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*Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall
Monday, December 9, 2013
at 7:30 p.m.*

Appeals

5 East Melrose Street

Note: The full agenda will be available on the Village website by Friday, December 6.

January Appeal Deadline:
12/23 at 5:00 p.m.

Save these Dates for Upcoming Events:

December 9: Board of Managers' Meeting

December 11: Annual Holiday Party from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

December 17: Chevy Chase @ Home's Meet & Mingle

December 25 and January 1: Village Administrative Offices and Public Works Dept. Closed

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Seasons Greetings

Status Report on Capital Improvement and Utility Upgrade Projects

At the November regular meeting of the Board of Managers, Village staff provided a status update on the various capital and utility infrastructure upgrade projects currently on-going or in planning throughout the Village. In an effort to provide timely and accurate information regarding the progress of these projects, a dedicated page has been created on the Village's website for project updates.

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Mail Service

As we reported in October, the Village staff continues to monitor delivery concerns related to mail service in the community. Over the past several weeks, many residents have reported increased accuracy and earlier delivery. Postal service management report that additional carriers have been brought in over the past month and internal mail sorting modifications have been instituted to increase timely, accurate mail delivery; however, they acknowledge that some issues still persist such as mail left on front porches and continued evening mail delivery.

The Village Manager continues to communicate residents' concerns to Postal Service management, who remain receptive and eager to improve service in the community. If you have delivery complaints or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Village staff so we can pass these along to USPS management.

With Sincere Appreciation

Thank you to the members of the Chevy Chase Garden Club and our own Public Works Department who adorn the Village Hall with seasonal decorations during this time of year. Their collective efforts are greatly appreciated by all who visit the Hall during the month of December.

On behalf of the residents of the Village, visitors to the Village Hall and attendees of our Annual Holiday Party, the Village Board and staff say, *Thank You!*



See page 6 of this issue of the *Crier* for information about exciting upcoming Chevy Chase @ Home events, including a showing of the 1939 film, The Mikado on Tuesday, December 17 from 2:00 to 4:00.

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, Email: ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov, Website: www.chevychasevillagemd.gov

In The Village

...Continued from the cover article "Status Report on Capital Improvements and Utility Upgrade Projects"

Residents can access the page from the Village's website www.chevychasevillagemd.gov by clicking on the "Capital Improvements and Utility Upgrade Projects" link under the "News" tab or contact the Village's Director of Municipal Operations Michael Younes at (301) 654-7300 michael.younes@montgomerycountymd.gov.

The Village Board and staff thank residents for their continued patience as we undertake and oversee these various projects to increase utility service reliability and infrastructure maintenance and upgrades to improve the Village's infrastructure.

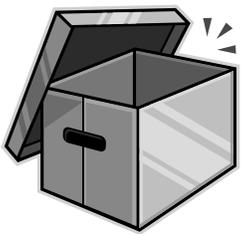
Holiday Closings and Changes to Special Pick-Up Collection Days

The Administrative office and Public Works Department will be closed on Wednesday, December 25 in observance of Christmas Day and on Wednesday, January 1 to celebrate New Year's Day.

The Communications Center and Police Department remain open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Residents are reminded, however, that limited staff will be available on Christmas and New Year's Eves.

During the week of Christmas and New Year's, Special Pick-Up collections will slide one day to Thursday, December 26 and Thursday, January 2, respectively. Requests for collection must still be made by 2:00 on the preceding Tuesday.

Cardboard Box Collection



Flattened boxes that are approximately less than the size of a 13" television set, should be placed with your paper recycling. Five or more flattened boxes should be bundled when left for recycling. Please notify the Communications Center if they are not collected.

If you have a large amount or large-sized boxes, please request a Special Pick Up (SPU, see article on the back cover) to ensure collection. Cardboard boxes collected by SPU, **are recycled**.



Autumn Leaves

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

Residents on Bradley Lane are required to bag their leaves before placing them at the roadside. Bradley Lane leaf bags will be collected throughout the week. If you are planning to bag your leaves, they must be placed in **paper** bags. The Public works crew will not pick up leaves that have been bagged in plastic.

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. 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.

Rent the Village Hall for your Next Event!

Restrictions on Power Landscape Equipment

Residents are reminded that the Village has limited hours during which landscape power equipment can be operated.

Power landscape equipment is only permitted:

Weekdays between 8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Weekends & Holidays between 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

In The Village

Board of Managers' Meeting Board Actions—November 13, 2013

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes:

October 14, 2013 Regular Meeting—approved. October 14, 2013 Executive Session—approved.

Consent Agenda:

A-2092: 5800 Kirkside Drive.

Consent Agreement to remove one 12" Zelkova and to reforest with a tree of at least 2-½" inches in caliper that will grow to forty-five feet or more in height at maturity in accordance with an approved Reforestation Plan—approved.

