled "Alzheimer's Disease – Is There News We Can Use", presented by Trey Sunderland, MD, Geriatric Psychiatrist. All are invited to hear and be better informed.

Betty O'Connor
Chairman, Committee for Seniors
Email – betty.oconnor@verizon.net 301-656-0597

In The Village

Board of Managers Meeting Board Actions—October 10, 2011

Approval of Previous Meetings' Minutes: September 12, 2011 Regular and Executive Sessions; and September 15, 2011 Executive Session—all approved.

Appeals:

A-6000 (Special Permit Request): 45 West Lenox Street—Install a fence attached to a retaining wall measuring a maximum of eleven feet, three inches (11'-3") in height along the north (rear) property line, and diminishing in height to seven feet, nine inches (7'-9") along a portion of the west (side) property line and seven feet, nine inches (7'-9") along a portion of the east (side) property line—approved.

A-5998 (Variance Request): 7 Oxford Street—Construct a box-bay addition, a portion of which would encroach twelve (12) inches into the east (side) seven (7) foot side yard setback—approved.

A-1948 (Tree Removal Appeal): 134 Grafton Street—Removal of one 17.0-inch diameter (53.5-inch circumference) Zelkova tree located in the east (side) yard of the property, to accommodate a proposed addition—approved.

Committee Reports:

Energy & Environment Committee—The Board agreed to send a follow-up letter to the Chevy Chase Club urging the Club to forego its proposed use of Methyl Bromide on their golf course greens.

Ethics Commission—The Board unanimously appointed Margot Anderson of West Irving Street as Chair of the Commission.

New Business:

Supplemental Appropriation Request: \$6,430.95 from tax-based reserves and \$11,610.95 from *SafeSpeed* reserves (\$18,041.90 total, net of insurance settlement for totaled truck) to Capital Projects, Equipment for a Public Works truck—approved.

Contract Authorization Request: Professional Services contract for Preliminary Design Work for the Renovation of the Public Works Department's Offices and Facilities—approved.

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

Building Permits Issued in October 2011

8 Grafton Street	Install grass paver parking pad
8 Grafton Street	Install fence/gates in rear yard
8 Grafton Street	Modify existing rear deck
5507 Montgomery Street	Screened porch/roof rear addition
4007 Oliver Street	Replace walkway with brick
5636 Western Avenue	Replace a/c unit
115 East Melrose Street	Resurface flagstone walk
23 Grafton Street	Construct retaining wall & walkway; install electronic pet fence
23 Grafton Street	Replace driveway and walkway
21 Quincy Street	Re-roof existing addition

Reminder to sign up for the Village's New Email Blast(s)

Remember to sign-up for the Village Email Blasts! The Village has created 2 different lists to deliver information to residents:

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The Police Beat

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

A Message from the Chief of Police

Dear Residents:

The Village of Chevy Chase is a wonderful community and I am humbled to have been selected to lead the women and men of your police department. Our overarching goal is to work directly with you to maintain a high level of safety and security in our neighborhoods by providing superior police service to you—and to those visiting or traveling through the Village—in a courteous, caring way.

We realize that your safety and security are important to you, and in order to be successful at preventing crime and minimizing traffic and pedestrian risks, we need your continuous help. Property crime—thefts from cars and burglaries of homes—is our most prevalent crime problem year over year. We want and need to hear from you whenever you see someone or hear something that makes you suspicious. Our officers will respond and investigate the situation, and they will gladly let you know the outcome. It is vitally important that you call without hesitation. By way of example, just recently, an alert resident on Hesketh Street reported seeing a suspicious man. Officers quickly responded, and while they were talking with the man, a resident of Montgomery Street called our Communications Center to report that they had confronted a stranger inside their home. The Montgomery Street burglar was identified as the man that the police were talking with on Hesketh Street. Officers arrested the man and charged him with burglary. Without the help of these alert residents, our officers would have been unable to take any action. Please help us to help you by giving us a call. That's what we're here for.

The Village is a great place to live, and its property values are among the highest in the region. The officers of the Chevy Chase Village Police Department understand that they play a key role in maintaining the Village's high quality of life. I commit to you that we will do our best to keep you safe so that the Village continues to be an enjoyable and desirable place to live. I further commit to you that my officers and I will be accessible to you—in person, by phone, or by email—to serve your needs to the best of our ability. I look forward to meeting and serving you.

