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Tentative Agenda

Board of Managers' Meeting

Chevy Chase Village Hall

Monday, January 14, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Appeals

5503 Grove Street

Note: The full agenda will be available on the Village website by Friday, January 11.

February Appeal Deadline:

1/21 at 5:00 p.m.

Save these Dates for Upcoming Events:

January 8: Chevy Chase @ Home Evening Event

January 9: Winter Classes Begin

January 15: Chevy Chase @ Home's Meet & Mingle— 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

January 21: Office Closed due to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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Improved Street Lighting: A Work in Progress - Status Update

At the December 10 meeting of the Board of Managers, Village staff presented a comprehensive update on the status of the Village's street lighting improvements, including steps taken to-date, proposed next steps including an update on the status of LED streetlight technology.

Following the presentation and a brief question and answer session between the Board and staff, the Board agreed to temporarily postpone the installation of additional streetlights pending the availability of LED streetlights, currently slated to be made available in spring 2013.

A copy of the staff report and full presentation regarding the Village's street lighting improvement project is available on the Village's website by clicking on the "PEPCO and Streetlights" link under the *News* tab.

Resident Feedback Requested: Village Board Considers Potential Elimination of Right-of-Way Mowing

Currently, the Village mows the grass between the sidewalk and the street throughout the Village. Sixty-six percent of the homes in Chevy Chase Village front on a sidewalk and are the beneficiaries of this service. In those parts of the Village where there is no sidewalk, residents are responsible for maintaining the area in front of their homes up to the street curb. The Village Board is currently considering **eliminating the mowing of the grass between the sidewalk and the roadway curb.**

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Reminder...Visit the Village Before You Apply for a County Permit

Throughout the process of planning and commencing a construction project in Chevy Chase Village, Village staff work in cooperation with Montgomery County to ensure that projects are safe to residents and the environment, considerate of neighbors, and in adherence to the regulations agreed upon by our community. If you are planning a construction or landscaping project, **the first step** is to call or make an appointment to meet with Village staff.

Some projects that require a Village permit do not require a Montgomery County permit, and vice-versa. If you do need a county permit, Montgomery County's Department of Permitting Services (DPS) will not issue their permit unless the applicant submits a letter from the Village Manager stating that the Village is aware of the proposed project. Village staff will gladly provide residents with this **Municipality Letter** so that the county can begin

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5906 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815

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

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In The Village

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Background

The Village Board is continually looking for ways to control expenses while preserving core resident services and government operations. Over the years a recurring suggestion is one that would eliminate the mowing services for the grass between the sidewalk and street curb. The Village is the only local community that provides this service, which represents an **annual cost of approximately \$18,000**.

What this change could mean for residents

Elimination of right-of-way mowing means that those households that have a sidewalk abutting their property would become responsible for the mowing the area located between the curb and sidewalk as is now the case for households which do not abut a sidewalk. Many residents or their contractors already mow this area for consistency with their private lawn; others rely on the service provided by the Village.

At the Board's regular meeting in October, staff reintroduced the possible elimination of right-of-way mowing. A detailed staff report, including a map of the homes that would be affected by this change, is available on the Village website under "Important Topics".

Resident Feedback Requested

Residents are asked to provide feedback to the Board of Managers on the proposed elimination of this service. **The Board wants to know if residents value this service and want it to continue OR if this is an area that is not a critical service element and can be eliminated at an annual cost savings of approximately \$18,000.** The Board will hold a public hearing to consider the community's comments at its regular meeting on January 14, 2013. Residents may submit comments for the Board's consideration by emailing the Village office at cev@montgomerycountymd.gov.

