



CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE CRIER

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Monday, December 8, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall

Appeal 117 East Melrose Street

December 8: Board of Managers' Meeting

December 17: Annual Holiday Party from
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

December 25: Christmas Day--Village Office &
Public Works Dept. Closed

January 1: New Year's Day--Village Office &
Public Works Dept. Closed

**December Appeal/Variance Deadline
12/22 at 5:00 p.m.**

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website: www.chevychasevillagemd.gov

STATUS UPDATE: STREETLIGHT IMPROVEMENTS

BOARD OPTS NOT TO PURSUE VILLAGE-WIDE LED FIXTURES

At the November 10 regular meeting of the Village's Board of Managers, staff presented a comprehensive report on the status of the Village's light emitting diode (LED) streetlight pilot program and recommendations for potential upgrades to the Village's street lighting. The report included a synopsis of the feedback received from residents on the sample LED streetlights installed along various streets throughout the community in a pilot program begun earlier this year.

Following the staff's presentation and a further discussion, the Board concluded that the lighting provided by the LED fixtures did not warrant the estimated cost--approximately \$290,000--for conversion of all existing streetlights from the existing high pressure sodium to LED fixtures. The Board agreed, however, to continue the following efforts to improve lighting throughout the community:

- Maintain the current LED streetlights which were installed, in order to continue evaluating their reliability and impact on the neighborhood.
- Continue to actively solicit feedback from residents to determine remaining locations that appear to be "dark spots". These areas will be evaluated for the placement of new streetlights either on existing or new utility poles.
- Proactive monitoring by Village staff to identify remaining "dark spot" locations to determine where new streetlights could be installed to improve overall lighting.
- Continued routine tree pruning around streetlights to improve the light dispersion that reaches the ground.
- Recommendations on additional streetlights will be presented for approval by the Board on a case-by-case basis.

Residents are strongly encouraged to report "dark spot" locations to Village staff by e-mail to ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov.

For more information on the staff's report to the Board, please visit the Village's website and click on the "Capital Improvements and Utility Upgrade Projects" link under the News tab. Ongoing efforts in regard to improving lighting in the community will be posted to this page as well.

COMPOSTING SURVEY REMINDER



As of November 24, the Village has received 156 responses regarding the Food Waste and Recycling Questionnaire. If you haven't already done so, please fill out the questionnaire and return it to the Village by Monday, December 29.

BEFORE YOU INSTALL THAT SHED, DON'T FORGET YOUR PERMITS

Both Montgomery County and Chevy Chase Village permits are required to install or construct a shed on your property. This is to ensure compliance with setback and location requirements and, in the case of larger sheds, to ensure that they are safely constructed. The Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) requires a permit to install a shed of any size. If the shed is over two hundred (200) square feet in size structural drawings are also required.

After obtaining a County Building Permit, Village residents, or their agents, must submit a copy of the Montgomery County Shed Permit (and if the size warrants, a copy of the approved structural drawings), along with a Chevy Chase Village Building Permit Application and a plat diagram of the property to the Village office. The permit fee is \$30.

The Village Code limits the placement of sheds to the rear yard and requires that they are located at least five (5) feet from the side and rear lot lines.

Please contact Permitting and Code Enforcement Coordinator Ms. Ellen Sands at ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov for more information.

WITH SINCERE APPRECIATION

Thank you to the members of the Chevy Chase Garden Club and our Public Works Department who work to 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 all visitors to the Village Hall and attendees of our Annual Holiday Party, the Village Board and staff say:
Thank You!

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 the boxes are not collected.

If you have a large amount or large-sized boxes, please request a Special Pick-Up to ensure collection. Cardboard boxes collected by Special Pick-Ups are recycled.

FINAL MONTH TO DONATE TO THE VILLAGE'S 3-MONTH-LONG FOOD DRIVE

We are entering the final month of our annual food drive benefiting Montgomery County's Manna Food Center.

Please remember to bring your donation to the Village Hall at anytime. Residents planning to attend the Village's annual Holiday Party on December 17 are especially reminded to bring a donation the evening of the event which begins at 6:00.



Stumped on what you should donate? Through Manna's "Smart Sacks" program, 2,100 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, include a line for "Manna" and drop off your contribution of shelf-stable foods at the Chevy Chase Village Hall.

