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*Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall
Monday, July 8, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.*

Appeals

28 Hesketh Street
10 East Lenox Street
111 East Melrose Street
104 Oxford Street

Note: The full agenda will be available on the Village website by Friday, July 5.

September Appeal Deadline:
8/19 at 5:00 p.m.

Save these Dates for Upcoming Events:

July 4: July 4th Parade to the Park
July 8: Board of Managers' Meeting
@ 7:30 p.m.
July 16: Chevy Chase@Home's M&M
2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
August 6: National Night Out
August 20: Chevy Chase@Home's M&M
2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

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Plan to Attend: Comprehensive Capital Projects Update

The Village is buzzing with activity! Have you and your family been wondering about the various ongoing projects you see in the Village? Are you wondering when they will end? Or even what's next?

Village staff will present a comprehensive update on the various capital and infrastructure upgrade projects currently ongoing and planned for the upcoming year during the Board of Managers' next regular monthly meeting on **Monday, July 8, 2013**. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Residents are strongly encouraged to attend this informational presentation to get caught up on the projects that affect our community.

Sidewalk Replacements for FY2014

At its meeting on June 10, the Village Board authorized the replacement of the following sections of sidewalks, during the upcoming fiscal year (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014).

- Quincy Street
- Primrose Street (between 27 Primrose Street and Brookville Road)
- Primrose Street (between Brookville Road and Oxford Street)
- Newlands Street
- East Melrose Street (between Connecticut Avenue and Brookville Road only)
- East Lenox Street (including extending the north side of the sidewalk in the 100 block of East Lenox Street to Brookville Road)
- East Irving Street
- West Kirke Street

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SAVE THE DATE! "National Night Out"

The Chevy Chase Village Community and Police Department will be participating in National Night Out the evening of Tuesday, August 6, 2013. This is a great time to meet your fellow residents, police department personnel, and other first responders. Please join us in Newlands Park from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for food, fun and giveaways!



In The Village

Tax Credit Increase for Improvements on Historic Properties

During its 2013 session, the Maryland House and Senate approved bills to increase the maximum tax credit from 10% to 25% for properly documented expenses for the restoration and preservation of an historic home. This new law went into effect on June 1, 2013 for all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2013. Applications for work must be submitted prior to work commencing.

The Montgomery County Council will consider an expedited bill in late June that will allow the State credit maximum of 25% to apply within the county.

Residents will continue to apply for historic tax credits for eligible home improvements through the Maryland Historic Trust Office. For more information, visit <http://mht.maryland.gov/taxcredits.html>.

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These sidewalks have many areas that are in disrepair, are uneven, have edges that have begun to fall away, are missing bricks and have up-heaved sections due to existing or former mature tree roots. A tentative schedule for this next round of replacements is available on the Village's website at www.chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov by clicking on the "Village Sidewalk Replacements" link under the "Quick Links" section and the "News" section.

Remaining sections of sidewalks, including those around the Village Hall and along the Belmont Buffer, will be reassessed and subject to Board approval for replacement prior to the beginning of fiscal year 2015.

New Right-of-Way Ordinance Adopted by the Village Board

As we have reported since February, the Village Board voted in January to cease mowing services in the public rights-of-way throughout the Village that abut private properties. Since then, residents have been reminded through various *Crier* articles and blast emails that they are now required to maintain the right-of-way abutting their property.

During its meeting on June 13, the Village Board of Managers approved Resolution No. 06-01-13 to create a new Right-of-Way Ordinance. This new Ordinance contains a provision **requiring residents to maintain the right-of-way abutting their property** (residents who need assistance mowing the green strip can reference the Village's Teen List located on page 7 of this issue of the *Crier* or by contacting the Village office). This new Ordinance also takes provisions related to the public right-of-way that were previously contained within other Chapters of the Code (i.e., Building Code, Urban Forest ordinance, etc.) and consolidates them into this new Chapter.

Copies of Resolution No. 06-01-13 are available in the Village office and on our website at www.chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov by clicking on "Governance", "Our Regulations and Policies".

