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*Board of Managers' Meeting  
Chevy Chase Village Hall  
Monday, June 9, 2014  
at 7:30 p.m.*

### Appeals

None.

*Note: The full agenda will be available on the Village website by Friday, June 6.*

**July Appeal Deadline:**  
6/23 at 5:00 p.m.

### Save these Dates for Upcoming Events:

**June 3:** Chevy Chase@Home's Meet and Mingle—7:30 p.m.

**June 7:** Shredding Event at the Village Hall—10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**June 9:** Board of Managers' Meeting

**June 17:** Chevy Chase@Home's Meet and Mingle—7:30 p.m.

**July 4:** Parade to The Park and Party

**August 5:** National Night Out

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## Village to Celebrate 4th of July

Many Village residents are expected to participate in the Annual Chevy Chase Village **July 4th Parade to the Park**. Parade assembly will begin at 10:15 a.m. at the Village Hall. The parade will be led by the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service (subject to active service calls to which they would have to respond). At 10:30 a.m. sharp participants will make their way to the Oliver Street Park where entertainment and refreshments will be available for all to enjoy.

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## Proposed Sidewalk Replacements for FY2015

At the Board of Managers' May meeting, Village staff presented an overview of the Village's sidewalk replacement project. The presentation included a summary of past Board and Public Works Committee actions, a project background, an overview of the past years' sidewalk replacements, and a proposed schedule for replacements for the next fiscal year (beginning July 1). A copy of the full presentation is available on the Village's website at [www.chevychasevillagemd.gov](http://www.chevychasevillagemd.gov) by clicking on the "Capital Improvements and Utility Upgrade Projects" link under *Quick Links*.

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## Summer is Noisier than Winter, but...

*recent changes to the Village noise law will help*

With the onset of warmer weather, landscaping crews and construction workers will be in high gear. We are already hearing the sounds of lawn mowers, leaf blowers, circular saws and hammers. While we all must tolerate noise from time to time as a part of our daily lives, some noise is simply too loud or is unreasonable for the time of day. The Village Code contains some specific noise restrictions that allow for a reasonable amount of noise during certain hours of the day, while enabling residents to enjoy peace and quiet at other times.

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## The Crier is Getting a New Look!

When September rolls around this year, you'll discover a brand new Village *Crier* in your mailbox – one that's undergone a make-over and has a whole new look!

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## Chevy Chase Village Shredding Event

Patriot Shredding will be on-site to shred residents' personal documents free of charge at the Village Hall on **Saturday, June 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Residents may either drop off their boxes and leave or stay and watch as the documents are shredded.

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

Telephone: 301-654-7300, Fax: 301-907-9721, Email: [ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov), Website: [www.chevychasevillagemd.gov](http://www.chevychasevillagemd.gov)

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As outlined in the presentation, staff has proposed that the following sections of sidewalk be replaced, subject to Board review and approval, during the fourth year of this project:

- East Kirke Street
- East Melrose Street
- Grove Street (between Oliver Street and Cedar Parkway)
- Intersection of Kirkside Drive and Grove Street
- Nevada Avenue
- Summerfield Road

Sections of sidewalk along the above listed streets have several areas that are in disrepair, are uneven, have edges that have begun to fall away, are missing bricks and/or have up-heaved sections due to existing or former mature tree roots. Resident feedback on the proposed year 4 schedule for this project will remain open until the Public Hearing at the June 9 Board meeting.

Please see the above-referenced page on the Village website to review the current project schedule, including streets completed in years 1 through 3, and the current staff proposal for year 4. Remaining sections of sidewalk, including those around the Village Hall and along the Belmont Buffer, are currently not shown for replacement, but will be reassessed and subject to Board approval for replacement in future fiscal years.

Residents may send their comments to the Board c/o the Village office at [ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov).