New Programs for Children and Families

The Village staff seeks volunteers for an exciting program of activities and events for Village families. With this new program, we hope to build upon our experience through the legacy established by the Committee on Children, Youth & Families created by Grafton Street resident and former Board Member Mr. Peter Yeo. For many years, the co-chairs of this committee worked to develop well-attended activities and events to bring many children and families of the Village together. Under our new proposed program, **resident volunteers will be sought to organize specific events and activities of interest to you and your family.** See the enclosed flyer for more information. Residents are also invited to submit ideas for new events and 'old favorites' that you would like to see return by emailing Community Liaison Grace Brock at grace.brock@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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.



In The Village

Board of Managers Meeting Board Actions—December 10, 2012

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes:

November 13, 2012 Regular Meeting and Executive Session—approved.

Variance and Special Permit Requests:

Continuance of A-6233 (Variance Request) 5501 Park Street. Construct (3) treads that would encroach (1'-8") forward of the (25) foot front (Park Street) building restriction line. (Proposed encroachment reduced effective 12/5/2012.)—denied.

A-6247 (Special Permit Request) 23 Hesketh St.

Demolish the detached garage located in the rear (north) yard of the property—approved.

Committee Appointments & Reports

Budget Committee

The Board Appointed Larry Heilman of Grafton St. and Samuel Lawrence of E. Lenox St. as members.

Building Code Review Committee

Mary Sheehan, Chair of the Building Review Committee, reported that the committee is in the process of finalizing a questionnaire, which will be sent out to architects, contractors, and Village residents who have had building projects (and therefore obtained Village permits) within the last few years.

Legal Services Evaluation Committee

Committee member Mary Sheehan reported that the committee was scheduled to interview attorneys from the top three preferred firms.

Old Business & Status Reports

Capital Project Update: Street Lighting Improvements. The Board agreed to temporarily suspend additional streetlight improvements until LED streetlights are available toward the end of the first quarter (April 2013). **Amend Resolution No. 10-01-12: Extended the effective date of the Ethics Ordinance in light of renewed exemption request**—approved.

Mr. Denger advised that in September 2012, the State Ethics Commission denied the Village's request for an exemption from the financial disclosure requirements of the Maryland Public Ethics Law. After that exemption was denied, two members of the Board resigned; subsequent to which the Board submitted a new exemption request on November 16, 2012 as a result of these resignations and other changes, facts, and circumstances. The Board originally adopted

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a new Village Ethics Ordinance in October 2012, which was approved by the State Ethics Commission, and would have become effective 45 days after the Village received the commission's approval of the proposed ordinance. In light of the renewed exemption request, the proposed ordinance would be modified so that it would become effective 45 days following receipt of the State Ethics Commission's decision on the Village's renewed request for a full exemption from the Maryland Public Ethics Law provided the ordinance is posted for at least 14 days following its official adoption.

Supplemental Appropriation Authorization Request: \$5,000 from reserves to "Capital Projects, Personnel, Salaries"—approved.

Supplemental Appropriation and Contract Award Authorization: Supplemental Appropriation from reserves to "Village Hall, Building Repair and Maintenance" for repairs to the roof on the Village Hall; with Interstate Corporation, in the amount of \$5,850—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.



2012 Resident Directory

Copies of the 2012 Directory are available. Residents can pick-up one copy per household from the Village office.

Cardboard Box Collection

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

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

In The Village

Annual Village Holiday Party a Success

What a party! Many residents attended the Annual Holiday Party held on December 12th. Innovative Gourmet provided delicious hors d'oeuvres and wonderful desserts for everyone's enjoyment. In addition to a wonderful meal, there were visits by the Christmas Fairy, a.k.a. Miss Paula, and Santa Claus himself! The children had their own room again in which to play, where they decorated picture frames for their pictures with Santa Claus.

Many Village residents and staff have contributed their energies to build, enhance and preserve the sense of community which the Village residents have come to cherish. Among those who have not sought, but certainly deserve thanks for helping with this year's event is the Garden Club of Chevy Chase for the seasonal decorations. Special thanks goes to the Community Liaison Ms. Grace Brock who organized the event and did a great deal of the actual set-up both indoors and out with the greatly appreciated assistance of the Public Works staff.