In The Village

Board of Managers' Meeting Board Actions—June 10, 2013

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes:

May 13, 2013 Regular Meeting and Executive Session—approved.

Variance and Special Permit Requests:

A-6350 (a & b) (Special Permit): 18 West Lenox Street. a) Construct two (2) proposed wood lattice fence panels that would measure a maximum of eight feet, six inches (8'6") in height in the west (side) yard of the property; and b) replace and widen an existing asphalt driveway, a portion of which would measure as maximum of twenty feet, three and one-half inches (20'-3 1/2") in width—approved. **A-6349 (Variance): 18 West Lenox Street.** Reconstruct the front stoop with three (3) treads, including one new additional tread that would encroach an additional twelve (12) inches forward of the twenty-five (25) foot front building restriction line, for a maximum total encroachment of nine (9) feet—approved. **A-6348 (Variance): 5610 Kirkside Drive.** Maintain a newly installed fence with: a) a pair of gates that measures a maximum of four feet, ten inches (4'-10") in height in the Montgomery Street front yard; b) a gate that measures a maximum of four feet, six inches (4'-6") in height in the Kirkside Drive front yard; and c) a fence post that measures a maximum of four feet, five inches (4'-5") in height in the Kirkside Drive front yard—approved. **A-6318 (a & b) (Variance): 106 Newlands Street.** Construct a new house: a) the proposed soffit and gutter of which would encroach a maximum of three feet, eight inches (3'-8"); and b) with a portico over a stoop and two treads, which would encroach a maximum of seven feet, seven inches (7'-7") forward of the twenty-five (25) foot building restriction line—approved with conditions.

Committee Reports

Old Business & Status Reports

Capital Improvement Program—Sidewalk Replacements: Board Action on Proposed FY2014 Schedule—approved with amendments.

New Business

Board Consideration and Possible Adoption of Resolution No. 06-01-13: An Ordinance to enact Chapter 25, "Public Rights-of-Way", to transfer certain sections of Chapter 8, "Buildings and Building Regulations" and Chapter 17, "Urban Forest", to

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Chapter 25, to enact Section 25-9, "Maintenance of the Public Right of Way", to require that the resident, occupant and owner of property abutting certain Village Public Rights-of-Way maintain non-ornamental grass and weeds at a height of ten (10) inches or less in that Right-of-Way and to allow for abatement and penalties.—approved.

Board Consideration of a Proposal to Provide Contract Policing in a Neighboring Jurisdiction, the Village of Martin's Additions: Action Deferred.

Board Consideration of a Proposal to Acquire a Sculpture for the Village Hall: Action deferred.

Contract/Agreement Authorization Requests: Audit Services Contract: Lindsey & Associates, LLC—approved. Tree Maintenance Services Contract: The Care of Trees, Inc.—approved. Chevy Chase Open Space Facility Plan Contract: A. Morton Thomas and Associates, Inc.—approved. Public Right-of-Way Restoration Agreement with WSSC—approved.

Budget Transfer Request: Transfer \$65,000 in the FY2013 budget from "Legal: General Counsel" category to the "Police, Operations Budget" category—approved.

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.

Reminder—Noise Regulations

The Village reminds residents that use of lawn mowers, leaf blowers and other power landscape equipment is prohibited between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. weekdays, and between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. on holidays and weekends.

Please also advise your landscape crews of these noise regulations, which are strongly enforced by the Village Police and Code Enforcement Coordinator.

2013 Resident Directory

The 2013 Resident Directory will be available at and following this year's July 4th Celebration at the large Oliver Street Park. After July 4th, directories will be available in the Village office.



In The Village

Making the Village Pedestrian Friendly



Take a walk around your property...are all of the public sidewalks surrounding your property clear of low-hanging branches, overgrown bushes and vines?

If not, be a considerate neighbor by pruning back any overgrowth that interferes with pedestrian use of the sidewalks abutting your property. Clearing these obstacles will continue to make the Village pedestrian, stroller and bicycle friendly.

