

CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE

ESTABLISHED 1890

CRIER

November 2013

Vol. 101, No. 10

Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall
WEDNESDAY, November 13, 2013
at 7:30 p.m.

Appeals

3708 Bradley Lane
 4 East Lenox Street
 117 East Melrose Street

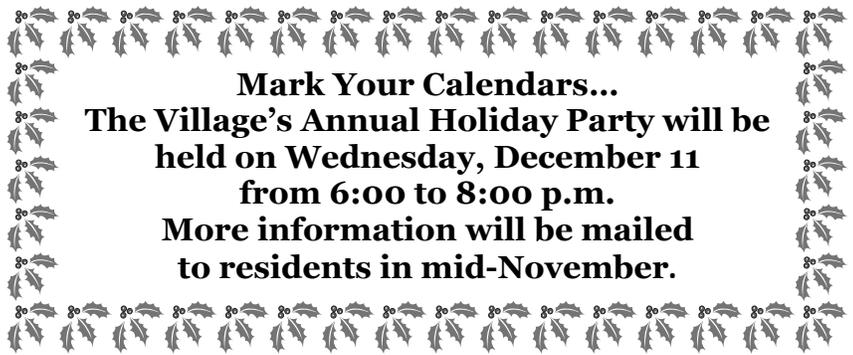
Note: The full agenda will be available on the Village website by Friday, November 8.
December Appeal Deadline:
 11/18 at 5:00 p.m.

Save these Dates for Upcoming Events:

- November 11:** Veterans' Day—Village Offices Closed
- November 13:** Board of Managers' Meeting
- November 28:** Thanksgiving—Village Offices Closed
- December 11:** Annual Holiday Party from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- December 9:** Board of Managers' Meeting

What's Inside:

Update on Washington Gas Main Replacements	2
Board Actions	3
Board Appoints Sub-Committee to Review Committee/Commission Structure	3
Winterizing Trees	4
Police Beat	5
Village Teens	7



Mark Your Calendars...
The Village's Annual Holiday Party will be held on Wednesday, December 11 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
More information will be mailed to residents in mid-November.

Village Monitors Montgomery County's Zoning Code Re-Write Process

During its meeting on September 9, Board Chair Patricia Baptiste announced that the Village Board had engaged Attorney Jody Kline of the Law Offices of Miller, Miller & Canby to represent the Village's interests as they may be affected by the Montgomery County Zoning Code re-write.

Many of the proposed amendments to the County's Zoning Ordinance have the potential to greatly alter the community's input in the redevelopment of urban and commercial centers in Friendship Heights.

Continued on page 4, bottom of second column...

Residents Reminded to Donate During the Village's 3-Month Food Drive

Thanks to the generosity of so many Chevy Chase Village residents, the Village's collection drive to benefit Montgomery County's Manna Food Center is getting off to a strong start! Through the middle of October, we've taken 50 lbs of food to the center, which goes 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.

Continued on page 6, top of second column...

In Memoriam

Former Board Member and Board Chair Judge Samuel Sterrett passed away on September 8. Judge Sterrett and his wife Jeane have resided in the Village for almost 50 years where they raised their three children, Sandy, Robin and Douglas.

Judge Sterrett was active in the Village community serving on the Village Board from 1970 through 1974. He Chaired the Board from 1972 to 1974. During his time on the Board, Judge Sterrett was instrumental in promoting broader participation by residents in Village governance by establishing a system of committees and by establishing greater transparency in the work of the Village Board.

Continued on page 2, top of page...

In The Village

...Continued from the cover article, "In Memoriam"

An Army and U.S. Merchant Marines veteran, Judge Sterrett used his experiences to shape the rest of his career and in 1950 he began practicing law after graduating from the University of Virginia Law School. After practicing law in Washington, DC and New York for several years, Sam was nominated by President Johnson, and later confirmed in 1968, to fill a vacancy on the U.S. Tax Court where he served until 1988. In 1985 and again in 1987, he was nominated by his peers to serve as Chief Judge of the Court. In 1988, Judge Sterrett returned to private practice, first opening the DC Office of Myerson & Kuhn and later as Of Counsel at Vinson & Elkins from 1990 through 2002. He then maintained his own practice from 2002-2007. In 1962 he ran for the Maryland House of Delegates.

During his impressive professional career, Judge Sterrett maintained active participation in numerous professional, religious and community organizations, including serving several decades on the Board of Trustees (and later the Board of Directors) for the MedStar Washington Hospital Center.

Judge Sterrett passed away in the area of his vacation home near Lake Placid in the Adirondack Mountains after a brief illness. He will be remembered for his constant smile, support of his local community and efforts to improve the world around him. The Village sends our collective sympathy and condolences to Judge Sterrett's family and friends.