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

Village Observed Holidays: 2013

The Administrative Offices and Public Works Department will observe the following holidays:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Monday, January 21
Presidents' Day - Monday, February 18
Memorial Day - Monday, May 27
Independence Day - Thursday, July 4
Labor Day - Monday, September 2
Veterans' Day - Monday, November 11
Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 28
Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25

The Village Police Department and the Communications Center will remain open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

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their review process. To request a Municipality Letter, fill out a Village Pre-Design Review Meeting (PDRM) application or contact Permitting and Code Enforcement Coordinator Ellen Sands at the Village Hall.

Visit the Village website (www.chevychasevillagemd.gov/c/272/printable-forms-applications) to read more about our permitting process or to obtain a Pre-Design Review Meeting (PDRM) form.

To all Chevy Chase Village Residents,
we send you our sincerest thanks
for your contributions
to the Employees' Holiday Fund

John A. Beall
Ernst D. Scott II
Grace Brock
Erin J. Fisher
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Jackie D. Scott
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Clarence D. Scott
Walter E. Neam
Dent A. P. Sands
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The Police Beat

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

A Message from the Chief

I want to take this opportunity to express my sincerest gratitude to all those who dropped off delicious food treats in recent weeks and to those who gave so generously to the Employee Holiday Fund. Your tasty goodies and your selfless gifts were enjoyed by all members of the Village staff.



Crime in the Village continues to be very low in all categories save one: thefts from unlocked cars at night. We recorded 67 thefts in 2011. As of this writing (December 19, 2012), we had 94 thefts in 2012—that's a 40% increase in a single year. We have arrested and successfully prosecuted several thieves this year, and while the pace of thefts has slowed since the arrests, they continue. The common denominator to these thefts is the unlocked car parked overnight. I urge each of you to help us eliminate these thefts by doing a few simple things:



1. Lock your car every time you park.
2. Remove all valuables from your car.
3. Leave your front porch light on all night long.
4. Call the police whenever you see or hear anything suspicious.

Your police department will continue to do its part to deter and detect these criminals, but our job is much harder without your assistance. If you follow the above rules, I am confident that we will dramatically reduce our theft numbers.

Beginning in January, Village police officers will be going door to door on Saturday and Sunday afternoons to deliver a brief crime prevention message with a 1-page flyer. Please expect to see their smiling faces at your front door in the near future!

Here's wishing all of our residents a happy and safe New Year!

John M. Fitzgerald, Police Chief

Pet ID Program

Village officers continue to retrieve stray pets in the neighborhood. In late 2000, the Village Police Department began its Pet ID Program. Residents submit a photograph and short bio of their pet. When a stray pet is found, Communications staff review the album so the pets can be reunited with their families.



The Pet ID Program only works if your pet(s)' information is included in the pet album. If you have not already done so, please complete the enclosed Pet ID Program enrollment form for ALL of the pets in your home (including dogs, cats, birds, ferrets, guinea pigs, hamsters, rabbits, etc.).

Pets that can not be identified are turned over to the Montgomery County Animal Shelter. Digital photos can be emailed to ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov. Additional forms are available in the Village office.

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.



If you were out of town during the holidays, please remember to visit the Communications Center to collect your mail and packages.

Community News

The Senior Corner

January 8—Evening Event at 7:30 p.m. Carolyn B. Hendricks, M.D., a medical oncologist specializing in breast cancer, will discuss “**What is New and Current in Breast Cancer Management**”.

January 15—Meet & Mingle. 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Susan Catlette will discuss “**Your Life, Your Home: Modifying Home Environments to Enhance Independence and Quality of Life As We Grow Older**”.

February 5—Meet & Mingle. 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. “**A Virtual Tour of the C&O Canal**”. Jim Heins will present this very interesting program on one of the cherished spots in our area. He will show many scenes that many of us have probably never seen.

February 19—Meet & Mingle. 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Barbara Walsh, a retired reference librarian with the Library of Congress will discuss Family History and Genealogy, a fascinating program not to miss.

