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Annual Meeting: Monday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m.

The Chevy Chase Village Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. A brief social with Board Members and Chairs and Members of Village Commissions and Committees will begin at 7:00 p.m. with light refreshments.

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Budget and Tax Matters

Public Hearing on the Draft FY2015 Budget

The Board will hold its second **Public Hearing** on the draft budget and tax rate during its regular meeting on **Monday, April 14**. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Copies of the budget summary and details are posted to the Village website and hard copies can be obtained at the Village office.

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Board of Managers Election

Three Board seats will be up for election this spring. The current Board Members whose terms are expiring in May are Michael Denger, Robert Goodwin and Elissa Leonard; the latter two were elected last spring, but were assigned one-year terms in a random drawing, owing to the two one-year vacancies that needed to be filled.

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Resident Input Sought for Proposed Traffic Sign Changes

At the request of the Village Manager, Ms. Shana Davis-Cook, the Police Department began a project to compile a comprehensive inventory and evaluation of all official signs in the Village. Spanning the months of October and November of 2013, Sgt. Tiedemann and Chief Fitzgerald walked along every Village street and documented the location and condition of every official sign. In December, Chief Fitzgerald provided the Village Manager with a written report summarizing the findings of the sign survey.

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Amendments to the Village Building Code Public Hearing Scheduled for Monday, April 14

For the past 18 months, the Building Code Review Committee has been working to simplify and clarify the Village's building regulations as set forth in the Village Code. The Village Board of Managers established this Committee with the goal of removing unnecessary restrictions while maintaining the quality and character of the Village environment that residents expect and appreciate.

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*Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall
Monday, April 14, 2014
at 7:30 p.m.*

Appeals

None.

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

May Appeal Deadline:
4/21 at 5:00 p.m.

Save these Dates for Upcoming Events:

- April 1:** Chevy Chase @Home's Meet and Mingle — 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- April 8:** Garden Club of Chevy Chase Open Meeting
- April 14:** Board of Managers' Meeting
- April 21:** Village Annual Meeting (light refreshments served at 7:00 p.m.)
- April 22:** Chevy Chase @Home's Meet and Mingle — 7:30 p.m.

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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 Committee has addressed permitting issues that have proved challenging for architects, contractors and residents to understand, as well as difficult for Village staff to administer and enforce.

Two hundred and forty (240) residents, as well as professionals and businesses including architects, contractors, fence companies and landscape designers (all of whom had done work in the Village) were directly solicited for input. In addition, requests for feedback were circulated in the *Crier* and on the Village website. Respondents were asked about their experiences with the building regulations and their suggestions for improvements.

The draft revisions to the Village Building Code have been submitted to the Village Board of Managers and to the County Council, as required by state law. Residents are invited to review the proposed changes and comment at a Public Hearing, to be held during the regular monthly Board of Managers meeting on Monday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Below is a summary of the most significant proposed changes to the Code. Some of the changes are substantive; others are more technical and/or organizational in nature, added to make the Code more user-friendly. This is an overview--please reference the applicable Code sections on the Village website for the complete provisions and permitting requirements:

- The list of items that require a Building Permit has been refined. The revised list includes: generators, geothermal systems, permanently anchored play equipment, sheds of any size, and lamp posts. This section also clarifies that while the construction, installation or replacement of some structures may not require a Building Permit they are still subject to location and setback requirements.
- Regulations regarding installation and replacement of air conditioners, heaters and generators have been slightly relaxed.
- An exception has been made to allow installation of one lamp post per property (within certain size and location parameters) forward of the twenty-five (25) foot front building restriction line. Similarly, while a building permit and right-of-way license will still be required for installation of a lamp post in the abutting public right-of-way, the installation will no longer require Board approval and the permit can be approved administratively.
- The former permitting requirement for planting a tree within seven (7) feet of the property line has been removed.
- The former provisions concerning swimming pools and outdoor therapeutic baths have been significantly streamlined and reorganized.
- The replacement of a private walkway in the public right-of-way will no longer require execution of a right-of-way license. It will, however, continue to require a building permit.
- Externally attached gutters will not be considered part of a building for purposes of side and rear yard setbacks.
- Setbacks for fences and walls (three (3) feet from a public sidewalk, and six (6) feet from the curb or nearest street edge) have been coordinated to be consistent on private property and in the public right-of-way.

Residents who have questions regarding the proposed amendments are encouraged to contact Permitting & Code Enforcement Coordinator Ms. Ellen Sands at ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov or (301) 654-7300 for more information. A redlined version of the Code highlighting all proposed changes, and the complete Ordinance proposed for adoption by the Board of Managers, are available on the Village website at www.chevychasevillagemd.gov.

In The Village

Board of Managers' Meeting Board Actions—February 10, 2014

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes:

February 10, 2014 Regular Meeting—approved.
February 10, 2014 Executive Session—approved.
February 24, 2014 Executive Session—approved.
February 24, 2014 Budget Work Session—approved.