Thank you for your contribution.

2014 RESIDENT DIRECTORY

Copies of 2014 Resident Directory are still available. Residents can pick up one copy per household from the Village Hall.

ANNUAL LEAF COLLECTION



The Public Works Department's yearly leaf collection is in full swing and will continue as often as needed through 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, as part of your normal yard waste collections. If you are planning to bag your leaves, they must be placed in paper bags. **Public Works 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.

PARDON OUR DUST & NOISE...



At its October meeting, the Village Board approved a contract to begin various repairs in and around the Village Hall, including the replacement of the roof and gutters, interior and exterior painting, and electrical work. This work will continue through the winter, with landscape work scheduled in the spring.

Thank you for your patience as we undergo this necessary work to preserve this beautiful historic resource.

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.

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.

CHANGES TO THE VILLAGE'S ALARMS ORDINANCE

As announced in the October issue of the *Crier*, the Village's Alarms Ordinance has been revised and no longer requires residents to obtain a permit and decal for the operation of an alarm system in the Village. Instead, residents must register their alarm system with the Village's Communications Center, at no charge. Alarm companies must still be registered, through Montgomery County's False Alarm Reduction Unit, in order to operate within the County.

A copy of the complete ordinance is available on the Village's website under the "Governance", "Our Regulations and Policies" page. Please contact the Village office if you have any questions.

SIGN UP FOR EMAIL BLAST(S)

Sign-up for the Village Email Blasts! The Village operates two email distribution lists to deliver information to residents:

Urgent News Alerts are emergency alerts that are sent out only on an as-needed basis. **General News Alerts**, which are geared toward community events, Board Meetings, etc. will be sent out weekly. To subscribe, please visit the Village's website at www.chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov and click on the "white envelope" located under the Village logo.

Note: In order to sign-up for the email services you must be a Village resident and have registered for access to the website.

BOARD ACTIONS

NOVEMBER 10, 2014 BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING

Approval of Previous Meetings' Minutes

October 13, 2014 Regular Meeting - *approved*

Variance Requests

A-6644 (a) & (b) Mr. Perry W. Linder & Judith A. Linder, 18 Hesketh Street:

- a) Construct an expanded stoop with six (6) treads which would encroach a maximum of twenty and two-tenths (20.2) feet forward of the twenty-five (25) foot front (Hesketh Street) building restriction line; and
- b) Construct a portico which would encroach a maximum of fourteen and three-tenths (14.3) feet forward of the front (Hesketh Street) building restriction line - *approved*

A-6634: Ms. Elizabeth King & Mr. Stephen Jung, 5419 Center Street

Replace an external air conditioner located in the front (northwest) yard of the property - *approved*

Committee Matters

- Mr. Peter Kilborn (Oliver Street) as a member of the Public Safety Committee - *approved*
- Expand the scope of the Welcoming Committee; re-name as the "Community Relations Committee" - *approved*
- Appointment of Karen Spangler (Grove Street) as Co-Chair of the Community Relations Committee (serving along with previously appointed Co-Chair Minh Le (Oliver Street)) - *approved*

Old Business:

Please see the cover article entitled "Status Update: Streetlight Improvements" for a synopsis of the Board's actions on this matter.

New Business:

- **Resolution No. 11-01-14:** An Ordinance to amend Chapter 3, "Personnel Code", Sec. 3-4, "Personnel Commission" to amend the duties of the Commission - *approved*
- **Resolution No. 11-02-14:** An Ordinance to amend Chapter 7, "Village Building Facilities", Sec. 7-4, "Building Facilities Commission" to reduce the number of permanent members to three, provide for two alternate members and set residency requirements - *approved*
- **Resolution No. 11-03-14:** An Ordinance to amend Chapter 8, "Buildings and Building Regulations", Sec. 8-21, "Installation and Maintenance of fences, walls, trees, hedges, shrubbery, lamp posts, hand rails and arbors" to clarify that replacement fences must comply with setbacks in certain circumstances - *approved*

Contract Authorization Requests:

- Holiday Party Caterer- Mindy's Catering in the amount of \$10,476.25 - *approved*
- Photo Speed Enforcement Vendor (*SafeSpeed* Program): Xerox State and Local Solutions, Inc. - *approved*

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

To listen to audio recordings of the most recent Board Meetings, please visit the Village website: www.chevychasevillagemd.gov by clicking on Governance, Board of Managers, Board Meeting Recordings.

