

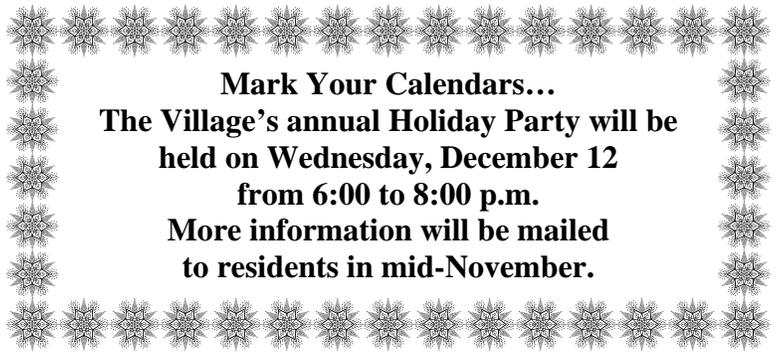
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Mark Your Calendars...
The Village's annual Holiday Party will be held on Wednesday, December 12 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
More information will be mailed to residents in mid-November.

Board Member Resignations Due to New State Required Detailed Personal Financial Disclosures

In mid-October, Village residents received a letter from Board Chair Pat Baptiste informing the community that two valued members of the Board—Peter Kilborn of Oliver Street and Thomas Jackson of Primrose Street—had resigned as a direct result of a recent state law that requires elected officials to file an intrusive and onerous financial disclosure statement. Of greatest concern to the members that resigned was the requirement that their spouses' independently owned investments be made public as well. The remaining members of the Board continue to remain concerned about the new requirements, but have elected to remain for now to insure the Board maintains a quorum for the purpose of maintaining basic governmental operations.

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Update on the District's Efforts to Signalize Chevy Chase Circle

In early October, Congressman Chris Van Hollen's staff called together a meeting of officials from all of the directly abutting jurisdictions to discuss the District's proposal to signalize the eastbound and westbound Western Avenue approaches to Chevy Chase Circle. The meeting, held in the Village Hall, was attended by representatives from the District's Department of Transportation, National Park Service, Maryland State Highway Administration, Maryland District 18 State Senator Richard Madaleno's office, County Council President Roger Berliner's office, DC Council member Mary Cheh's office, the District 3 Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner Jim McCarthy, and County Council Chief of Staff Glenn Orlin; and was hosted by Karen McManus from Congressman Van Hollen's Office of Outreach & Constituent Services. Board Chair Pat Baptiste, Manager Shana Davis-Cook and Director of Municipal Operations Michael Younes represented the Village. DDOT officials feel the signals are necessary for safe pedestrian and vehicular access to and around the Circle. The National Park Service (NPS)—which owns the interior circle and whose approval would be required to install the signals in the center island—is concerned about the physical and aesthetic impacts to this important historic resource, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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Tentative Agenda
Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall
Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.
Appeals
 5501 Park Street
 204 Primrose Street
 20 West Lenox Street
Note: The full agenda will be available on the Village website by Friday, November 9.
December Appeal Deadline:
 11/19 at 5:00 p.m.

Save these Dates for Upcoming Events:
November 12: Veteran's Day—Office Closed
November 13: Regular Monthly Board of Managers' Meeting
November 22: Thanksgiving—Office Closed
December 12: Annual Holiday Party from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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In The Village

Improved Street Lighting: A Work in Progress *Resident Feedback Needed*

The Village is committed to improving the street lighting along Village streets and rights-of-way. **This past spring, fourteen (14) additional streetlights were installed by PEPCO throughout the Village.** As part of the second phase

of our effort to improve lighting throughout the community, another eight locations have been identified for additional streetlights to be installed during the current fiscal year (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013) and the Village Board has budgeted an additional \$21,000 for this purpose. By June 30, 2013, the Village will have spent close to \$45,000 to improve lighting along Village streets.

To view the list of new streetlight locations please visit the Village website at www.chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov and click on the “PEPCO and Streetlights” link under the *News* tab.

With the completed installation of the first phase of additional streetlights, our Police Department is in the process of conducting a follow-up survey of the Village’s streets to determine where remaining “dark-spot” locations exist. Based on this follow-up survey, staff will present its findings to the Village Board for authorization to proceed with the second phase of installations.

At the forefront of this effort has been how we balance adequate lighting with our goals toward maintaining a healthy and robust tree canopy. To this end, the Village’s tree maintenance contractor, at the direction of the Village’s arborist, is currently in the process of sensibly pruning to allow for adequate light dispersion while maintaining the health and canopy of our trees.