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.



Pick-up After Your Pet, Please!



The Police Department has recently received complaints about dog waste in public spaces. Residents are again reminded to clean up after their pets! This is not only the neighborly thing to do, it is the law. *Dogipot* plastic bag dispensers are located throughout the Village to assist pet owners in performing this unsavory duty. Violators may be fined \$100 for the first offense.

Permitting Reminders for Home Improvement Projects

Before tackling that garage, attic or garden, please keep in mind the following:

- **Garden Debris:** The Village Public Works crew will collect lawn and garden debris throughout the week as time is available. Place grass clippings, leaves, garden trash and limbs *less* than three (3) feet in length along the curb for collection. No such matter should be placed in the street. Call the Village office for special rules governing Connecticut Ave., Brookville Rd. and Bradley Lane. Lawn and garden debris *other* than leaves, and debris generated and accumulated by private lawn and garden services must be removed by the contractor.
- **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 weekends.
- **Tree Pruning and Removal:** No permit is required for normal and reasonable trimming and **pruning**, or other tree care designed to maintain the health, shape or balance of a tree. Permits are required for removal of private property trees. No pruning or removals are permitted on trees located in the public right-of-way.
- **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):** Please call the Communications Center by 2:00 p.m. on the preceding Tuesday to request a pick up. Residents must specify 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, never 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.

The Police Beat

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

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.



The Village's Key Program only works if we have your house key. If you have not already done so, please return your house key in case you lock yourself out and so the Village Police can access your home in an emergency.

Before You Leave For Vacation

If you will be away from home for more than twenty-four hours, contact the Communications Center at (301) 654-7300 to arrange for a house check. House Check Requests can also be submitted via the Village's website at www.chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov.



For added security, remember to either leave interior and exterior lights on or use timers to light up your residence as evening approaches.

The volume of packages and mail received in the Communications Center often exceeds the limited space available. Please try and limit package deliveries while you are away.

As a courtesy reminder, please try and limit trip hazards around the house. Officers will be walking around your home in the dark and may not be able to see toys or lawn ornaments.

Safety Tips for Bicyclists of All Ages



1. The best and smartest bike riders always wear their helmets. By law, all cyclists under 18 must wear a helmet, but common sense tells us that adults should wear them, too.
2. Make sure that your helmet fits correctly. The helmet should fit low on your forehead so that it is only two finger widths above the line of your eyebrows.
3. Traffic laws—the rules of the road—apply to bicyclists and cars alike. Know them and obey them.
4. Being visible may save your life. Wear high-vis (fluorescent lime green) clothing with reflective piping to ensure that you'll be easy to see both day and night.
5. Riding at night can be dangerous. If you cycle when it's dark, the law (and your survival) requires that your bicycle be equipped with a white light on the front that can be seen from a distance of 500 feet, and a red light or red reflector on the rear of the bike.

Ride safely!

Stay Alert!

With schools being closed for the summer and an abundance of warm weather, please be mindful of children playing outside.

Remember to keep a sharp eye on your children when they are near a pool or any other body of water. According to the CDC, every day, about ten people die from unintentional drowning (non-boating related) in the United States. Of these, two are children aged 14 or younger. That means that over 700 children 14 or younger drown each year in the U.S. Drowning ranks fifth among the leading causes of unintentional injury death in the United States.

The Chevy Chase Village Police Department will be focusing on aggressive drivers during the months of June through September as part of the statewide **Smooth Operator** initiative.



Community News

The Senior Corner

Summer has arrived and with it some hot humid days. For a cool respite, join us in the Village Hall for some fun at two M&M programs on Tuesdays from 2:00-4:00 P.M. – Great Movies, presented by Jerry Bernstein (always with refreshments):

July 16—Jerry will bring us the 2003 comedy “CALENDAR GIRLS”, starring Helen Mirren and Julie Walters and a great ensemble. With Jerry’s commentary and trivia, you will have a laugh-a-minute time.