## 2014 Resident Directory

Update forms were mailed to each Village household in May. Please remember to return your completed update form no later than **June 10, 2014** so changes and corrections may be made to your listing prior to the printing of the new Resident Directory. The update form has also been made available on the Village's website at [www.chevychasevillagemd.gov](http://www.chevychasevillagemd.gov).

Residents will be able to pick-up a copy of the 2014 Resident Directory at and following this year's July 4th Celebration. Copies of the 2013 Resident Directory are still available in the Village office.

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A moon bounce and a sprinkler area will ensure a fun time for the kids along with Ms. Paula (a.k.a. *Betsy Ross*) doing face painting, sack races and plenty of fun for the entire family. Watermelon, popcorn and popsi-cles will be served along with plenty of cold beverages.

The Village Police will be on-hand at the Park to register bikes. If it rains, the celebration will be held in the Village Hall. Please see the enclosed flyer and plan to attend this year's parade and party!



**Steer Clear of  
Illegal Tree Workers**  
*Do Not Hire Tree Workers Who  
Knock on Your  
Door and Offer Services*

State law requires persons who do tree work to be licensed by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR). It is a crime for anyone to offer or perform such services without being a Licensed Tree Expert (LTE)--even if they are licensed to do similar work in another state. Virtually all of the tree workers in the region are aware of this, yet time and again, "tree experts" from Virginia or elsewhere drive through the Village offering their services.

**Do not hire these folks.** Here is what we have learned:

- The LTE certification ensures that the contractor has received training in safe tree practice. It also protects homeowners in the event of an accident or damage to property--yours or your neighbor's.
- Some of these workers have defrauded residents—especially the elderly—by charging exorbitant rates for minimal work. County police investigators have seen cases where homeowners have paid thousands of dollars for little or no work at all.
- Some of these workers have had active arrest warrants and significant criminal histories.
- They will often assure residents that the proper permits have been obtained when that is not true. Remember, it is ultimately the resident's responsibility to obtain the proper tree removal permit from the Village.

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# In The Village

## Board of Managers' Meeting Board Actions—May 12, 2014

**Oath of Office Ceremony:** Ms. Loretta Knight, Clerk of the Circuit Court swore in Michael L. Denger and Robert C. Goodwin. (Elissa Leonard was absent and was subsequently sworn in at the County Clerk's office.)

**Election of Officers:** The Board voted unanimously to appoint the following slate of officers—Michael L. Denger, Chair; Patricia S. Baptiste, Vice-Chair; Richard Ruda, Secretary; David L. Winstead, Assistant Secretary; Gary Crockett, Treasurer; Robert C. Goodwin, Jr., Assistant Treasurer.

**Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes:**  
April 14, 2014 Executive Session—approved.  
April 14, 2014 Regular Meeting—approved.

### Variance Requests:

**A-6534 (Variance Request): 5810 Connecticut Avenue.** Maintain a freestanding (pizza) oven that was constructed in the south (side) yard and that encroaches one foot, four inches (1'-4") into the side yard setback—approved.

**A-6532 (Variance Request): 5910 Cedar Parkway.** Relocate and construct steps that would encroach a maximum of three feet, ten and three-eighths inches (3'-10 3/8") forward of the twenty-five (25) foot front building restriction line—approved.

### Committee Reports:

**Tree Committee:** The Board considered the Committee's suggested List of Undesirable Trees (per. Sect. 17-3(a)(7) of the Urban Forest Code) which was adopted to include: Mulberry, Boxelder, Bradford Pear, Tree of Heaven, Leyland Cypress, False Cypress, and Arborvitae.

### New Business:

**Capital Improvement Program—Sidewalk Replacements:** Staff proposed FY2015 Schedule—no action taken. (See cover article "Proposed Sidewalk Replacements for FY2015.")

**Resolution No. 05-01-14:** Traffic Control Signage—approved.

**Staff Proposed Amendments to the Village's Speed Hump Policy**—approved.

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**Resolution No. 05-02-14:** An Ordinance to adopt Sec. 3-20 (Personnel Code) to establish and amend a retirement plan for Village personnel—approved.