Next Regular Board of Managers' Meeting: Monday, December 8, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

THE POLICE BEAT

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

HOLIDAY SHOPPING SAFETY TIPS

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

- 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).

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.

PROTECTING YOUR FINANCIAL HEALTH & 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 pre-approved 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.ncpc.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE SENIOR CORNER

As we come to the end of another year, we look back on the variety of programs we have provided here in the Hall and elsewhere. These included information on medical and financial issues, travel reports, hands-on art instructions and therapy sessions, and many instructional classes. We will continue these in 2015 – and look forward to bringing you new events.

Our November 18 Meet and Mingle had a discussion on coping with arthritis, especially with arthritic hands. Our therapist gave us many easy exercises for relieving and sometimes eliminating the pain many of us have in our fingers. This was so well received, we will try to follow up with more therapy info in 2015.

To close out 2014, please join us for two programs in December:

December 11 -- 10:00-11:30 A.M. -- Chevy Chase at Home invites all to join the “Brunch Bunch” at the Olympia Café on Brookville Road. Drop in, buy a cup of coffee (or breakfast) and join neighbors in friendly conversations.

December 16 – 2:00-4:00 P. M. -- Our Annual HOLIDAY PARTY here in the Hall. Come one, come all and join us as we celebrate with music and festive refreshments. Bring your friends and neighbors and raise your voices and glasses to celebrate the season. We will have “live” entertainment (piano and maybe violin and accordion) to sing to us and sing with us as we all “make merry”.

January 24 – 11:00 A.M. – Saturday (weather permitting) Jan Augustine will bring us another illustrative talk on her fantastic walk through Spain with slides and artifacts. More info in the January Crier.

February 17 – 2:00-4:00 – Retired Ambassador William Bodde will provide us with an informal talk on the less official aspects of a foreign service career – a most interesting and informative program.

We offer all of our programs for you in cooperation with the Village and CC@H. We encourage to send me your comments, suggestions and ideas for topics that you would like us to present – informative and fun events. Please bring your friends and neighbors to enjoy the programs and refreshments. For questions, contact me at 301-656-0597 or by e-mail bettyoconnor2@verizon.net.

Betty O'Connor

Chair, Village Committee for Seniors

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.

PICK-UP AFTER YOUR PET

Residents are again reminded to clean up after your pets! This is not only the neighborly thing to do, IT IS THE LAW. Plastic bag dispensers are located throughout the Village to assist pet owners in performing this unsavory duty. Violators will be fined \$100 for the first offense.

Rent the Village Hall for your Next Event!

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 [737-2332]**
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 mobile service bus will visit the Friendship Heights Village Center along Friendship Boulevard on **Monday, December 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

For more information, call (301)-656-2797 or visit www.FriendshipHeightsmd.gov.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT;

TRASH COLLECTION



Recently, Unity, the Village's Refuse and Recycling Contractor, has expressed that their crews are having problems accessing residents' trash and recycling bin areas. The crews are hampered by foliage, low-hanging branches, and unkempt shrubbery. To allow clear access to your receptacles, and to protect your plantings, please be sure that this path remains free of obstructions. Contact the Communications Center if you would like to have your residence assessed for passage, or if your refuse or recycling was not collected. Residents are reminded to leave their gates unlocked to allow access to their receptacles.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Administrative office and Public Works Department will be closed on Thursday, December 25 in observance of Christmas Day and on Thursday, 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.

The weekly Special Pick-ups scheduled for Wednesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 31 will NOT be affected, and will be collected as normal.

HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR REFUSE AND RECYCLING For Christmas Day and New Year's Day

IF YOUR NORMAL COLLECTION DAY IS...	YOUR COLLECTION DAY WILL BE...
Thursday	Friday
Friday	Saturday

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED NOVEMBER 2014

- 3708 Bradley Lane - Construct new retaining wall
- 3708 Bradley Lane - Replace/modify driveway
- 5515 Cedar Parkway - Construct new flagstone walkway
- 8 East Lenox Street - Construct one-story mudroom
- 5505 Center Street - Install air conditioner in side yard
- 5910 Cedar Pkwy. - Construct front walkway; repair driveway
- 104 Oxford Street - Construct new walkways
- 5512 Center Street - Relocate front walkway; expand patio
- 11 Hesketh St. - Modify stoop, walk; new drain pipe, plantings
- 1 West Irving Street - Construct new fence in west side yards
- 5611 Kirkside Drive - Replace front walkway and steps
- 10 Oxford Street - Upgrade existing water service
- 5 East Melrose Street - Install air conditioner in the side yard



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Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Holiday Party!
Wednesday, December 17, 2014
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

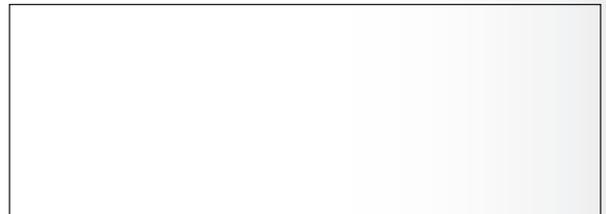


BOARD OF MANAGERS

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VILLAGE MANAGER

Shana R. Davis-Cook





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

*Wednesday, December 17, 2014
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 buffet-style dinner and desserts
are sure to please residents of all ages.*

*Residents will enjoy seasonal music
and a visit from Old Saint Nick.*

*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

Stationary Hors d'oeuvres

Fruit and Cheese Display

Wooden Board with a selection of Domestic and International Fine Cheeses

*Champagne Grapes, Strawberries, Fresh Figs, Sliced Fresh Pear and Dried Apricots
Grainy Breads and Gourmet Crackers*

On the Buffet

Marinated and Grilled Flank Steak, thinly sliced with Horseradish Cream on the side

Chicken Jardin

*Roulades of Roasted Chicken stuffed with Julienne of Vegetables and Goat Cheese
Red Pepper Sauce*

*Lime and Ginger Glazed Salmon Kebabs
Atop Warm Moroccan Couscous
with Carrot, Scallions & Currants scented
with Cinnamon and Cumin*

*Baked Fettuccini Pasta
with a Julienne of Red and Yellow Peppers,
Broccoli, Zucchini
in Tequila Lime Cream Sauce
(Vegetarian)*

Scalloped Potatoes with Three Cheeses

Roasted Winter Vegetables

*Mixed Greens and Arugula Salad
with Strawberries, Caramelized Walnuts
and Honey Balsamic Vinaigrette*

Rolls and Butter

Desserts

Chocolate Dipped Rice Krispy Pops

Ginger Bread Men

Mocha Fudge Brownie Triangles

Pecan Bars

Cream Puff Swans

Chocolate Mousse "Mice"

Chocolate Dipped Shortbread Cookies

Fresh Fruit Tarts

*7 Layer Coconut, Chocolate and
Butterscotch Bars*

Holiday Cookies

Fresh Strawberries with Lemon Curd



Chevy Chase Village Employees' Holiday Fund

To the Residents of Chevy Chase Village:

The Board of Managers has established the Chevy Chase Village Employees' Holiday Fund. The purpose of this fund is to recognize Village employees during the holiday season. Residents may use their own judgment in handling gratuities for non-employee service providers, such as the crews that collect the refuse and recycling.

Since Village employees have varying lengths of service to the Village, the Board of Managers requests that all holiday gratuities be sent to this special fund. The pooled contributions will then be distributed based on each employee's length of service.

The 25 employees who will share in the distribution are: 4 administrative staff members, 10 police personnel (which includes nine sworn officers), 5 Communications Clerks and 6 Public Works employees. The Village Manager and Police Chief are NOT included in the distribution of this special fund.

We hope that all Village residents will show their appreciation by contributing to this special fund. All contributions should be made by check payable to: Chevy Chase Village Employees' Holiday Fund, and returned to the Village office in the enclosed envelope. In order for the distributions to be made before the holidays, **we ask that you please return your contribution before Monday, December 8, 2014**; however, contributions received after December 8, 2014 will be distributed to the staff after January 1, 2015.

With gratitude and best wishes for you and yours this holiday season,

The Board of Managers of Chevy Chase Village