In order to maximum our efforts, residents are strongly encouraged to report areas along Village streets that are dark or have malfunctioning streetlights. Please see the box to the left for how to report

If you notice a street light flickering or burned out, you can:

report the outage directly to PEPCO through their simple online work order form available at www.pepco.com/home/requests/outage/streetlight/outagereport or

contact the Village’s 24-hour Communications Center at (301) 654-7300 or ccvonline@montgomerycountymd.gov to report the dark streetlight

When contacting PEPCO, you will need to know the pole number (located in the metal band on every pole). Also indicate that the fixtures are the “cut off flat glass” style.

By reporting an outage online, the information is entered into Pepco’s queue. You should receive a follow-up email with a tracking number. Pepco says they will respond to most repair requests within 15 days and will send an email notification when the repair is completed. When outages are called into the Village Communications Center, staff sends the information to the same PEPCO online form.

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As Ms. Baptiste stated in her letter to the community, “members of the Board take their ethical obligations seriously, and have no problem with disclosure of financial information that represents any potential conflict of interest with anything involving the Village and have represented to the State Ethics Commission that we will do so”. A copy of the full letter along with the financial disclosure forms for real property and interests in corporations and partnerships are available under the “News” tab on the Village website at www.chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov. We continue to await final approval of the revised Ordinance from the State Ethics Commission.

It is important for residents to understand that the new disclosure requirements apply equally to all elected officials AND candidates for elected office in Maryland—from the governor to local municipalities. With at least two vacancies on the Board, and more likely to follow, and a requirement that we maintain a quorum of four, it is critical that we identify any qualified Village resident willing to run for elective office, and willing to make the required detailed financial disclosures on an annual basis as required by state law. If you are willing to be a candidate for election to the Board please contact Village Manager Shana Davis-Cook at the Village office by November 15th.

In the interim, the Village—along with other affected municipalities—continues to work with our State legislators to secure relief from the disclosure requirements by amending the law to exclude small municipalities from the breadth of the disclosure requirements and to limit the requested information to companies doing business with the municipality. Information on these efforts will be posted to the Village website and featured in future issues of the *Crier*.

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In The Village

Board of Managers Meeting Board Actions—October 8, 2012

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes: September 10, 2012 Regular Meeting and Executive Session and September 17, 2012 Executive Session—approved as drafted.

Variance and Special Permit Requests:

A-6197 (Special Permit Request): 12 W. Irving St. Replace concrete driveway, the garage apron of which would measure a maxi.of 23'-7"—approved.

Police Report: Proposal for a Bait Car Program. Chief Fitzgerald requested Board support to establish a bait car program. He explained that Montgomery Co. Police Department has agreed to donate a vehicle to the project and that GEICO has pledged a \$4,000.00 grant to offset the costs of start up—approved.

Committee & Commission Appointments and Reports: ad hoc Design and Use Plan Group for the W. Kirke St./Laurel Pkwy. Triangular Public Right-of-Way. Co Chairs Susie Eig and Bliss Ryan presented their proposal to the Board and requested Board authorization to install a grove of Bald Cypress in the public ROW where W. Kirke St. and Laurel Pkwy. converge and a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$5,000.00 to purchase 15 Bald Cypress trees from Stadler Nursery—approved.

Ethics Commission—Board Appointment of Brian Christaldi of Oliver Street as Chair.

Old Business & Status Reports:

Board Discussion: Contract Mowing of Village Rights-of-Way. The Board agreed to solicit resident feedback on the possible elimination of the right of way mowing service.

New Business:

Resolution No. 10-01-12: An Ordinance to replace in its entirety Chapter 2 of the Chevy Chase Village Code to enact conflicts of interest standards and financial disclosure requirements equivalent to State requirements—approved with amendments.

Contract Extension Request: Newsletter Printing: Spectrum Printing & Graphics (1st of two one-year extensions)—approved.

Purchase Authorization Requests: Mobile Data Computers/Terminals—approved.

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Board Discussion: Selection of a Date for the Board's Regular Meeting in November—The Board agreed to hold the November Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2012, due to the observance of the Veteran's Day holiday on Monday, November 12.

This is a synopsis of the Board's actions. To view an archive of the approved minutes, please visit the Village website: www.chevychasevillagemd.gov by clicking on Governance, Board of Managers, Board Meeting Minutes.

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The Village shares the concerns of our neighboring municipalities and many residents of the District of Columbia, that the signals are likely to further exacerbate the traffic backups along Connecticut and Western Avenues, resulting in increased cut-through traffic on neighboring residential streets.

At the conclusion of a lengthy discussion of each jurisdiction's concerns, DDOT agreed to provide additional information to NPS so they can assess the potential impacts to the physical circle. Upon receipt of this information, NPS will indicate whether they are likely to entertain installation of the proposed signals. If NPS provides preliminary support, DDOT will coordinate with the neighboring jurisdictions to perform a multi-jurisdictional traffic impact study, the results of which will be submitted to NPS as a formal request for approval. The NPS-level review process is a lengthy and arduous process requiring approvals from other federal agencies.