A-2110: 6134 Nevada Avenue.

Consent Agreement to remove one 30" multi-trunk Magnolia and to reforest on the abutting property of 108 East Melrose Street with a tree of at least 2-½" inches in caliper that will grow to forty-five feet or more in height at maturity in accordance with an approved Reforestation Plan—approved.

Variance Request:

A-6380: 3708 Bradley Lane.

Install a railing on an existing single-story roof, a portion of which would encroach a maximum of one foot, six inches (1'6") into the seven (7) foot east (side) yard setback. The existing single-story roof and gutter encroach two feet, seven and one-half inches (2'-7 ½") in the setback—approved.

A-6421: 4 East Lenox Street.

a) Expand a front stoop and tread that would encroach a maximum of eight and seventy-five one hundredths (8.75) feet forward of the twenty-five foot front building restriction line; and b) Construct a portico over the proposed stoop which would encroach a maximum of seven and seven tenths (7.7) feet forward of the twenty-five foot front building restriction line—approved.

Special Permit Request:

A-6448: 117 East Melrose Street.

Construct a driveway on private property that would measure a maximum of twenty-seven feet, nine and one-half (27'-9 ½") inches in width—approved.

Old Business & Status Reports:

No Action

New Business:

Budget Transfer Request:

Commission Agreement fee payable to CBRE (Postal Service's real estate broker) for lease renewal negotiations: Transfer \$11,709 from reserves to the

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"Facilities, Fleet & Infrastructure, Village Hall" category in the FY2014 budget.

Contract Authorization Requests:

Telephone and recording system and related hardware: *Maryland Telephone Products Company, Inc.* in the amount of \$31,437—approved.

Holiday Party Caterer-Innovative Gourmet in the amount of \$9,660—approved.

Pavement Restoration Agreement with Washington Gas for next round of main replacements—approved.

Proposed Change to the Civil Service Pay Scale:

Move "Community Liaison/Administrative Assistant" position from Grade 9 to Grade 13—approved.

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

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2013 Resident Directory

Copies of the 2013 Resident Directory are still available. Residents can pick up one copy per household from the Village office.

In The Village

Tax Credit Increase for Improvements on Historic Properties

The Montgomery County Council passed a bill over the summer to allow the newly enacted State tax credit maximum for properly documented expenses for the restoration and preservation of the exterior of an historic home individually designated in the County's Master Plan for Historic Preservation or located within a Master Plan for Historic Preservation-listed historic district. The tax credit was raised from 10% to **25%** for all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2013.

Owners of homes in the Village's historic district can apply for the historic tax credit for eligible home improvements through the Maryland Historic Trust Office. The credits, which are applied to offset county property taxes, are often used in concert with state rehabilitation tax credits. Applications for work completed in calendar year 2013 will be due in April, 2014. For more information, visit <http://mht.maryland.gov/taxcredits.html>.

Recycle Old Cell Phones

Residents may drop off old cell phones **and** chargers at the Communications Center. The phones are wiped clean of any services, phone numbers, or address books. They are then re-programmed for victims of domestic violence or senior citizens so they may call 9-1-1 to report an emergency situation.



They cannot be used for any other function.

Snow Removal from Sidewalks

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.



Permitting Reminders for Home Improvement Projects

Before tackling that wintertime project, please remember:

- **Quiet Hours:** Operation of power landscaping equipment is prohibited between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. on weekdays and between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. on holidays and weekends.
- **Special Pick Ups (every Wednesday):** Please call the Communications Center by 2:00 p.m. on the preceding Tuesday to request a pick up. There is a 100-pound maximum weight limit.
- **Hazardous Waste Collection (second Wednesday of each month):** Requests for pick-up must be made by 2:00 p.m. on the preceding Tuesday. Residents must provide a description of the type and quantity of hazardous materials requested for pickup.
- **Storage Pods and Dumpsters:** Permits are required for portable storage units and dumpsters. Applications are available from the Village web site or at the Village office. Please note that these units must be located entirely on private property, and are never permitted in the right-of-way or street.

Questions: Contact Permitting and Code Enforcement Coordinator Ms. Ellen Sands at ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov or (301) 654-7300.

Sign up for the Village's Email Blast(s)

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

- Urgent News Alerts which are emergency alerts that are sent out only on an as-needed basis.
- General News Alerts which are geared towards community events, Board meetings, etc. These alerts will be sent to you once or twice a week.

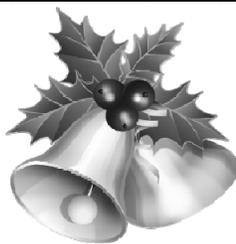
To subscribe, please visit the Village's website at www.chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov and click on the "white envelope" located under the Village logo. **Please note** that in order to sign-up for the email services you must be a Village resident and have registered for access to the website.