Update on Washington Gas Main Replacements

Washington Gas contractor, Northern Pipeline Construction Company (NPL), continues its work to replace and upgrade the gas main line in the Village. Work on the first phase of the project (Grafton and Hesketh Streets) will be completed by the middle of November. Washington Gas' contractor NPL will immediately begin replacing aged gas main lines on the following streets:

Bradley Lane	East/West Lenox Streets	Newlands Street
Broad Branch Road	East/West Melrose Streets	Oxford Street (east of Broad Branch Rd)
Cedar Parkway	Laurel Parkway	Primrose Street
East/West Irving Streets	Magnolia Parkway	Quincy Street
East/West Kirke Streets	Nevada Avenue	Summerfield Road

Work is scheduled to begin along West Irving Street, Cedar Parkway and Magnolia Parkway and extend north and east through the remainder of the Village.

The existing gas mains are at the end of their useful lives and were installed in the mid-1920s. The resulting work is intended to cause a notable reduction in the number of gas main breaks experienced in the Village and increase service reliability. The existing gas lines are also being upgraded from low to high pressure, which allows greater system capacity to deal with increased demands for gas fueled appliances and equipment such as generators.

During the construction process, residents' gas service will need to be turned off for several hours. It may be necessary for you to be home for crews to perform this work, particularly if your gas meter is set inside your home. If NPL requires access to your home, the on-site construction supervisor will make this determination and contact you in advance to coordinate the work. If your gas meter is outside the replacement of your gas service line does not require you to be at home.

In an effort to provide timely and accurate information regarding the progress of the project, a dedicated page has been created on the Village's website for project updates. Residents can access the page from the Village's website www.chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov by clicking on the "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 thanks you in advance for your patience as we undertake this project to increase utility service reliability and make the Village a safer community for all.

In The Village

Board of Managers' Meeting Board Actions—October 14, 2013

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes:

September 9, 2013 Regular Meeting—approved. September 9, 2013 Executive Session—approved.

Variance Request:

A-6419: 5512 Center Street.

Install a lamp post that would encroach twenty three and four tenths (23.4) feet forward of the twenty-five (25) foot building restriction line—approved.

Special Permit Request:

A-6423: 5500 Kirkside Drive.

Install an external air conditioning unit in the Grove Street front yard of the property—approved.

Committee Appointments & Reports:

Chevy Chase Open Space Committee: The Montgomery County Planning Board formally approved the proposed facility plan for the park and name change to “Western Grove Park.” The Village will be sending a letter of support to the County Executive for inclusion of the park construction funding in the FY2015 County budget. **Parks and Greenspaces**

Committee: The Board created a sub-committee to review the proposed 5-year master plan for the Village's parks and greenspaces.

Old Business & Status Reports:

No Action

New Business:

Contract/Agreement Authorization Requests:

United States Postal Service: Post Office Lease Renewal: The Board authorized the Village Manager to execute the lease agreement between the Village and United States Postal Service. **CBRE (Postal Service's real estate broker) Commission Agreement for lease renewal negotiations:** The Board authorized the Village Manager to execute the Commission Agreement with CBRE for the United States Postal Service lease renewal negotiations. **Newsletter**

Printing: Spectrum Printing & Graphics: The Board authorized the Village Manager to exercise the second of two (2) one-year option years to extend the contract between the Village and Spectrum Printing & Graphics for printing of the Village's newsletter.

Board Approval of a Parking Order: Designated Parking Spaces for Postal Employees: Executive Order No. 01-2013 to designate two automobile

...Continued from the previous column

parking spaces on Laurel Parkway across from the Village Hall as reflected in the site plan appended to the Order for use by employees of the United States Postal Service—approved.

Board Approval of a Material Utilization Agreement with the State Highway Administration:

The Board approved staff's recommendation to authorize the Village Manager to execute the agreement and Supplemental Letter of Agreement between the Village and SHA.

Board Discussion and Possible Action:

Proposed Change to the Police Vehicle Fleet Replacement Policy: Revise the Vehicle Operational Plan so that marked police patrol cars will be replaced when they reach five years of service—approved.

Budget Transfer Request: Authorize the transfer of \$80,000 from general fund reserves to the “Capital Projects, Equipment” category in the FY2014 budget for the purchase of two fully-outfitted marked police cruisers—approved. **Purchase Authorization Request:**

Purchase two Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicles from Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc. in the amount of \$54,432 under Montgomery County Contract #1023055—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.

Board Appoints Sub-Committee to Review Committee/Commission Structure

During its meeting on September 9, the Village Board of Managers unanimously voted to create a sub-committee of the Board to review the Village's Commission and Committee structure.

The sub-committee was tasked with reviewing the existing slate of committees and commissions and to bring a report back to the full Board with recommendations for combining, reorganizing, eliminating or identifying new commissions/committees that might be useful to the Board.

