

# CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE

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*Board of Managers' Meeting  
Chevy Chase Village Hall  
Monday, October 14, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.*

**Appeals**  
5512 Center Street  
5500 Kirkside Drive

*Note: The full agenda will be available on the Village website by Friday, October 11.  
November Appeal Deadline:  
10/23 at 5:00 p.m.*

### Save these Dates for Upcoming Events:

- October 1:** Chevy Chase @ Home's Meet and Mingle
- October 2:** Flu Clinic 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- October 14:** Board of Managers' Meeting
- October 30:** Annual Halloween Party
- November 11:** Veteran's Day—Village Offices Closed
- November 13:** Board of Managers' Meeting

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### Chevy Chase Village and Manna Foods!

Chevy Chase Village is excited to announce a new partnership with the Manna Food Center, the largest food bank in Montgomery County. Manna has served 2.7 million individuals in Montgomery County over the last 30 years, providing 43 million pounds of food to families in need. They provide single portions of food, 3 day supplies to families, and food for kids' lunches (on weekends) through their Smart Sacks program. They work efficiently – 94 cents of every dollar goes straight toward feeding hungry Montgomery County residents!

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### Concerns About Mail Delivery in the Village

Members of the Village's listserv may have seen the comments posted last month about late mail delivery. Several residents have reported mail delivery as late as 10:00 p.m.—which can be quite startling for residents and raises concerns for the safety of the mail carriers.

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### Increased Security in the Village Hall

Recent national events have forced us to analyze security of the Village Hall. Over the summer, new security features have been implemented to ensure the safety and security of visitors and Village employees in the Village Hall. These security measures are being implemented to allow for an accounting of the individuals within the building by limiting access to a single main entrance and to better secure the building during non-business hours.

Currently, daytime visitors to the Village Hall can enter from any of the several doors around the building. With the full launch of our new security plan, visitors will only be permitted to access the Village Hall from the left doors located off of the porch on the Laurel Parkway side of the building. All other exterior doors into the building will be secured and limited to egress only.

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### Signalization of Chevy Chase Circle halted...for now

In late summer 2012, Chevy Chase Village staff became aware that the District of Columbia's Department of Transportation (DDOT) had renewed a 10-year old failed effort to install traffic control signals (fully-actuated traffic lights) within Chevy Chase Circle.

As the Village reported last year, the interior circle—including the fountain, benches, lawn, trees and landscaping—of Chevy Chase Circle is owned and controlled by the National Park Service (NPS). DDOT would need to obtain approval from NPS in order to install its proposed traffic signals.

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Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers' Meeting, 2nd Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall

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# In The Village

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The Village Manager has been working with Postal Service management to document and report these incidents of late delivery along with other recent complaints of delivery of mail to the wrong address. Postal Service management has reported that they have recently dismissed under-performing clerks, which has increased the workload for those that remain. These remaining clerks are taking on additional routes, which has extended their work days resulting in the late deliveries. The Postal Service's recently installed manager, Ms. Le Gretta "GP" Ross-Rawlins stated in an email to Village Manager Shana Davis-Cook:

*"Please allow me to apologize to you and our customers at Chevy Chase Village for the late mail delivery you have received. This is not the level of service you expect from us. I am in the process of realigning jobs and hiring additional personnel to meet the needs of the Bethesda [which includes Chevy Chase] area."*

Village staff is actively communicating our residents' concerns to Postal Service management, and they in turn have assured us that they are seeking to improve service within our community. If you have delivery complaints or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Village staff so we can pass them on to USPS management.

## Village Police Sponsoring 2nd Medication Turn-In Day

*Dispose of Unused Medication Properly and Easily  
at the Village Hall*

Your Village Police Department is participating in a national medication take-back day on **Saturday, October 26 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** Law enforcement agencies throughout the region are participating. Simply bring your unused prescription or OTC medication (no liquids or needles, please!) to the Village Hall and drop it in the box that will be attended by a police officer. The Police Department will dispose of the medication properly.



...Continued from the cover article, "Signalization of Chevy Chase Circle halted...for now"

Last October, Chevy Chase Village, along with Congressman Van Hollen's office, co-hosted a meeting of officials from the surrounding jurisdictions including DDOT, NPS, Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA), Montgomery County Department of Transportation, District ANC 3/4G, and the offices of U.S. Congress Delegate Eleanor Holmes-Norton (DC), District Councilmember Mary Cheh, County Councilmember Roger Berliner and Maryland Senator Richard Madaleno. With these officials around the table, NPS outlined the process that would be required to review and reach a determination on the proposed signals.