The Police Beat

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

Holiday Shopping

To ensure that your holiday shopping experience is a safe one, please review the following suggestions:



Safety Tips

- Park in a well lit area when shopping.
- Never leave packages or valuables in plain sight in your vehicle.
- Whenever possible, walk in a group.
- Walk confidently (a potential mugger or thief will target people who appear distracted or submissive).
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- If you notice something that does not seem right, then it probably is not. Request assistance from security personnel.
- When walking toward your vehicle, have your keys in your hand and remain alert.

Protect Yourself Against Fraud

- Sign all credit cards prior to activation.
- Take only the credit cards with you that you need.
- Do not keep check cashing cards in your checkbook.
- Keep purses or bags closed tightly.
- Keep your glove compartment locked or keep your registration with you as it contains vital personal information.
- Never reveal any personal information 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).

Protecting Your Financial Health and Your Credit Rating Requires Sensible Security Habits

Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in America. The number of identity theft incidents has reached 9.9 million a year, according to the Federal Trade Commission. The National Crime Prevention Council offers the following tips:

- Do not give out your personal information unless you initiate the contact or know the person or company with whom you are dealing. Also, never disclose personal information, such as a Social Security number or bank account number in response to an email or a phone call. Legitimate businesses will not ask you to do this.
- Do not disclose your credit card number to an online vendor unless it is encrypted and the site is secure. Look at the first part of the Web address on your browser. It should read <https://>.
- Do not write your Social Security number on checks or credit card receipts.
- Remove all documents with personal information from your hard drive before discarding your computer or sending it in for repair.
- Shred discarded documents, including preapproved credit card applications, bank statements, store receipts and utility bills. "Dumpster divers" can gain access to your personal information if such items are thrown in the trash or recycle bins.
- Cancel all credit cards that have not been used in the last six months. Open credit is a prime target for thieves.
- Order your credit report at least twice a year and report any mistakes to the credit reporting agency in writing.

If you are a victim of identity theft, contact the Village police department as soon as possible. To learn more about preventing identity theft, visit the National Crime Prevention Council's Web site at www.npcpc.org.



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.

Community News

The Senior Corner:

Chevy Chase @ Home's Meet & Mingles, Holiday Party & The Mikado (1939 Film)

If you missed our evening program on December 3, representatives from IONA and JSSA (Jewish Social Service Agency) gave us a great deal of information on our care and the care of aging relatives and friends. If you would like to have copies of their hand-outs, please call me at (301) 656-0597.

December 17—Meet & Mingle 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Our last program for 2013 will be our annual holiday celebration and a movie. **"The Mikado"** - Jerry Bernstein's selection this year is the recently restored 1939 film of the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company Production. American singer Kenny Baker and English musical actress Jean Colin play the leads in this early Technicolor production of this Gilbert and Sullivan favorite. Producer Geoffrey Toye, a veteran G & S musical conductor, and beloved veterans of the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company in featured roles ensure the authenticity of this production. Come, bring friends and neighbors and join us for a delightful afternoon of remembrances and cheer with holiday refreshments.

January 17—Meet & Mingle 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

"Bingo on Tuesday"—Yes, we are having Bingo with lots of fun, laughter and "different" prizes. It will be a fun afternoon in the sometimes bleak January month. Come and bring family, friends, and neighbors to meet the challenge of finding numbers and shouting "BINGO!" to claim your prize.

January 21—Meet & Mingle 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. "A Virtual Tour of the Silk Road"—Jan Augustine of Chevy Chase has just returned with great photos and wonderful stories of following in the path of Marco Polo. Come and share the excitement of her journey.

We have many programs planned for 2014, such as "Technology and Internet Classes for Seniors" (subjects ranging from computer info, digital photography, iPad, etc.) Watch for the announcements and mark your calendars. We bring all of these programs to you with the sponsorship of Chevy Chase Village and Chevy Chase@ Home for your benefit and enjoyment. If you have comments, questions or suggestions for future programs, please call or send an e-mail: (301) 656-0597 or bettyoconnor2@verizon.net.

Betty O'Connor, Chair, Village Committee for Seniors



The mobile service bus will visit the Friendship Heights Village Center along Friendship Boulevard on **Monday, December 23 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** For more information, call (301) 656-2797 or visit: www.FriendshipHeightsmd.gov.

When the Power Goes Out...

When a power outage occurs, it is important for all residents to call the following two phone numbers:

1. **PEPCO at 1 (877) PEPCO62 [737-2662].**
2. **Village Communications Center at (301) 654-7300.**

If the power is restored and goes out again in a matter of minutes, the above two phone calls must be made again so the new outage is registered.

Final Month to Donate to the Village's 3-Month Food Drive

Thanks to the continuing generosity of so many Chevy Chase Village residents, the Village's collection drive to benefit Montgomery County's Manna Food Center has **collected more than 110 lbs of food**, which will go toward feeding more than 3,300 families a month.