Resident Concern over Private Property Tree Removal Permit: Request to suspend a tree permit issued to 10 Oxford Street—denied.

Variance Request:

A-6499 (a) & (b)—21 East Melrose Street

To construct (a) a two story addition, the soffit and gutter of which would encroach a maximum of one foot, ten inches (1'-10") forward of the twenty five (25) foot front (Brookville Road) building restriction line; and

(b) a stoop and one tread which would encroach a maximum of seven (7) feet forward of the twenty five (25) foot front (Brookville Road) building restriction line—approved.

Old Business & Status Reports:

Update on LED Streetlight Pilot/Purchase Authorization: Purchase six (6) teardrop mounting arms at a cost of \$4,403—approved.

New Business:

Public Hearing and Possible Board Action

Resolution No. 03-01-14: An Ordinance to amend Chapter 1, "General Provisions", Sec. 1-9, "Exemption from Montgomery County Legislation" to exempt the Village from the application of new Chapter 55 and certain provisions of Chapters 8 and Chapter 19, and to revise certain references to the County Code, and to amend Sec. 1-10, "Conduct at Meetings" to bring it in-to compliance with current legal requirements—adopted.

Proposal to Consult with a Professional Landscape Consultant to Assess and Make a Recommendation Regarding Village Parks:

Proposal to hire a landscape architect to review four (4) Village Parks and make recommendations for a comprehensive plan for each at a total cost not to exceed \$5,000—approved.

Board Consideration and Possible Approval

WSSC Paving Restoration Memorandum of Understanding: MOU between the Village and WSSC to provide reimbursement in the amount of \$186,167.22—approved.

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Board authorization to authorize the Village Manager to approve future pavement restoration MOUs between the Village and WSSC and between the Village and Washington Gas subject to review and approval by Village Counsel as to form and legal sufficiency—approved.

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

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Residents can submit comments in advance (c/o the Village office) or during the Public Hearing.

A report from Board Treasurer Mr. Gary Crockett along with a summary of the proposed budget has been included in this issue of the *Crier* in advance of the Board's **Public Hearing on Monday, April 14.** **Adoption** of the FY2015 budget and tax rates will take place during the Village's Annual Meeting on **Monday, April 21.**

In The Village

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The report identified various maintenance needs (signs that were dirty, faded, damaged, etc.) that could be corrected fairly easily, and the Village Manager directed the Public Works Department to begin that work right away. Additionally, the report recommended some changes (adding some signs, deleting others, etc.) that would require the Board of Managers to make policy decisions, and those matters were referred to the Traffic Committee at the request of the Board.

At the March regular meeting of the Board, the Traffic Committee presented its report endorsing the policy-related recommendations contained in the report from Chief Fitzgerald. At the same meeting, the Board expressed support for the Traffic Committee's recommendations, however, the Board made it clear that they wanted to invite input from the Village community at large prior to implementing the recommendations.

Recommendations included consistent placement of speed "HUMP" signs as close as possible to the speed humps themselves; new "No Parking Any Time" at 21 specific locations throughout the Village to identify the area where parking is prohibited within 30 feet of a posted "STOP" sign; additional parking restriction signs in specific locations where parked vehicles have created parking and/or travel hazards; additional "No Trucks" signs at key entry points into the Village; removal of "Children at Play" signs; replacement of the "YIELD" sign with a "STOP" sign on Magnolia Parkway as you approach Chevy Chase Circle; and a new YIELD sign on Laurel Parkway at West Melrose Street

We encourage residents to view the complete recommendations summary available on the Village website and submit comments in writing to ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov or by mail or by delivering them in person to the Village office.

Signage recommendations will be deemed approved unless objections from residents are received. Recommendations which receive objections will be referred back to the Board along with the resident(s)' concerns.

The full project timeline, the report from Chief Fitzgerald and all related memos are available on the Village website (briefing materials for the March 2014 Board Meeting). Questions regarding the recommendations should be directed to Chief Fitzgerald.

Information Meeting for Historic Area Work Permit Applications & Tax Credits for Work on Properties in the Historic District

There will be **an information meeting on Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Village Hall, with presentations by the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) staff regarding the County's Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP) application process for alterations to properties in the Historic District, and regarding the tax credits that are available for certain types of alterations and maintenance performed on these properties. Representatives of the Village's Local Advisory Panel to the HPC will also participate in the meeting.

Owners of properties in the Village's Historic District must apply for HAWPs before beginning work on alterations to their properties, and they may also apply for tax credits that will reduce their County property taxes and their State income taxes. The County property tax credit is currently 25% of the cost of eligible work, and the State income tax credit is currently 20% of the cost of eligible work. However, there are a number of conditions to be met before the tax credits can be realized.

This will be an opportunity for owners of properties in the Historic District to obtain useful information regarding both the HAWP application process and the County and State tax credits. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this beneficial informational meeting on Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. For questions regarding the meeting contact Permitting & Code Enforcement Coordinator Ms. Ellen Sands at (301) 654-7300 or ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov.