August 20—Jerry will come back again with another classic, the 1958 Oscar-winning “Gigi”. Most of us have seen this great movie at least once, but with Jerry’s background and stories, this is a must to see again. The star cast, including Leslie Caron, Maurice Chevalier and Louis Jordan, will help you forget the summer heat here and thrill you with the scenes of Paris.

Come with family, friends and neighbors to enjoy a few hours of fun at the movies and light refreshments. If you need a ride, let me know and I will try to arrange one for you.

We will have some interesting programs, both at our M&Ms and in the evenings starting in September. Be sure to check this column and mark your calendars to enjoy them all. If you have topics that you would like discussed, let me know. We want to bring you the programs that are most interesting to you. Please feel free to call me or send me an e-mail: Bettyoconnor2@verizon.net or call: (301) 656-0597.

We offer these programs with the cooperation of Chevy Chase Village and Chevy Chase @ Home for your benefit and enjoyment.

Betty O’Connor
Chair, Village Committee for Seniors

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



Bringing MVA Services to You

The mobile service bus will visit the Friendship Heights Village Center along Friendship Boulevard on **Monday**, July 22 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. For more information, call (301) 656-2797 or visit: www.FriendshipHeightsmd.gov.



Flu & Pneumonia Vaccine Clinic

The Village will host its annual flu and pneumonia vaccine clinic in the Village Hall on:

Wednesday, October 2: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A flyer providing additional information will be included in the September 2013 issue of the *Crier* and will be posted on the Village website.

Help Keep Our New Trees Watered

In an effort to help supplement the efforts of our Public Works crews, we ask that residents help keep the newly planted trees watered in the rights-of-way adjacent to their property. Keeping the newly planted trees watered will ensure that they establish themselves and become part of the Village’s lush tree canopy.



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.

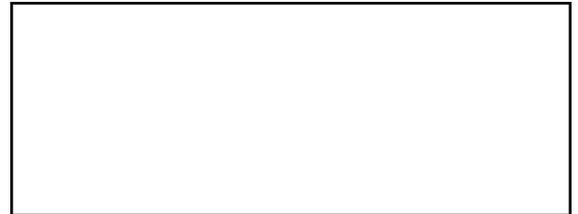
The Board of Managers will not meet during the month of August. The Board will reconvene after its summer recess on Monday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall. The next issue of the *Crier* will run in early September.

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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. Please remember to move any vehicles parked in your driveway on collection day so the crew can safely access the items for collection.

Building Permits Issued in June 2013

- 101 East Kirke St. 400 amp heavy-up electric service
- 135 Hesketh St. Maintain a fence in the side yard
- 5515 Kirkside Dr. Install a fence in side yards
- 7 Newlands St. Transplant cherry tree
- 5508 Park St. Install replacement a/c condenser
- 31 Quincy St. Install drain pipe/Quincy St. ROW
- 31 Quincy St. Construct two-story addition
- 5510 Western Ave. Construct screened porch
- 18 West Lenox St. Install replacement a/c condenser

**Holiday Trash Collection
For Labor Day September 2, 2013**

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

Special Pick ups will not be affected by the holiday and will be collected on their normal day, Wednesday, September 4.



Chevy Chase Village Celebrates National Night Out!

“America’s Night Out Against Crime”

National Night Out is an annual event designed to strengthen our communities by encouraging neighborhoods to engage in stronger relationships with each other and with their local law enforcement partners. The goal is to heighten crime prevention awareness, build support and participation in local anti-crime programs, and most importantly, send a message that our neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. It's also the perfect opportunity to get to know your neighbors even better.

**August 6, 2013
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Newlands Park
(Located on Connecticut Avenue)**

Featured Festivities:

- Chevy Chase Village Police Officers
- BCC Rescue Squad
- Chevy Chase Fire Department
- Chevy Chase Village Police Car
- Montgomery County K-9 demonstration
- Giveaways
- Food and drink
- Community Safety Information
- Face Painting



**Residents are also encouraged to show support by turning on
outside porch lights during early nightfall.**