For further information, please contact me at (301)-656-0597 or email bettyoconnor2@verizon.net.

Betty O'Connor
Chair, Village Committee for Seniors

REMINDERS: Chevy Chase@Home is in need of drivers, people able to do a little lifting and high tech wizards to help members master their smart phones, tablets and computers. The winter training session for volunteers will be held on January 24, a great opportunity to help your neighbors. For more information – call the Executive Director at the CC&H office (301)-657-3115. The Brunch Bunch will meet January 10 at the Olympia Coffee Shoppe from 10-11:30.

Long-time Village Employee Retires

Communications Clerk Ms. Doris Lyerly will retire from the Village in mid-January. Doris was hired as a Communications Clerk in February 2004. Since then she has worn many hats including, Community Liaison, Permitting & Code Enforcement Specialist, and Communications Supervisor. Doris has been a familiar face to residents for many years and has made several lasting relationships with her co-workers.

We thank Doris for her hard work over the past 8 ½ years and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

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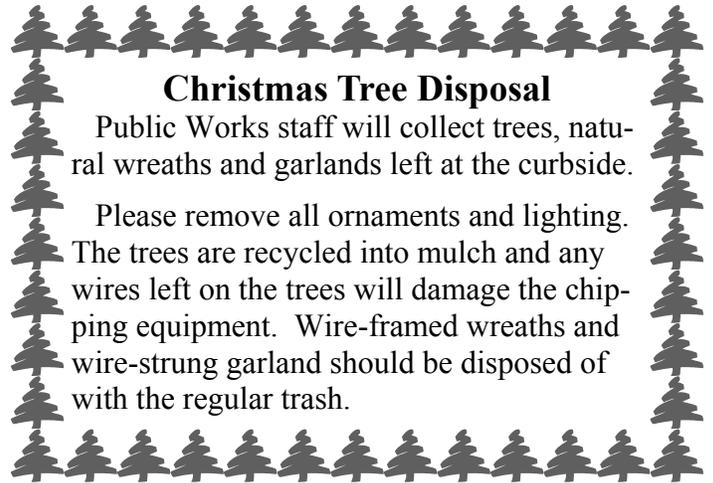
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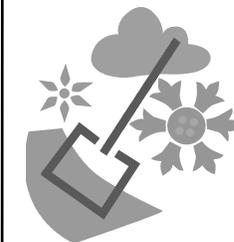


Christmas Tree Disposal

Public Works staff will collect trees, natural wreaths and garlands left at the curbside.

Please remove all ornaments and lighting. The trees are recycled into mulch and any wires left on the trees will damage the chipping equipment. Wire-framed wreaths and wire-strung garland should be disposed of with the regular trash.

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.

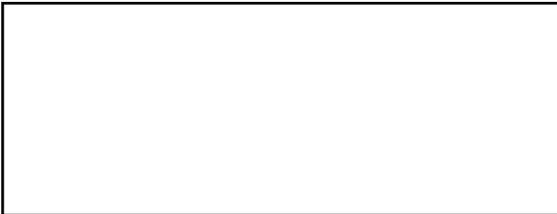
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2013!

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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.

Holiday Trash Schedule

For Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Recycling and trash pick-ups will slide one day during the week of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, as follows:

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

Building Permits Issued in December 2012

10 Laurel Parkway Replace air conditioner
15 Newlands Street Replace portion of driveway
3 West Lenox Street Construct fence & arbor

Motor Vehicle Administration on Wheels

The mobile service bus will visit the Friendship Heights Village Center Monday, January 28 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. For more information, call (301) 656-2797 or visit: www.FriendshipHeightsmd.gov.