In The Village

Free Trees Available to PEPCO Customers

Pepco is providing 2,000 free trees to customers in Maryland and the District of Columbia through the Energy-Saving Trees program. Launched as a pilot initiative in 2011, the Energy-Saving Trees program helps customers conserve energy and reduces household electricity bills through strategic tree planting. Pepco customers can reserve their free trees today at www.arborday.org/pepco or by calling the Arbor Day Foundation for technical help and other questions at 1-855-670-2771.

An online tool can help Pepco customers find the most strategic location for planting and estimates the annual savings that will result from the tree. The new Energy-Saving Trees tool can run on Internet Explorer version 9, Firefox, and Google Chrome.

The Arbor Day Foundation calculates that the 2,000 trees are estimated to produce more than \$380,000 in energy savings within 20 years. Customers can reserve up to two trees per household, and the program will continue until all 2,000 trees are reserved. In exchange for the free trees, customers are expected to care for the trees and plant them in the location provided by the online tool. The 2- to 4-foot trees will be delivered directly to the customer at an ideal time for planting. The types of trees offered include eastern Redbud, Crepe Myrtle, Northern Red Oak, Red Maple, River Birch and thorn-less Honey Locust.

The Energy-Saving Trees online tool was created by the Arbor Day Foundation and the Davey Institute, a division of the Davey Tree Expert Co., and uses peer-reviewed scientific research from the USDA Forest Service's i-Tree Software to calculate estimated benefits.



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The Annual Meeting is an excellent opportunity to get caught-up on issues affecting the Village. Residents who have moved into the Village during the past year are especially encouraged to attend to see their Village government in action, and to meet Village Committee/Commission members and elected officials.

Committee/Commission Chairs and representatives will provide reports of their Committee/Commission's activities over the past year. Also at the Annual Meeting, the Board will adopt the operating budget for FY2015 (July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015) and will set the real estate and personal property tax rates for the same period. Candidates for the Board of Managers will be announced by the Elections Committee, in addition to nominations which may be received from the floor.

All residents are invited to join the Board in recapping the past year's events and accomplishments and to look ahead to the goals for the upcoming year.

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Any Village resident may run for a seat on the Board provided he/she is a registered qualified voter in the State of Maryland, has lived in Chevy Chase Village for thirty days prior to the election and files the required Financial Disclosure Statement. Board members serve two-year, staggered terms. If the number of qualified candidates equals the number of available seats, the candidates will be declared elected at the Annual Meeting on Monday, April 21, 2014. If the number of candidates exceeds the number of available seats, a contested election will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2014.

The Village Elections Committee oversees Village elections, including receiving nominations to the Board of Managers. Residents interested in running for a seat may contact Elections Committee Chair Charlotte Jones-Carroll by email at cjonescarroll@aol.com. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting (April 21, 2014).

To qualify as a candidate, an individual, including sitting Board members, must file a Financial Disclosure Statement, in proper form, with the Village Ethics Commission on or before April 7, 2014. Forms are available in the Village office or by email request to ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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

In The Village

Greening Energy Use

Green Power

Have you considered switching to renewable energy for the source of electricity that powers your home? Greening your energy supply and making your home more energy efficient are two powerful ways to lower your carbon footprint and help protect the environment. Many households are making the switch from fossil fuels to wind power and other sources of renewable energy to provide the electricity they need for home heating, lighting and other electricity needs. This can be done through simple service agreements with energy providers subcontracted by PEPCO to provide up to 100% green energy. To help residents get the best available rates neighboring communities can bundle household demand among residents and work through intermediaries who negotiate directly with energy suppliers to bring down rates. Currently, an organization called Groundswell is working with communities in Montgomery County to negotiate the best rates with green energy providers who supply PEPCO with wind power. Chevy Chase Village residents can signal their interest (not a commitment) in joining the Spring Clean Energy Group Purchase by filling out a form online **by April 16th**. The larger the group the greater the negotiating power. Click on the link below to access the form and instructions.

<http://www.groundswell.org/for-homes-interest>

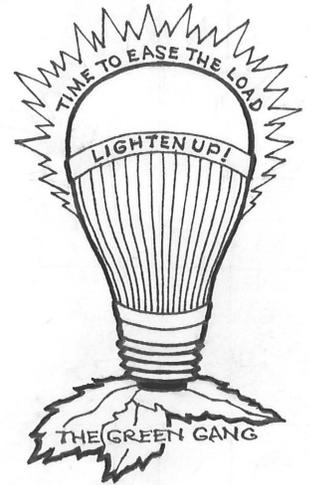
Household Energy Audits subsidized by PEPCO

Is your home leaking heat and driving up fuel costs? While living in a vintage Chevy Chase home has its charms, losing heat to leaky windows, doors, attics and basements is definitely not one of them. PEPCO is subsidizing household energy audits to the tune of \$200-\$300. Homeowners only pay \$100 of the audit costs (which can be as much as \$400). Once completed, the audit will identify a series of follow up actions to address major problems, like inadequate insulation in attic and basement, energy inefficient appliances, and how to make a home more "tight". PEPCO will subsidize up to \$2,750 of these home improvements in rebates. To access the subsidy, go to the PEPCO website and click on:

<http://homeenergysavings.pepco.com/home-performance-with-energy-star-program>

The Environment and Energy Committee of Chevy Chase Village is looking for new members. We will be convening our next meeting on Wednesday, April 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall. High on our agenda to promote sustainable living in the Village is reducing our carbon footprint. Come join us!