In July, NPS denied DDOT permission to install traffic signals within the circle stating, "the District's Urban Forestry Administration has determined that **the proposed location and configuration of the signalization poles 'would not be good for the trees'** [...] these findings are supported by the park's arborist and horticulturist, who have concluded that the **signals and their supporting infrastructure could damage the roots of the trees and endanger their long-term survival**". DDOT has acknowledged NPS' conclusions, but has not indicated what, if any, action it might take in the future.

It is the Village's position that signals in Chevy Chase Circle would have adversely impacted this historic community resource and created traffic backups along Connecticut Avenue and the surrounding residential streets. The Village thanks the National Park Service and the various local stakeholders who have monitored this matter since it arose and we are thankful for the result.

## Rent the Village Hall for your Next Event!

...Continued from the cover article, "Chevy Chase Village and Manna Foods"

What can you do? We have a box in the Village Hall with signs for Manna. For Village events (Board Meetings, Halloween Party...), residents are asked to bring an item to add to the box. Here are some ideas: peanut butter, tuna fish, beans, oatmeal, mac and cheese, pasta, baby food, and shelf-stable milk. Thanks in advance for your support!

# In The Village

## Board of Managers' Meeting Board Actions—September 9, 2013

### Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes:

July 8, 2013 Regular Meeting—approved. August 15, 2013 Special Meeting—approved.

### Consent Agenda:

**A-2085: Mr. James E. Gibson, Contract Purchaser, 9 Oxford Street.**

Consent Agreement to remove one 12" diameter Norway Maple and one 16" diameter Sugar Maple to accommodate construction of a proposed new house and detached garage, and to reforest with at least five (5) trees of at least 2-½ inches in caliper diameter that will grow to a mature height of forty-five (45) feet or more in accordance with an approved Reforestation Plan—approved.

### Variance Request:

**A-6409 (Variance): Ms. Joanne Kyros and Mr. Thomas Schaufelberger, 135 Grafton Street.**

Reconstruct the front stoop with three (3) treads, including one (1) new additional tread that would encroach an additional twelve (12) inches forward the twenty-five (25) foot front building restriction line, for a maximum total encroachment of six feet, two inches (6'-2")—approved.

### Committee Appointments & Reports:

**Building Code Review Committee:** The Committee will provide its first draft of proposed changes to the Building Code by the November Regular Board meeting. **Chevy Chase Open Space Committee:** The Board provided unanimous support for a level of funding effort at 25% to be formally reviewed during the FY2015 Budget Process. **Personnel Commission:** The Board reappointed Charles Ingersoll of Magnolia Parkway as a member. **Tree Committee:** The Board approved the fall 2013 tree planting list.

**Tree Ordinance Board:** The Board appointed Nina Bang-Jenson of Oliver Street as a member and Laura Billings of Kirkside Drive as an alternate.

### Old Business & Status Reports:

No Action

### New Business:

**Establishment of a Board Committee to Review Village Commission/Committee Structure:** Board members Michael Denger, Richard Ruda, and Elissa Leonard will comprise the Committee—approved.

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### Contract Authorization Request:

**Staff Benefits-Worker's Compensation with the Injured Worker's Insurance Fund (IWIF)** The Board authorized the Village Manager to enter into a contract with the Injured Worker's Insurance Fund (IWIF) for worker's compensation coverage effective September 9, 2013 through September 9, 2014.

### Contract Extension Request: Street Maintenance-A.B. Veirs and Sons, Inc. (first of two one-year options):

The Board approved staff's recommendation to exercise the first of two (2) one-year extension options with A.B. Veirs and Sons, Inc.

**Purchase Authorization Request:** The Board authorized the purchase of the fall tree plantings from Stadler Nurseries: not to exceed \$8,200 (approx. \$180 per tree x 45 trees).

### Board Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the State Highway Administration for the Planting of Trees along Connecticut Avenue:

The Board approved staff's recommendation to authorize the Village Manager to execute the MOU between the Village and the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA).

**Board Appointment of a Member to Serve as Building Officer: Pat Baptiste:** The Board re-appointed Pat Baptiste as Building Officer.

**Board Appointment of a Village Representative to Serve as a Training Designee on Maryland's Open Meetings Compliance Law:** The Board appointed Village Manager Shana Davis-Cook to serve as the Village's designee to receive training regarding the State's Open Meetings Compliance Act pursuant to State law.