The sub-committee is comprised of Board Members Elissa Leonard, Richard Ruda, and Michael Denger. The sub-committee's recommendations will be posted on the Village's website when they are released.

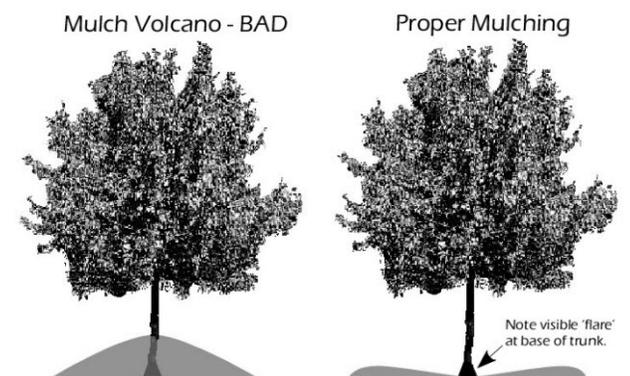
Continued at the top of the next column...

In The Village

Winterizing Trees by Dr. Tolbert Feather

Trees have been overwintering in place for thousands of years. The main defense for broadleaf trees (maples, oaks, sycamore, etc.) is to shed leaves and slow down the movement of water and nutrients within the wood. We call this a deciduous tree. Evergreen trees (pines, spruce, hemlock, cedar, etc.) have a different strategy. Evergreen trees retain leaves (needles) throughout the winter and even are functional during the winter, at a reduced rate, transporting water and making photosynthates (food).

Deciduous trees can adapt and defend themselves against the winter elements. Established trees don't require any "help". Freezing and thawing of topsoil could harm newly planted trees. This can be mitigated by applying 2-3" of mulch around the base of the tree. The mulch can be shredded hardwood, pine bark, pine fines or compost. Remember not to pile the mulch around the stem of the tree (see picture below).



Evergreen trees are active during the winter so they lose water through the leaves (needles). "Winter burn" on evergreen trees is caused by the relatively lower humidity during the winter months combined with winds. These conditions can dry out and kill leaves. Usually established trees are acclimated to winter but newly planted evergreens may be damaged. The best way to reduce damage is to keep the new evergreen trees moist by watering the base during the winter months with 3 – 4 gallons of water once a week.

Winter is a good time to prune deciduous trees, not necessarily because they are dormant, but because the leaves are off and the structure of the tree is visible.

Continued at the top of the next column...

...Continued from the previous column

It is easy to prune smaller or newly planted trees and it is important to do early pruning to shape trees. A great online guide for pruning trees can be found at <http://www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/horticulture/dg0628.html>.

Lastly, the State of Maryland requires contractors that are performing tree work to be licensed through the Department of Natural Resources. Ask for your contractor's Licensed Tree Expert number before you hire them.

Contact Information for the Board of Managers

Patricia S. Baptiste, Chair

(301) 654-7825

pat.baptiste@chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov

Michael L. Denger, Vice Chair

(301) 652-2067

michael.denger@chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov

Richard Ruda, Secretary

(301) 656-0982

richard.ruda@chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov

David L. Winstead, Assistant Secretary

(301) 951-6353

david.winstead@chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov

Gary Crockett, Treasurer

(240) 743-4440

gary.crockett@chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov

Robert C. Goodwin, Jr., Assistant Treasurer

(301) 986-9267

robert.goodwin@chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov

Elissa A. Leonard, Board Member

(301) 656-3760

elissa.leonard@chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov

...Continued from the cover article, "Village Monitors Montgomery County's Zoning Code Re-Write Process"

Other proposed changes in zoning could allow greater heights for commercial and mixed use buildings along the western border of the Village, directly impacting many homes in the Village.

For more information regarding Montgomery County's Zoning Code Re-Write process, please visit: <http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/development/zoning/>. For information relating to the Village efforts in this regard, contact the Village Office.

The Police Beat

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

Child Car Seat Inspection Information

It can be a challenge to install a child car seat correctly, and if it is not done right, your child could be at risk of injury in a collision. If you could use some help to make sure you've installed the seat correctly, the specially-trained technicians at Fitzgerald Auto Mall will inspect your child safety seat for free.



From March through December, on the third Thursday of each month, Fitzgerald Auto Mall conducts free inspections from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on a first-come first-served basis at one of their stores; check their website (<http://www.fitzmall.com/Community/ChildCarSeat>) or call 301-548-4847 for the specific location.

If you are unable to attend one of the monthly inspection events, you can schedule a one-on-one appointment via the Fitzmall website (above). Individual appointments are scheduled Tuesday through Thursday at the Gaithersburg, White Flint, Wheaton, and Annapolis locations. The inspection is always free, though there may be a small charge for tether installation.

The next scheduled Child Seat Inspection Event will be on Thursday, November 21, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Fitzgerald Auto Mall—White Flint. The address is 5501 Nicholson Lane, Rockville, Maryland.