Submitted by the Village Environment and Energy Committee



MARYLAND RESIDENT INCOME FORM 502 TAX RETURN

OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 2013, ENDING

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 2013, please remember to enter **Chevy Chase Village** in the proper block of **Form 502/503** as shown here.



The Police Beat

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

Chevy Chase Circle Right-of-Way Rules

Chief John Fitzgerald

Every time there is a collision in 'the Circle,' Village police officers have to explain the right-of-way rules to the involved motorists. Invariably, the at-fault driver (in this scenario, the exiting car is at fault) was unaware of the rules, and they often want to argue about them. Just in case you might be a bit fuzzy on the rules, I thought it best to briefly explain them. Here goes:

1. A vehicle in the Circle has the right-of-way over any vehicle seeking to enter the Circle.
2. There is no mandatory exit lane in Chevy Chase Circle. Simply put, a driver may continue around the Circle without exiting.
3. A vehicle that continues around the Circle within its own lane has the right-of-way over all other vehicles. And that means that vehicles continuing around the Circle within their lane of travel have the right-of-way over exiting vehicles.
4. If a motorist within the Circle wants to change lanes/rings, they must yield the right-of-way to other vehicles, and they may change lanes only when it is safe to do so. It's just like changing lanes on any roadway.
5. With the exception of exits onto Connecticut Avenue, vehicles exiting the Circle must exit from the outer-most lane.
6. Vehicles exiting the Circle onto Connecticut Avenue (northbound or southbound) *may* exit from any lane, however, vehicles exiting from the inner-most or middle lanes must grant the right-of-way to all other vehicles. Remember, in order for a car to exit the Circle from either of the 2 inner lanes, it must first change lanes and cross the outer ring(s). A car changing lanes does NOT have the right-of-way over other vehicles that are continuing around the Circle (see rule #3 above).

The short, painted guidelines that exit the Circle do not grant the right-of-way to a car exiting from either of the two inner lanes. Those lines are there because often cars in all three Circle lanes simultaneously exit abreast of one another (a permissible move) onto Connecticut Avenue, and the lines help keep them from sideswiping one another.

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Please keep in mind, though, that if a car in the outer lane wants to go past Connecticut Avenue while there are inner-lane cars that want to exit, the outer-lane car has the legal right of way (again, see rule #3, above). The cars that want to exit might have to make another trip around the Circle in order to exit safely. Please be careful.

2013 Annual Police Report

The following is a summary of police activity for the previous two years.

	2012 TOTALS	2013 TOTALS
Incident Reports	1,755	1,652
Auto Collisions	82	106
Residential Alarms	287	297
Code Enforcement Checks	71	52
Code Enforcement Violations	3	2
Adult Arrests	9	12
Juvenile Arrests	0	0
Homicides	0	0
Sexual Offenses	0	0
Robberies	0	0
Assaults	2	2
Burglaries	3	4
Larcenies	97	60
Auto Thefts	2	5
Vandalism	7	3
Traffic Citations, Warnings, & Equipment Repair Orders	1,124	2,295

2013 Communications Center Report

	2012 TOTALS	2013 TOTALS
Front Office Calls	13,233	16,621
Police Department Calls	4,427	4,414
House Checks	47,865	48,831
Mail Pick Up	930	1,028
Key Pick Up/Drop Off	662	685
Walk In	1,785	1,918
House Check Requests	2,062	2,019
Trash and Recycle Complaints	31	61
Special Pick Up Requests	1,225	1,255

Community News

The Senior Corner:

Chevy Chase @ Home's Meet & Mingles

We offer our M & M programs to provide you with information and entertainment. Our times for the afternoons are from 2-4 p. m. on Tuesdays. Sometimes instead we substitute those programs with informational programs in the evening or on Saturday. On Saturday, March 8, we had a world traveler give us a slide show of her trip to the "Silk Road", with her informative and comical experiences. We will have Jan back again with more of her tours.

On March 18, we had our Annual St. Pat's Party – and some of you missed the beautiful Irish dancers (one who will compete in London soon) and the Irish treats from the Irish Inn. What a great celebration – and they have offered to come back next year.

April 1—Tuesday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.—Mitch Markowitz from Family and Nursing Care will demonstrate "Therapeutic Massage as Medicine." Come and watch or be a participant and have a massage.