**Board Discussion: Selection of a Date for the Board's Regular Meeting in November Tentative Rescheduled Date: Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. (Regularly scheduled date falls on the Veteran's Day holiday)—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](http://www.chevychasevillagemd.gov) by clicking on Governance, Board of Managers, Board Meeting Minutes.*



## 2013 Resident Directory

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

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# In The Village

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Under the fully launched security plan, visitors during non-business hours (7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., **EXCEPT** during scheduled meetings and events in the Hall) will need to be buzzed in by our 24-hour Communications Center personnel in order to gain entry. Visitors will need to press the button on the access control device located adjacent to the left porch entrance. A camera and intercom on the access control device will allow the on-duty communications clerk to identify the visitor before providing access to the building.

Over the coming weeks, additional signage will be installed in and around the building to provide visitors with direction as we prepare for the full launch of the new security plan, expected to be complete by the end of November.

We appreciate residents' patience as we seek to enhance the security of the Village Hall. If you have any questions regarding the new security plan, please contact the Village office.

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## Autumn Leaves

The Public Works Department's yearly leaf collection effort will begin toward the end of 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 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.

## Restrictions on Power Landscape Equipment

As we enter the fall 2013 leaf collection season, residents are reminded that the Village has limited hours during which landscape power equipment can be operated.

**Power landscape equipment is permitted only:**

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

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



# The Police Beat

To e-mail Chief John Fitzgerald: [john.m.fitzgerald@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:john.m.fitzgerald@montgomerycountymd.gov)

## New Maryland Cell Phone and Seat Belt Laws Take Effect on October 1<sup>st</sup>

*Handheld Cell Phone Use While Driving is Now a Primary Offense*



Beginning October 1, 2013, using a handheld cell phone while your vehicle is in motion becomes a primary offense; that means that the police can stop you solely for that violation alone. The fine increases for those drivers who are repeat violators. Specifically, the District Court has established the below fine schedule:

- First offense: \$83
- Second offense: \$140
- Third or subsequent offense: \$160

The below bullets highlight the most important parts of the new law; remember, these are ALL primary offenses:

- Fully-licensed adult drivers (and adults with either a learner's permit or provisional driver's license) are prohibited from using a handheld cell phone while driving.
- Drivers under 18 are prohibited from using any sort of wireless communication device (cell phone, pager, tablet, laptop, etc.) AT ALL—whether handheld or hands free.
- All drivers are prohibited from using a text messaging device to write, send or read a text message while operating a motor vehicle in the travel portion of a roadway.

**All Passengers Must Now Use Seat Belts—  
Even in the Back Seat!**



As of October 1, 2013, Maryland's mandatory seat belt law was strengthened, and the fines were increased from \$25 to \$83. The changes include:

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- **Under 16:** ALL occupants under 16 years of age are required to be belted in their seat regardless of where they sit in the vehicle. This is a primary offense and the citation will be issued to the **driver**.
- **Under 8:** Any children under 8 years of age must be in a child safety seat unless they are taller than 4'-9" (there is no weight requirement any longer). This is a primary offense and the citation will be issued to the **driver**.
- **16 years and older in the front seat:** Must be belted. This is a primary offense and the citation will be issued directly to the person not wearing their seatbelt.
- **16 years and older in the back seat:** Must be belted. This is a secondary offense (officers must identify another violation to justify a traffic stop) and the citation will be issued directly to the person not wearing their seatbelt.

## Chevy Chase Village Police Recognized for Participation in the 2013 Aggressive Driving Enforcement Campaign

On September 25, 2013, Chief John Fitzgerald, Officer James Timmerman, and Public Safety Coordinator Jackie Parker represented the Chevy Chase Village Police Department at the annual "Smooth Operator" luncheon held at the Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt, Maryland. Officer Timmerman along with other police officers around the region were recognized for their exemplary work during the "Smooth Operator" campaign.



**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

Our speaker for September gave us a great deal of information on how to protect ourselves from scammers and others who are trying to take our IDs and our money. We received very valuable information which will be on the listserv of the CC @H. Any questions, give me a call.

October 15 – 2-4 p.m.: **Immigration Judge Joan Churchill** will be our guest speaker on the subject of “**The Current Status of a Comprehensive Immigration Policy**”. She has much to tell us and she will try to answer your questions.

October 23 – 7:30 p.m.: **Our Evening Program - “Pain Management”** with **Chandoo J. Kalmat, M.D.** Dr. Kalmat is a specialist in the field of pain management, and is associated with the Pain Management Institute. He will describe a range of approaches to this difficult subject, and take questions afterwards.