Cancellation Policy: When school is in session, if Montgomery County Schools are either delayed or cancelled, the event will be cancelled.

ONE TEXT OR CALL COULD

WRECK

IT ALL

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 your 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.

Our Key Program only works if we have your key! If you have not already done so, please return your house key in case you or a family member gets locked out and so the Village Police can access your home in an emergency.

Community News

The Senior Corner

November 3—Chevy Chase@ Home will hold its 3rd Annual Open House from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. for Members & Guests at the Woman's Club of Chevy Chase. Ms. Judith Viorst will share some "Life Lessons From Under Eight Till Over Eighty." The Woman's Club of Chevy Chase is located at 7931 Connecticut Avenue and there is plenty of free parking behind the Club. The public is welcome to attend, but registration is required. Please call (301) 657-3115 for more information.

November 5—M&M 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Honorable Joseph M. Griffin, Register of Wills for Montgomery County since 1998, will be presenting an interactive discussion of what to consider when drawing up a will, power of attorney (both financial and health care), or any other legal document relating to estate planning. Bring your questions for a knowledgeable answer.

November 19—M&M 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. This will be a hands-on project with artist Millie Shott. Bring some items to use as you create your own works of art.

December 3—This will be a special evening program at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Representatives from IONA and JSSA (Jewish Social Service Agency) will describe benefits now available to CC@ H members at a discounted cost. This program should be of great interest not only to our members, but also to their children and others concerned about the welfare of an aging relative, friend or neighbor.

Please visit www.chevychaseathome.com or call (301) 657-3115 to learn more.

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 me or send me an e-mail at: (301) 656-0597 or bettyoconnor2@verizon.net.

Betty O'Connor
Chair, Village Committee for Seniors

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

...Continued from the cover article, "Residents Reminded to Donate During the Village's 3-Month Food Drive"

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.

MVA **ON WHEELS**
Bringing MVA Services to You

The mobile service bus will visit the Friendship Heights Village Center along Friendship Boulevard on **Monday, November 25 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** For more information, call (301) 656-2797 or visit: www.FriendshipHeightsmd.gov.

Chevy Chase Historical Society Presents Fall Lecture in the Village Hall

On Sunday, November 24 at 4:00 p.m. the Chevy Chase Historical Society will present their Fall Lecture, "The Proper 'Finishing' of Young Women: Local Seminary Schools at the Turn of the Century." This lecture highlights three area girls' schools that were part of an educational trend which swept the nation at the turn of the 20th century.

Using vintage photographs to illustrate their stories, three authorities on these schools will present brief recollections: Nina Mikhalevsky, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Mary Washington, will describe Mount Vernon Seminary; Frank Riley, board member of "Save Our Seminary," will discuss National Park Seminary; and Gail Sansbury, CCHS' Archive and Research Center Director, will recall the history of Chevy Chase College and Seminary, where the National 4-H Conference Center now stands.

No reservations are required for the November 24 program. CCHS will host a follow-up tour of National Park Seminary on Saturday, December 7. Details can be found at www.chevychasehistory.org

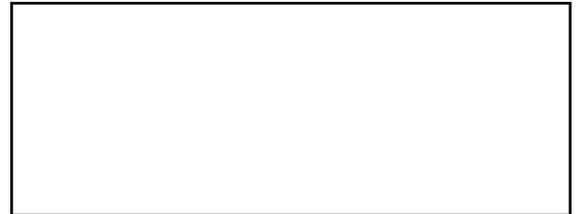


BOARD OF MANAGERS

Patricia S. Baptiste, Chair
Michael L. Denger, Vice Chair
Richard M. Ruda, Secretary
David L. Winstead, Assistant Secretary
Gary Crockett, Treasurer
Robert C. Goodwin, Jr., Assistant Treasurer
Elissa A. Leonard, Board 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. Please remember to move any vehicles parked in your driveway on collection day so the crew can safely access the items for collection.

Holiday Trash Schedule—Thanksgiving Day

There will be NO trash collection on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28

Trash collection for the residents **EAST** of Connecticut Avenue will be collected on Friday, November 29. Residents **WEST** of Connecticut Avenue will be collected on Saturday, November 30.

Recycling collection for residents **EAST** of Connecticut Avenue will be collected on Friday, November 29. 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 27.

Building Permits Issued in October 2013

112 Grafton Street	Replace fence in rear yard
2 Hesketh Street	Install handrails (retroactive)
6134 Nevada Avenue	Const. 2-story addition w/screened porch, rear patio, fence, & walls
4031 Oliver Street	Roof repair and install gutters
117 Oxford Street	Replace walkway
29 West Kirke Street	Const. patio & install garden shed
Primrose Street	Replace gas main and services
Primrose Street / Summerfield Road	Replace gas main and services