April 22—An EVENING PROGRAM—7:30 p.m.—"Long Distance Care Giving." Ms. Barbara Kane, LCSW-C, founder and director of "Aging Network Services" is a pioneer in the field of Geriatric Care Management. Her agency puts families in touch with services all over the country to help with aging relatives, neighbors or friends as well as local services. This is invaluable information for anyone with loved ones out of the area.

We welcome comments, questions or suggestions for future programs, please call (301) 656-0597 or send an e-mail: bettyoconnor2@verizon.net.

*Betty O'Connor,
Chair, Village Committee for Seniors*

The Washington Winter Show Board of Directors Meeting

The Washington Winter Show, which was founded in 2010 to support health and education programs for underserved and at-risk children and families, will hold their Board of Directors meeting at the Village Hall on Wednesday, April 30, from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. This meeting is open to all Village residents.

Garden Club of Chevy Chase Open Meeting April 8

The Garden Club of Chevy Chase invites Chevy Chase Village residents to attend an Open Meeting on Tuesday, April 8 at 10:15 a.m. at the Village Hall. The speaker will be Lisa Alexander, the Director of the Audubon Naturalist Society. She will speak about how to keep birds, butterflies, and other pollinators returning to our gardens, also noting wildflowers in our area. Seating is limited.

Giving Together Art Show and Reception

Wednesday, April 23, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m.

Giving Together (GT), a giving circle that awards major grants to local nonprofits helping low-income women and children, will hold its fifth annual spring event, The HeART Show and Auction at the Village Hall on April 23. Don't miss this event if you want to invest in some beautiful art as well as help out a good cause. The event will feature an art show, silent auction and cocktail reception, with the proceeds benefiting the individuals and families helped by GT's Critical Emergency Fund. Every dollar contributed to the Fund is matched dollar for dollar by The Community Foundation of Montgomery County.

Nikki Vanasse, a prominent local artist, is a GT member and Village resident. She will curate the art show.

Village residents are welcome to attend, but must RSVP before April 18 to GT board member and Village resident Cheryl Baird at ckbaird@aol.com. A minimum contribution of \$40 at the door is requested. Consider attending this interesting event—a fun social gathering which will also provide an opportunity to learn more about the greater Montgomery County philanthropic community. Residents are welcome to join GT's community service efforts or join as full members.



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

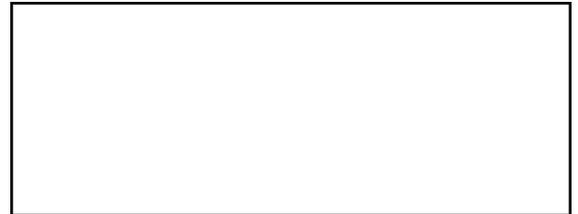
**Reminder: Annual Meeting
Monday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m.**

BOARD OF MANAGERS

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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.

Building Permits Issued in March 2014

3708 Bradley Lane	Install (2) air conditioning units
6400 Brookville Road	Construct addition and terrace
117 East Melrose Street	Upgrade electrical service
24 Grafton Street	Construct rear addition and extend driveway
5609 Grove Street	Replace fence in side yard

Springtime Reminder—Noise Regulations

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



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

Budget and Tax Matters

Notice of a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget and Tax Rates for FY2015

The Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers will convene on **Monday, April 14, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.** to hold a **public hearing** to consider the **proposed operating and capital budget and real and personal property tax rates** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending on June 30, 2015 (FY2015).

The detailed proposed budget and Capital Improvements Program (CIP) plan are available at the Chevy Chase Village Office between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. This information can also be accessed on the Village's website at www.chevychasevillagemd.gov (under "About", "Budget and Tax Information", "Proposed FY2015 Budget & CIP") or you may submit a request for this information to be mailed to you by calling (301) 654-7300.

Board Action: Adoption of the Proposed Budget and Tax Rates for FY2015

In accordance with the Charter for Chevy Chase Village, during the Village's **Annual Meeting** scheduled for the **evening of Monday, April 21, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Village Hall, the Board of Managers will take **action to adopt the proposed operating and capital budget and real and personal property tax rates** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending on June 30, 2015 (FY2015).

Enclosed in this insert you will find the following:

- Budget Overview *Page 3*
- FY2015 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget Summary *Page 4*
- FY2015 Proposed Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Summary *Page 5*

Treasurer's Comments on the Proposed FY 2015 Budget

Contained within this insert is a summary of the proposed operating and capital budgets for the fiscal year that will begin on July 1, 2014 and end on June 30, 2015 (FY 2015). An operating and capital budget along with the property tax rate for FY 2015 will be adopted by the Board of Managers at the Village's Annual Meeting on Monday, April 21, 2014. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Village, of course, keeps books that conform to standard accounting requirements. These requirements, however, can sometimes obscure the basic information residents want to see. Some of our revenue has associated expenses, and what we really want to know is how much we get after those expenses. And some of our spending is offset by reimbursements; again, what we really want to know is how much of our own money we're spending after those reimbursements. A modified budget showing these "net" revenues and expenses can be clearer than the more detailed one.