Here's another way to help: through Manna's "Smart Sacks" program, 1,600 students a week in 50 elementary schools receive enough nutritious food on Fridays to tide them over until school breakfast on Monday morning.

As research has shown, kids who are hungry don't do as well in school as their peers who are well fed. Consider getting juice boxes, raisins and other dried fruits, applesauce, mac and cheese – other things you might buy for your own children's snacks or lunch boxes.

So when you make your next grocery list, make a line for "Manna" and drop off your contribution of shelf-stable foods at the Chevy Chase Village Office.

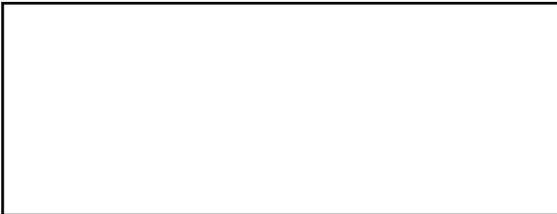


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Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Holiday Party!
Wednesday, December 11, 2013
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

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VILLAGE MANAGER

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**Public Works Department/
Trash Collection**

***NOTE:** Special Pickups of bulk items will be collected on **Thursday, December 26 and Thursday, January 2 due to the holidays.** Requests

must be submitted either by phone or the Village website by 2:00 p.m. on the preceding Tuesday to ensure collection. Please remember to move any vehicles parked in your driveway on collection day so the crew can safely access the items.

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.

Holiday Trash Schedule

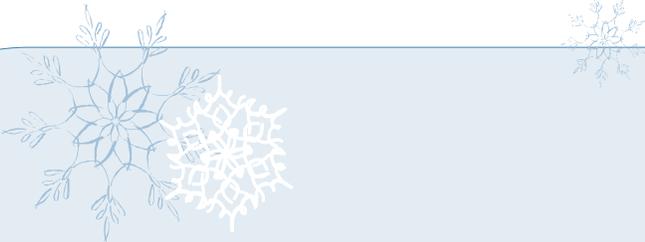
For Christmas Day and New Year's Day

Recycling and trash pick-ups will slide one day during the weeks of Christmas and New Year's Day. Please see the below table:

If your Normal Collection Day is...	Your Collection Day will be....
Tuesday	Wednesday
Wednesday	Thursday
Thursday	Friday
Friday	Saturday

Building Permits Issued in December 2013

- | | |
|----------------------------|---|
| 104 East Melrose Street | Construct fence with gates |
| 23 Hesketh Street | Install fence in side yard |
| 117 Hesketh Street | Install 3 sections of fence |
| 104/106 Newlands Street | Install new plastic gas main |
| 106 Newlands Street | Construct front walkway |
| 106 Newlands Street | Install a/c condensers |
| 15 West Lenox Street | Construct fence |
| All of Chevy Chase Village | Replace gas mains & PEPCO wiring upgrades |



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

*Wednesday, December 11, 2013
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



Menu

Wilted Spinach and artichoke in pastry with caramelized onions, crumbled feta cheese and roasted red peppers

Roasted Red Pepper and sundried tomato dip with Asiago and cream cheese

Served with:

Sliced baguettes

Toasted pita triangles

Lamb meatballs with orange, almonds and rosemary, Garlic Romano anchovy dressing

Asian Shrimp balls with cilantro, garlic, ginger and chilies, habanero carrot apple cider hot sauce

Orange lentil balls with tahini, roast garlic, coriander, roasted onion, Tzatziki yogurt dressing, shredded cucumber, wine vinegar, and garlic

Chicken sautee' medallions with scampi sauce

Mini BLT Panini a new twist to a classic sandwich, grilled turkey, house cured bacon and Jarlsberg cheese

Rare beef pillows filled with vegetables, feta and a Calamata and EVOO drizzle

House cured gravlax cured with green onions

Served with European accompaniments:

Capers

Chopped red onions

Chopped hard-boiled eggs

Minced fresh parsley

Mediterranean Antipasti Display

Locally sourced Artisan Charcuterie

Square salami, mild pork salami with whole mustards seeds

Alpina, pork salami with coarse ground pork and marinated pork shoulder cubes

Cold smoked pork loin, lean thin sliced pork loin lightly smoked with Juniper berries

Garlic beef salami, red wine, garlic and beef smoked with cherry wood

Chicken liver mousse, smooth mousse blended with eggs, roasted livers, caramelized shallots and cognac

Petite Mozzarella balls, Asiago, Gorgonzola, and Feta cheeses

Mediterranean Salads

Broccoli wilted with EVOO tossed with capers and blue cheese crumbles

Roasted baby peppers with garlic slivers and aged red wine vinegar

Roasted string beans with carrot sticks tossed with Romano anchovy dressing

Dessert

Assorted European and American cookies and pastries