**SAVE THE DATE:** November 3 – 2-4 p.m.: Chevy Chase@ Home will hold its **3rd Annual Open House for Members & Guests at the Women’s Club of Chevy Chase** with well-known speaker **Judith Viorst**.

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](mailto:bettyoconnor2@verizon.net).

*Betty O’Connor*



The mobile service bus will visit the Friendship Heights Village Center along Friendship Boulevard on Monday, October 21 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. For more information, call (301) 656-2797 or visit: [www.FriendshipHeightsmd.gov](http://www.FriendshipHeightsmd.gov).

## 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>.

## FORM 502 MARYLAND RESIDENT INCOME TAX RETURN

OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 2012, ENDING

Print Using Blue or Black Ink Only	Social Security number		Spouse's Social Security number		
	Your First Name	Initial	Last Name		
	Spouse's First Name	Initial	Last Name		
	Present Address (No. and street)				
	City or Town		State	ZIP code	
	Name of county and incorporated city, town or special taxing area in which you resided on the last day of the taxable period. (See Instruction 6)		Maryland County	City, Town, or Taxing Area	
				Chevy Chase Village	

## Tax Return Reminder

When preparing your State of Maryland tax return for 2012, please remember to enter **Chevy Chase Village** in the proper block of **Form 502/503** as shown here.





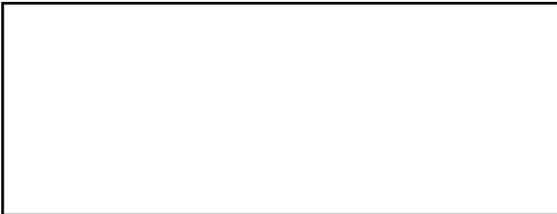
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**VILLAGE MANAGER**

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.**

**Building Permits Issued in September 2013**

- |                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| 136 Grafton Street     | Construct new fence                                   |
| 130 Hesketh Street     | Install replacement fence                             |
| 5614 Kirkside Drive    | Replace gas service                                   |
| 5511 Montgomery Street | Replace existing deck                                 |
| 7 Newlands Street      | Install geothermal system & install new water service |
| 15 Oxford Street       | Install new a/c condensor                             |
| 108 Summerfield Road   | Install new gas line                                  |
| 27 West Kirke Street   | Interior alterations/rear deck                        |

**Halloween is Fast Approaching**

It's a good time to remember that our children's safety should come first. A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.

The Village Police Department will have additional officers on duty the evening of Halloween night, Thursday, October 31. Please report suspicious situations, and inappropriate conduct to the Village Communications Center at (301) 654-7300.

Please see our insert this month for helpful Halloween Safety Tips and recipes for yummy treats.

# Park Development Update: Chevy Chase Open Space Park

At the September 19 meeting of the Montgomery County Planning Board, Park & Planning staff presented the formal facility plan (30% complete engineering documents) including estimated construction costs for the Chevy Chase Open Space Park, located between Western Avenue and Grove Street. Also at the meeting the Planning Board was asked to approve a name change for the park from “Chevy Chase Open Space” to “**Western Grove**” Park. Members of the Planning Board expressed their support for the facility plan and name change, approving both unanimously.



Over the next few weeks, the Planning Board will discuss and is expected to recommend to the County Council approval of specific projects for inclusion in the Council’s Capital Improvements Budget. Village and Park & Planning staffs are very optimistic that development of the park could begin in FY2015 (July 2014-June 2015).

The proposed facilities for **Western Grove Park** have been carefully and very deliberately designed to be perceived as “low-key” and to “lie lightly” on the land, enhancing the tranquil qualities of the park and will include the following: **two hard surface lighted walking paths; a naturalistic children’s play area with stepping stone boulders, log seats, and a living hut of bent branches; low ornamental fencing along the Western Avenue frontage amidst a grove of existing trees to safely prevent children from dashing out into Western Avenue; a welcoming entrance arbor with stone columns as you enter the park from Western Avenue; a seating area with moveable furniture, Wi-Fi access, a seat wall and perhaps, a future water feature and human sundial.**

Earlier in the month the Village Board of Managers, provided its unanimous support to plan for a 25% level of effort in funding the development of the Chevy Chase Open Space, pending formal review during the Village’s FY2015 operating and capital budget process.

While we await final design and construction of the park’s amenities, **THE PARK IS OPEN** and residents of the Village and surrounding communities are welcome and encouraged to use this wonderful park.

A copy of the full facility plan for the **Western Grove Park** is available to view in the Village office and on the Village’s website at [www.chevychasevillagemd.gov](http://www.chevychasevillagemd.gov) by clicking on the “Capital Improvements and Utility Upgrade Projects” link under *Quick Links*.