So we are providing both. In addition to the full operating budget and capital expenditure presentations, we are providing a one-page **Budget Overview**. The overview shows where we expect to get our money and how we plan to spend it. On that overview we have “netted out” two numbers:

- (1) The street maintenance expenditure shown is only what we will spend over and above spending for which utility companies will reimburse us,
- (2) The *SafeSpeed* revenue shown is only what remains after we pay the company that provides the *SafeSpeed* cameras.

The second reason for the **Budget Overview** page is that *SafeSpeed* revenue is often misunderstood. Even after the *SafeSpeed* vendor fees are deducted from the gross revenue, the remainder is not all available for discretionary spending. We have substantial internal expenses for the *SafeSpeed* program, mostly for the cost of police and administration personnel who spend part or all of their time on administering the program. To make this easier to see we have provided a single line for *SafeSpeed* operating expenses, then on the lines for Police and for General Administration we have shown only the amounts beyond what was allocated to *SafeSpeed*.

For every revenue or expense item in the **Budget Overview** we have shown the proposed amount for FY 2015, the percentage change from our current projections for FY 2014, and in some cases a comment about the reason for the change from 2014.

The proposed budget generally reflects a “business as usual” approach to governmental services and operations with no major planned operational changes, and reflects a continued Capital Improvement Program for maintaining Village vehicles and equipment and improvements to the Village’s infrastructure. Most of the planned spending increase over last year comes from three one-year capital expense items: we plan to contribute 25% of the development cost for the new Western Grove park (the remainder comes from Montgomery County), the Village Hall needs substantial roof work, and we have planned for replacing all our street lights with LED lights, although the decision to move forward with this will depend on the outcome of a test period that’s currently underway.

We are fortunate enough to have accumulated a substantial reserve in past years when tax receipts were unusually high. There is general agreement on the Board and in the Budget Committee that we would start to get uncomfortable with a reserve level of less than \$3 million. Some reserve is needed to handle the uneven cash flow that comes from tax receipt timing, and it’s prudent to have enough reserve to handle an unusual weather event or other unexpected need for cash. But as the overview shows, we expect to have twice that amount at the end of FY 2015, even after planning for a draw on reserves. The proposed budget includes a reduction in the property tax rate intended to keep our reserves at a reasonable level.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Crockett
Board Member and Treasurer

Budget Overview
Amended 4/10/2014 (Corrected figure highlighted in yellow.)

	Proposed FY 2015 Budget	Difference from Projected FY 2014	<u>Comments</u>
PROJECTED SOURCES OF FUNDS			
Income Tax	2,600,000	-2%	Basically the same figure except rounded down to be conservative.
Property Tax	940,500	-13%	The Board is proposing a \$150,000 reduction in the projected Real Property Tax revenue.
Other	454,212	+2%	
<i>SafeSpeed</i> (net of vendor contract expense)	603,500	-11%	Assuming continued driver "learning curve" on number of issued citations.
Total Projected Funds (net)	4,598,212	-6%	
PLANNED USES OF FUNDS			
Police (net of <i>SafeSpeed</i>)	789,000	+3%	Due to normal personnel cost increases partially offset by lower operations costs.
<i>SafeSpeed</i> Operating Expenses (net of vendor)	572,347	+2%	
Communications	345,266	+1%	
Public Works	879,460	+3%	
General Government (net of <i>SafeSpeed</i>)	697,395	+10%	Due to filling a previously vacant permanent position and normal annual personnel cost increases.
Legal Services	100,000	+50%	Reflects anticipated usage of legal services for various matters.
Village Hall	88,325	-7%	Lower due to a one-time payment pursuant to Post
Parks, Trees & Greenspace	195,320	+3%	New infrastructure maintenance program: contract
Street Light Operating Expenses	42,500	0%	
Misc. Capital Equipment Purchases & Projects	334,000	+58%	Due to increase in Capital Equipment purchases and traffic & park hydrology engineering studies.
Street Maintenance (net of WSSC)	200,000	+5%	
Village-Wide Sidewalk Replacement Project	140,000	-62%	Final year of a multi-year capital project, with fewer areas in need of replacement in this final year.
Street Light Upgrades	289,000	N/A	Conversion to LED streetlights subject to approval pending the current pilot program.
Western Grove Park Development	250,000	N/A	Village's contribution toward the development of the Western Grove Urban Park.
Village Hall Repairs	200,000	N/A	Series of structural repairs to the Village Hall, including a roof replacement.
Brookville Road Sidewalk Maintenance	150,000	N/A	New project to fortify the Brookville Road sidewalk.
Total Planned Expenditures (net)	5,272,613	+22%	
Planned Draw on Reserves:	(674,401)		
Planned Reserves Remaining:	6,107,265		