John Fitzgerald
Chief of Police, Chevy Chase Village Police Department



Update on Resurgence of the Neighborhood Watch Program

I would like to thank everybody who attended the Neighborhood Watch (NW) meetings at the Chevy Chase Village Hall. The NW program is an important effort to unite neighbors to make their community a safer place to reside and reduce the fear of crime. Neighborhood Watch is a community-run program that is supported by the Chevy Chase Village Police Department.

During the meetings there was discussion about the crime currently occurring in the Village. Several excellent suggestions and strategies were discussed that could easily be implemented by NW volunteers. Examples include walking patrols, the delivery of crime prevention flyers, block meetings with a Village police officer, and the like. Additionally, the Village Police Department would gladly provide training to residents in how to recognize suspicious activity.

Neighborhood Watch will provide the police with added "eyes" and "ears" in our neighborhoods, getting NW going, however, depends largely on residents' voluntary initiative. Residents who are interested in launching NW soon for their own block or for several blocks should advise the Police Department accordingly. Such early initiatives could be especially helpful by serving as pilot programs for NW in other neighborhoods.

As this worthwhile program goes forward, I am confident that together, we will make this community safer and further reduce the fear of crime in our neighborhoods.

Adventino Dasilva, Police Sergeant

Community News

Historical Society Invites Residents to November 20 Civil War Spy Talk

To mark the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, Chevy Chase Historical Society programs during the 2011-2012 season will showcase the stories of extraordinary women who played critical roles during the Civil War. CCHS' fall lecture will feature Ann Blackman, journalist and author of the 2006 book, *Wild Rose*, the definitive biography of Civil War spy Rose Greenhow.

A beautiful widow who climbed to the top of Washington society, Wild Rose Greenhow used her connections to spy for the Confederacy before giving her last measure of devotion for a lost cause. Wild Rose herself will join the program in the person of historical impersonator Emily Lapisardi.

The public is invited to the free program on Sunday, November 20, at 4:00 pm at the Chevy Chase Village Hall, 5906 Connecticut Avenue. A reception with the speakers will follow the program. Questions may be directed to Mary Anne Tuohey at (301)656-1779.

Motor Vehicle Administration on Wheels

The MVA mobile service bus will visit the Friendship Heights Village Center from 10:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. on Monday, November 21.

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.

Autumn Leaves

The Public Works Department's yearly leaf collection effort is underway. Two leaf vacuums began running in October and will continue to run as often as needed through the first week in December.

Residents are asked to rake their leaves as close to the curb as possible without putting them in the roadway gutter. Should it rain, leaves piled in the gutter will dam the water causing it to pond. Residents are also encouraged not to box in piles of leaves with cars both for easier accessibility for the leaf crews and additional safety for your vehicles.

Residents on Bradley Lane should put their leaves in paper bags and place them at the roadside. Bradley Lane is the only area where bagging is required.

Sticks and other sharp tree and garden debris should be left loose and placed in separate piles from leaves. Sharp debris can tear the leaf collection hoses or dull the blades on the leaf machines, resulting in repairs to the vacuum machinery that can cause delays in the pick-up schedule.

Reminder—Noise Regulations for Power Landscape Equipment

The use of lawn mowers, leaf 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.

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

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Tax Return Reminder

This is a reminder to residents and/or their tax preparers that when preparing your State of Maryland tax return for 2011, please remember to enter **Chevy Chase Village** in the proper block of Form 502/503 as shown here. The Village's share of income taxes remains with the County if "Chevy Chase Village" is not entered in the appropriate box.



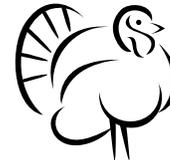


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Happy Thanksgiving



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- Gary Crockett, Assistant Treasurer
- 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—Thanksgiving Day

There will be NO trash collection on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24.

Trash collection for the residents EAST of Connecticut will be collected on Friday, November 25.

Trash collection for the residents WEST of Connecticut will be collected on Saturday, November 26.

Recycling collection for residents EAST of Connecticut Avenue will be collected on , Friday, November 25.

Recycling collection for residents WEST of Connecticut Avenue will not be affected.

Special pickups will **not** be affected and will be collected on their regularly scheduled day, Wednesday, November 23.

2011 Resident Directory



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



CONVERSATION WITH THE
NEW POLICE CHIEF,
JOHN FITZGERALD

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2011
7:00 P.M.

IN THE CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE HALL

The Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers invites you to a reception to meet our new Chief of Police, **John Fitzgerald**.

Chief Fitzgerald will outline his priorities and objectives for the department, and residents will have an opportunity to share their public safety concerns.

Please join us for this informative conversation and opportunity to meet your new Police Chief.

Light refreshments will be served.

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.
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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

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