Village residents young and old,  
please join us for

# The Chevy Chase Village Halloween Party

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

in the Village Hall

Costume contest, refreshments, crafts,  
entertainment, games and a Haunted House!

## Delicious Halloween Treats

### Best Ever Popcorn Balls

¾ c. white corn syrup  
¼ c. margarine  
2 t. cold water  
2 5/8 c. confectioners' sugar  
1 c. marshmallows  
5 quarts plain popped popcorn



Directions: In a saucepan over medium heat combine corn syrup, margarine, cold water, confectioners' sugar, and marshmallows. Heat and stir until mixture comes to a boil. Carefully combine the hot mixture with the popcorn, coating each kernel. Grease hands with vegetable shortening and quickly shape the coated popcorn mixture into balls. Wrap in cellophane or plastic wrap and store at room temperature.

### Roasted Pumpkin Seeds

2 c. pumpkin seeds  
2 T. oil or melted butter  
1 t. salt (optional)

Wash the seeds well and stir with oil in bowl. Spread out to single layer on a cookie sheet. Sprinkle salt on top if desired. Bake at 250 degrees F. until slightly brown.

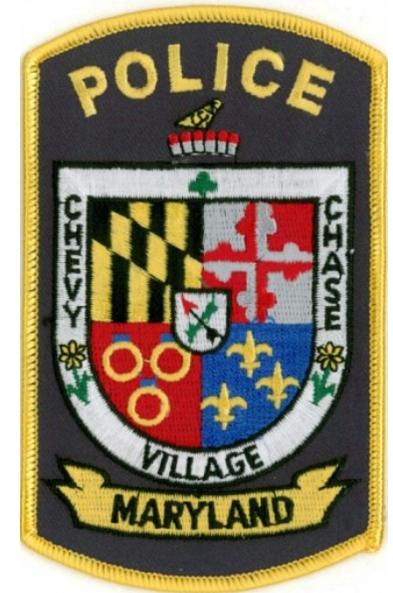
### Ants on a Log

Celery Stick  
Peanut Butter  
Raisins or Chocolate Chips

A very simple snack idea! Fill the center of the celery stick with peanut butter. Place a few raisins or chips on top to be your ants. Eat and enjoy!



# Halloween Safety Tips



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# Halloween Safety Rules

Halloween is fast approaching, and it's a good time to remember that our children's safety should come first. A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.

## Before Trick or Treating,

Take the following steps:

- Try to give children a good meal to discourage them from trying out Halloween treats while out and before treats can be checked.
- Make sure costumes are flame retardant; also make sure children can see well through masks.
- Agree with children on an appropriate time to complete trick or treating.
- Keep pets confined in the home.
- Drive carefully and slowly.
- Adult partygoers should designate a driver.



## While Trick or Treating

Youngsters should always be reminded to:

- Use a flashlight to see and be seen by others.
- Stay in a group and let an adult know where they are going.



- Go only to homes with porch lights on.
- Remain on well-lit streets and use the sidewalk.
- Never enter a stranger's home or car for a treat.
- Obey all traffic and pedestrian regulations.
- Always walk (don't run) across a street and look out for cars and drivers.
- Remove any mask or item that will limit eyesight before crossing a street, driveway or alley.
- No treats should be eaten until carefully checked by an adult at home.
- Any suspicious or unlawful activity should be reported to the Communications Center immediately.

## After Trick or Treating,

Once home, a responsible adult should:

- Examine all treats carefully and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious items.
- Determine if treats are safe for all age groups and if not, distribute accordingly.



The Village Police Department will have additional officers on duty the evening of Halloween night, Thursday, October 31. Please report suspicious situations, and inappropriate conduct to the Village Communications Center at (301) 654-7300.



## Fun Halloween Facts



- Jack'o Lanterns originated in Ireland where people placed candles in hollowed-out turnips to keep away spirits and ghosts on the Samhain holiday.
- Tootsie Rolls were the first wrapped penny candy in America.



- Halloween candy sales average about \$2 billion dollars annually in the United States. It is the 2<sup>nd</sup> most successful holiday, with Christmas being the first.

- Halloween is on October 31<sup>st</sup>, the last day of the Celtic calendar. It was originally a pagan holiday honoring the dead and was referred to as All Hallows Eve.
- The ancient Celts believed that the dead came back to Earth on All Hallows Eve and began wearing costumes and masks to disguise themselves.
- The official colors of Halloween, black and orange, came from orange being associated with the fall harvest and black being associated with death.