General Funds and SafeSpeed Budgets				
Proposed				
I. Revenue				FY2015
Income Tax				2,600,000
Property Tax				940,500
Investments & Misc. Income				44,701
Cost Recoveries/Grants				409,511
Citation Revenue				1,392,500
WSSC/Washington Gas Revenue				280,000
Total Revenue				5,667,212
II. Costs				
A. On-going Programs	Personnel	Operations		Total
<u>Department Services</u>				
Police	1,242,427	865,920		2,108,347
Communications	325,346	19,920		345,266
Public Works	570,560	308,900		879,460
General Government	616,355	123,040		739,395
Legal Counsel-General		100,000		100,000
<u>Facilities, Fleet, & Infrastructure</u>				
Village Hall		88,325		88,325
Parks, Trees, & Greenspace		195,320		195,320
Lights		42,500		42,500
Subtotal	2,754,688	1,743,925		4,498,613
Surplus/Deficit				1,168,599
B. Capital Projects				
<u>Equipment</u>				
Public Works Equipment				21,000
Crime Fighting Technology				20,000
General Government Vehicle				40,000
Police Vehicle				40,000
Police Radios				35,000
General Government Equipment				3,500
Recycling Bins				36,000
<u>Projects</u>				
Sidewalk Maintenance				3,500
Street Maintenance				480,000
Village-Wide Sidewalk Replacement				140,000
Street Light Upgrades				289,000
Western Grove Park				250,000
Laurel Park and W. Kirke Intersection Study				50,000
Laurel Park Hydrology Study				75,000
Village Hall Repairs				200,000
Street Signage				10,000
Brookville Road Sidewalk Maintenance				150,000
Subtotal				1,843,000
Total Costs				6,341,613
III. Budgeted Deficit/Draw on Reserves				(674,401)

Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and Special Projects
(Shown in thousands)

Equipment	Proposed FY2015	Total 6 Yr. Cost	Equipment/Project Description
In-car Police Radio Replacement	\$35	\$35	Replacement is required due to technology advancements. The lifespan of the radios is approximately 10 years.
Replacement of Administrative Vehicle	40	40	The replacement of the Village's administrative vehicle. This vehicle has also been commissioned as an alternative police response vehicle.
Replacement Dump Truck Beds (2)	15	15	Current truck beds have severe corrosion and need to be replaced. The new beds will be coated with an epoxy liner to prevent rust and corrosion.
Replacement Salt Spreader	6	6	Replacement is required due to increasing reliability issues and structural issues that are unreparable.
Replacement Police Cruiser	40	166	The replacement of one of the Village's three (3) police cruisers is required to support continued Village Police Department operations. The cruiser being replaced is having significant mechanical issues.
Replacement Recycling Bins	36	36	Replacement recycling bins would be a "toter" style wheeled bin with an attached lid. The new bins will have a 64-gallon capacity to promote increased household recycling.
Tuohey Conference Room Sound Improvements	3.5	3.5	This project would install sound dampening along the walls of the west side of the space to lessen the room's echo.
Sub-Total	\$175.5	\$301.5	

Projects	Proposed FY2015	Total 6 Yr. Cost	Equipment/Project Description
Street Maintenance and Repair Program	\$480*	\$1,040*	This project provides for the ongoing maintenance and repair of the Village's roadways and curbs using concrete and hot mix asphalt. This funding level anticipates repaving each Village street every 20-years.
Village Sidewalk Replacement	140	140	The FY2015 amount will permit replacement of the remaining sidewalks in the Village, subject to Board approval.
Sidewalk Maintenance Program	3.5	21	This amount will cover materials cost for ongoing sidewalk repair performed by Public Works personnel.
Village-wide Streetlight Upgrade	289	319	FY2015 amount represents funds to install new LED street lights to replace existing High Pressure Sodium bulb streetlights throughout the Village, pending the results of the Village pilot program.
Public Safety Technology	20	120	These amounts are included to permit exploration of options to introduce new public safety equipment as new technologies develop.
Western Grove Park Development	250	250	Cost-sharing between the Village and the M-NCPPC for the development of the park.
West Kirke St. and Laurel Pkwy. Intersection Improvements	50	125	Project will study the traffic flow and intersection at Connecticut Avenue, Laurel Parkway and West Kirke Street for potential traffic flow and safety improvements.
Laurel Park Hydrology and Engineering Study	75	75	This project will study the water runoff and flow through Laurel Park and the existing "rain garden" located at the south end of Laurel Park.
Village Hall Repairs	200	200	This project will address several maintenance needs throughout the Village Hall and office. Including roof repairs, painting and gutter replacement.
Chevy Chase Village Signage	10	50	Project will replace all street name signs and design and determine a location(s) for welcome signage for throughout the Village.
Brookville Road Sidewalk Maintenance	150	150	This project will address several maintenance needs required for the Brookville Road sidewalk to replenish washed out gravel.
Sub-Total	\$1,667.5*	\$2,490*	
Grand Total	\$1,843*	\$2,791.5*	

**The Village has the option to require WSSC and Washington Gas to restore streets following their water and gas main replacements or to receive a payment for doing it itself. Estimated WSSC and Washington Gas reimbursements are \$300K.*