**Chevy Chase Village
2013 Trash and Recycling—Holiday Schedule**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week of Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday						
Jan. 20	Jan. 21 <i>M.L. King, Jr.</i> →	Jan. 22 →	Jan. 23 →	Jan. 24 →	Jan. 25 →	Jan. 26
Week of Memorial Day						
May 26	May 27 <i>Memorial Day</i> →	May 28 →	May 29 →	May 30 →	May 31 →	June 1
Week of Independence Day						
June 30	July 1	July 2	July 3	July 4 <i>Independence Day</i> →	July 5 →	July 6
Week of Labor Day						
Sept. 1	Sept. 2 <i>Labor Day</i> →	Sept. 3 →	Sept. 4 →	Sept. 5 →	Sept. 6 →	Sept. 7
Week of Thanksgiving						
Nov. 24	Nov. 25	Nov. 26	Nov. 27	Nov. 28 <i>Thanksgiving</i> →	Nov. 29 →	Nov. 30
Week of Christmas						
Dec. 22	Dec. 23	Dec. 24	Dec. 25 <i>Christmas</i> →	Dec. 26 →	Dec. 27 →	Dec. 28
2014 Week of New Year's Day						
Dec 29	Dec 30	Dec 31	Jan. 1 <i>New Year's</i> →	Jan. 2 →	Jan. 3 →	Jan. 4

NOTE: These are the ONLY holidays in 2013 that will affect the trash and recycling collection. From the day of the holiday, trash and/or recycling collection will slide one (1) day forward. For example: If a holiday falls on a Wednesday, Wednesday's collection will be picked-up on Thursday, Thursday's collection will be picked-up on Friday, and Friday's collection will be picked-up on Saturday. When a holiday falls on a Monday, all collections for that week will be collected one day later than usual.

Calling all Volunteers...Give back to your community by volunteering your time and energy to support community activities and events.

In an effort to provide opportunities for the residents of Chevy Chase Village to come together, the Chevy Chase Village staff is looking for resident volunteers to assist in planning and overseeing family-oriented activities and events throughout the year.

Below is a tentative list of events for 2013. Volunteers can sign-up for any number events and can assist in whatever ways meet your level of interest and schedule.

Volunteers can help by organizing, planning and/or supervising from planning through to the day of the event. We can't pull together these exciting events without your help; please review the below list and contact the Village office to volunteer!

January—American Red Cross Babysitting Course (ages 11 +)

(Course for potential babysitters that teaches basic childcare techniques and first aid.)

February—Movie Night (all ages)

(Movie Night: Families enjoy a movie shown on the big screen in the Village Hall along with snacks and drinks.)

March—Saint Patrick's Day Party (toddler age)

(A green party to celebrate St. Patty's Day with green goodies and crafts.)

April—Earth Day Event (elementary school age)

(Respect for Mother Earth starts at a young age. Kids will plant an herb garden that they can take home and watch grow.)

May—Parents' Night Out (all ages)

(Parents' Night Out: Parents get the evening off while their kids enjoy crafts and entertainment in the care of babysitters at the Village Hall.)

June—Backpack Donation & Ice Cream Social—(elementary school age)

(Celebrate the end of the school year by donating your lightly used backpacks and unused school supplies while enjoying an ice cream party with all the 'fixins. Backpacks and school supplies will be donated to local kids in need.)

More exciting events on the reverse...



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September—Welcome Back BBQ at the Large Oliver St. Triangle Park (all ages)

(An event the whole family can enjoy., with entertainment, food and activities for the family to celebrate the return to school.)

Seasonal Food Drive will Run October through December

(Bring canned and other non-perishable food items to all Village events from October through December. Donations will be provided to a local food bank.)

October—Costume Swap (all ages)

(Kids can exchange gently used Halloween costumes.)

November/December—Gingerbread House Workshop (all ages)

(A local Gingerbread House building expert, will teach families how to construct their own house. Each family will get their very own Gingerbread House to take home for the holidays.)



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If you have suggestions for additional events and/or are interested in volunteering for an event, please contact Village Community Liaison Grace Brock at 301-654-7300 or grace.brock@montgomerycountymd.gov