Due to the lengthy work ahead for the District and extensive review process to obtain National Park Service approval, it is safe to assume that any potential signals will not be installed at Chevy Chase Circle any time soon. We will continue to monitor developments.

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Motor Vehicle Administration on Wheels

The mobile service bus will visit the Friendship Heights Village Center Monday, November 26 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. For information, call (301) 656-

In The Village

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 damage deposit of \$750.00 per room, which is reimbursed to you if there is no damage. There is a \$75.00 cleaning fee per room 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.

If you would like more information, please contact Grace Brock at the Village Office at (301) 654-7300.

Autumn Leaves

The Public Works Department's yearly leaf collection effort began in October and will continue as often as needed through the first week in December. Each week, the leaf truck on the **west** side of the Village will begin on West Melrose Street and ending on Western Avenue; and the leaf truck on the **east** side will begin on East Irving Street and ending on Quincy Street.

Residents on Bradley Lane are required to bag their leaves before placing them at the roadside. Bradley Lane will be collected throughout the week.

The Village Code prohibits placing leaves in the street. Residents are asked to rake their leaves as close to the curb as possible without putting them in the roadway gutter. Leaves piled in the gutter will dam the water causing it to pond. Please avoid boxing in piles of leaves between cars both for easier accessibility for the collection crews and safety for your vehicles.

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, resulting in repairs to the vacuum machinery that can cause delays in the schedule.

Leaves on each block in the Village should be collected once per week. Schedule updates will be circulated on the weekly blast emails.

Chevy Chase Sector Plan Update

On October 18, the Planning Board heard over three hours of testimony from citizens regarding the Planning Board staff's proposed Sector Plan for the Chevy Chase Lake area. Village Board Chair Pat Baptiste provided testimony on behalf of the Village and joined representatives from the neighboring communities in expressing concerns regarding the potential traffic impacts, loss of neighborhood retail, school crowding and adverse impacts to the character of the area if the currently proposed extent of development is approved.

The Planning Board will have a series of worksessions on the Sector Plan with staff. During these worksessions, the Board can modify the draft plan, taking into account the staff recommendations and public testimony. Two worksessions are currently scheduled, for November 1 and November 15, 2012, which will be open to the public although testimony will not be taken. After the series of worksessions, the Planning Board will submit a Planning Board Draft Sector Plan to the County Council and County Executive for review, potentially in December. The County Council—the body that ultimately approves the Sector Plan—will hold further worksessions and its own Public Hearing in 2013.

Ms. Baptiste's testimony along with the testimony of the Connecticut Avenue Corridor Committee—of which the Village is a member—are available on the "Chevy Chase Lake Sector Plan" page of the Village website under the "News" tab. A copy of the video recording from the hearing is available on the Park & Planning website at http://mncppc.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2 (under October 18, 2012).

Village Administrative Office Closings

The Administrative office will be closed on Monday, November 12 in observance of Veterans' Day and on Thursday, November 22 for Thanksgiving.

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

The Police Beat

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

Transient Criminals May Be in the Area

The Montgomery County Police are investigating two residential daytime burglaries in Bethesda that appear to be the work of transient criminals. In one of the recent events, a homeowner was working in her yard. When she went back inside the house, she was stunned to find a heavy-set woman with dark hair inside her home. The suspect stated that she was looking for her lost dog—a common story used by transients—and the suspect then quickly left the house.

In the spring and fall, transients move through our area looking to steal. These nomads are masters of distraction, deception and fast talk, and they use a variety of ruses to get into your home. To protect yourself from these thieves, the Chevy Chase Village Police Department recommends the following:

- Keep your house locked when you are at home—especially when you are working outside.
- Decline all on-the-spot offers of home improvement services.
- Do not allow anyone to enter your property to look for a lost pet. Have them leave their phone number and tell them you will contact them if you see their pet.
- Call the Village Police immediately when a solicitor approaches you; we will respond right away and investigate the circumstances.



Triennial Public Safety Satisfaction Survey

Beginning on November 1st, the Chevy Chase Village's triennial police services satisfaction survey will be available on the Village's website. (www.chevychasevillagemd.gov). The short survey will be available to Village residents all month. The results of the survey will be posted in a future edition of the Crier.

Please take a few moments to complete the survey to help us serve you better. Your opinion counts!