Chevy Chase Village

Spring 2014 Classes

Chevy Chase Village is pleased to announce the following classes that will be held in the Village Hall this Spring. Please complete one registration form (reverse) for each class and return with a **check for the fee** as noted under the class description **made payable to the instructor** to: Chevy Chase Village, 5906 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

Creative Movement (2 - 3 years)

Wednesdays, 10:30 am - 11:30 am
April 23 through June 10 **or**
Thursdays, 10:00 am - 11:00 am
April 24 through June 11
Both classes are 8 weeks long
Choose either Wednesday or Thursday session.
\$80 Residents; \$100 Non-residents
Instructor: Paula Brassfield
Minimum enrollment: 6 students
*Make check payable to **Paula's Fantasy Theater.***

Pre-Ballet (4 - 5 years)

Wednesdays, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
April 23 through June 10
Class is 8 weeks long
\$80 Residents; \$100 Non-residents
Instructor: Paula Brassfield
Minimum enrollment: 6 students
*Make check payable to **Paula's Fantasy Theater.***

Ballet and Drama (5 - 7 years)

Wednesdays, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
April 23 through June 10
Class is 8 weeks long
Residents \$80; Non-residents \$100
Instructor: Paula Brassfield
Minimum enrollment: 6 students
*Make check payable to **Paula's Fantasy Theater.***

Iyengar Yoga (Adults)

Fridays, 10:30 am - 11:45 am
April 25 through June 20 (8 weeks)
\$100 Residents; \$120 Non-residents
Drop-Ins: \$20 Residents; \$25 Non-residents
Instructor: Giulia Mainieri
Minimum enrollment: 5 students
*Make check payable to **Giulia Mainieri.***

NEW! Music for Toddlers (1 - 4 years)

Children and their caregivers will share the joy of music using instruments, singing, parachute games, puppets, scarves, dancing, and sign language in this fun and creative class. Music educator Amber Dutton-Hanlon uses sound pedagogical techniques in an environment that's positive and fun for both kids and their caregivers. Children will learn about rhythm, repetition, patterns, musical form, etc. and their parents and caregivers will find this is an excellent "friend-making" environment that they'll enjoy right along with the children!

Tuesdays, 10:00 am - 11:00 am
April 22 through June 10
\$140 Residents; \$160 Non-residents
Instructor: Amber Dutton-Hanlon
Minimum enrollment: 5 students
*Make check payable to **Meadowlark Music.***

NEW! Collage Workshop (Adults)

Even if you haven't mastered drawing stick figures you can create stunning pieces of art in this hands-on workshop guaranteed to bring out the artist in each student! Students will explore a variety of sources and themes—nature, family, travel, hobbies, etc. and combine personal memorabilia (ticket stubs, copies of photos, a favorite poem, bric-a-brac) with materials provided (paints, acrylic gel medium, fabrics, collage boards, etc.) to create 3 or more collages to take home. Instructor's work has been featured in galleries throughout the US, and she has taught at the Hirshhorn and Smithsonian as well as AU and Montgomery County high schools. Materials included in fee.

Thursdays, 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm
May 1 through May 29
\$75.00 Residents; \$90 Non-residents
Instructor: Michele Colburn
Minimum enrollment: 5 students
*Make check payable to **Michele Colburn.***

Chevy Chase Village
2014 Spring Class Registration Form

Student's Name _____

Name of Parent/Guardian (if child) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ **Email** _____

Class _____ **Payment** _____ **Village Resident? Yes** ___ **No** ___

Waiver of Liability and Release

Signature required for all classes!

I, individually and/or as the parent/guardian of the minor child named below, recognize that Chevy Chase Village is not responsible for the content or teaching of this course/activity and makes no warranties, and specifically disclaims any warranties, with respect thereto.

As a participant in any program or class offered by Chevy Chase Village, I recognize and acknowledge that there are possible risks of physical injury, and I agree to assume the full risk of injuries, including death, damages or loss that I or my minor child may sustain as a result of participating in any activities connected with or associated with such program or class.

I/my minor child agree to participate in the course/activity upon the express agreement and understanding that I, individually and/or as the parent/guardian of the minor child named below, am hereby waving and releasing Chevy Chase Village, its officers, managers, employees and agents from any and all claims, costs, liabilities, expenses or judgments including attorneys' fees and court costs (herein, collectively referred to as "claims") arising out of my/my minor child's participation in the aforesaid course/activity and any illness, injury or death resulting therefrom and hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless Chevy Chase Village, its officers, managers, employees and agents from and against all such claims, except claims proximately caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of Chevy Chase Village.

I have read and understand this document. I am over the age of eighteen (18) years and am competent to enter into this waiver and release. I hereby execute and deliver this waiver and release voluntarily and with full understanding of the contents and consequences thereof.

Signature of Participant OR Participant's Parent/Guardian
(if under the age of 18 years)

Date

For office use only:

Amount Received: _____

Date Received: _____

Received by: _____