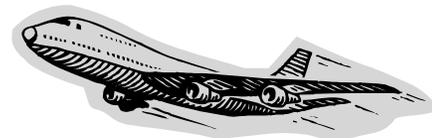
Travel Safety Tips



With the holidays approaching families will be travelling. Here are a few tips that you may find helpful during your trip.

At the Airport

- ◆ Keep your baggage wedged between you feet or have a hand on it at all times.
- ◆ Don't put your purse on the X-ray belt until you are walking through the gate and can retrieve it instantly. When lines become backed up, it would be easy for a thief to simply pick up your purse without anyone noticing.
- ◆ Even though shuttle buses often provide specific areas to store bags while going to and from airport lots, it's best to keep your belongings with you.



At Your Hotel



Don't answer the door in a hotel or motel without verifying who it is. If necessary, you can verify whether the person at the door is an employee of the hotel and why they would need access to your room by calling the front desk.

When returning to your motel room late in the evening, use the main entrance. After you're in your room, secure your door using all locking devices available.

Don't display large amounts of cash or expensive jewelry -- this can draw the wrong person's attention to you.

Don't forget to request a House Check before you leave town by contacting the office by phone - (301) 654-7300 or online at www.chevychasevillagemd.gov

Community News

The Senior Corner

During the past few months, CC@H and the Committee for Seniors have offered different events in the evenings. There have been doctors giving information on sleep as we grow older, information on protecting our eye sight as we age and several others.

November 14—Wednesday evening at 7:30, the legendary journalist Marvin Kalb will offer his analysis of the results of the November 6 election. Mr. Kalb spent 30 years as an award-winning reporter for CBS News and NBC News.

December 2—Sunday afternoon from 3:00 to 5:00. Chevy Chase at Home will have their Second Annual Open House. Come and learn more about the organization and its benefits to all our Seniors. Syndicated columnist, Judith Martin (also known as Miss Manners), will speak on “The Civility Wars”. Make your reservations now on line at

www.chevyCHASEathome.com or call (301) 657-3115.

December 4—M&M 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Rose Clifford, nutritionist from IONA will speak on nutrition for Seniors. Our refreshments will be based on recipes from Ms. Clifford.

December 18—A special Holiday Movie from Jerry Bernstein. Jerry always has a story to go along with his movie.

For more information on any of these events – or suggestions for our future programs – contact me by phone: (301)656-0597 or by e-mail: bettyoconnor2@verizon.net.

Betty O'Connor
Chair, Village Committee for Seniors

2013 Proposed Tree Planting List

As part of the Village’s commitment to replenishing its tree canopy, the Tree Committee is currently in the process of compiling the spring 2013 proposed planting list.

The Committee seeks resident input on proposed planting sites. Please e-mail any suggested planting sites to ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov c/o Tree Committee. A final proposed list of planting sites will be circulated in the December edition of the *Crier*.

Garden Club of Chevy Chase Open Lecture

(Please Note Date Correction)

The Garden Club of Chevy Chase will hold a lecture open to Chevy Chase Village residents on the current design plans for the National Mall. The lecture will be at the Village Hall on Tuesday, **November 13** at 10:00 a.m.

The speaker will be Teresa Durkin, Senior Project Director for The Fund for National Mall and its National Mall Plan.

Ms. Durkin is a landscape architect living in Chevy Chase who has been involved with numerous prominent public projects in the United States.

Seating space is limited.

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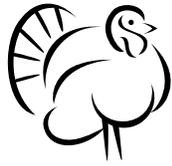
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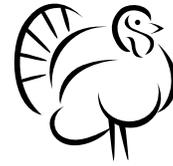


2012 Resident Directory

Copies of the recently released 2012 Directory are available. Residents can pick-up one copy per household from the Village office.



Happy Thanksgiving

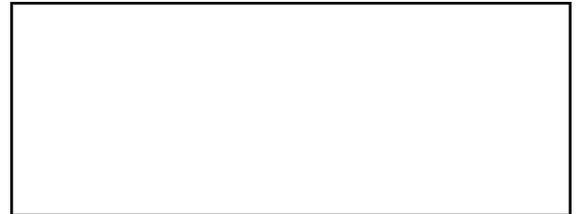


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Public Works Department/Trash Collection



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 22

Trash collection for the residents EAST of Connecticut will be collected on Friday, November 23.

Trash collection for the residents WEST of Connecticut will be collected on Saturday, November 24.

Recycling collection for residents EAST of Connecticut Avenue will be collected on Friday, November 23.

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 21.

Building Permits Issued in October 2012

3933 Oliver St.	Construct rear two-story addition
3933 Oliver St.	Install new a/c unit in side yard
6 W. Melrose St.	Replace fence in side yard
15 Newlands St.	Install irrigation system in ROW
109 Summerfield Rd.	Walkway, wall, plantings in ROW