**Staff Presentation of New Designs for the Monthly Newsletter, the *Crier***—approved.

### Purchase Authorizations (FY2015 Budget):

- Fully-outfitted General Government vehicle from Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc. in the amount of \$28,748—approved.
- Fully-outfitted Police patrol car from Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc. in the amount of \$34,342—approved.

*This is a synopsis of the Board's actions. To view an archive of the approved minutes, please visit the Village website: [www.chevychasevillagemd.gov](http://www.chevychasevillagemd.gov) by clicking on Governance, Board of Managers, Board Meeting Minutes.*

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## Rent the Village Hall for your Next Event!

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# In The Village

## Low Chemical Lawn Care

Last year the Board voted to limit the use of pesticides use in the upkeep of the Village Parks. We can extend this same practice to our own backyards. Below is an excerpt from an article by Diane Lewis, a physician and founder of the Great Healthy Yard Project.

### The Toxic Brew in Our Backyards

Spring gardening is in full swing and many of us will be using chemicals like glyphosate, carbaryl, malathion and 2,4-D. But they can end up in drinking water, and in some cases these compounds or their breakdown products are linked to an increased risk for cancer and hormonal disruption.

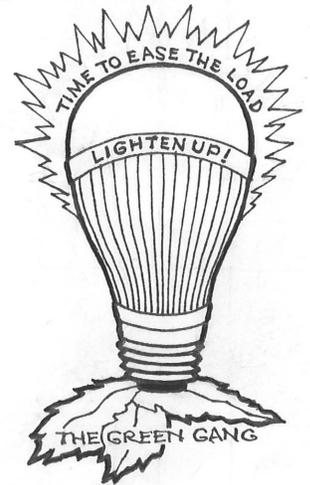
Homeowners who use these toxins on their yards and gardens are exposing themselves to significant risks. They aren't necessary. Together we can make a substantial improvement in our water quality simply by refraining from using synthetic pesticides, weed killers and fertilizers on a routine basis. Occasional localized use to deal with an otherwise uncontrollable infestation, or to deal mindfully with an invasive species, is not the problem, but routine, frequent and widespread use is.

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service says **homeowners use up to 10 times more chemicals per acre than farmers do**. Some of these chemicals rub off on children or pets, but most are washed with rainwater into our streams, lakes and rivers or are absorbed into our groundwater. These are the sources of our drinking water, and tests show these chemicals are indeed contaminating our water supply.

The amounts of these chemicals are small but they have a cumulative effect. Many chemicals that we use very casually on our lawns cause long-term health problems in ways that have only recently been understood. They "disrupt," or throw out of whack, the endocrine system, made up of glands and hormones that control almost every aspect of our bodies' functions.

In the last decade or so, plenty of homeowners have been rejecting the emerald green lawn and planting with species that do not demand chemicals and constant watering. But not nearly enough of us have taken that step. Natural care of our yards and gardens is surprisingly easy. Increasing diversity in a lawn by adding clover helps supply nutrition naturally because clover fixes nitrogen from the air and makes it available to other plants. Leaving grass clippings not only returns nitrogen to the lawn, but also prevents it from drying out. Letting grass grow to four inches allows the roots to grow long so the grass can absorb more water and excess nutrients during a storm, and withstand a drought. Plants that are native to a region require less water and care and support animals and wildlife, so you will see more birds and butterflies.

This is a surprisingly easy way to have cleaner water and a healthier population.



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The first thing you'll notice is the different paper. By printing the *Crier* on white paper instead of the current blue parchment, readability will be greatly enhanced. Photos and graphics will be crisper and cleaner, too. The new *Crier* format will be better organized and more user-friendly to help you find the information you're looking for quickly and efficiently. We hope you'll find these improvements were worth the wait.



Contact the Village prior to beginning any building or home improvement project, including installation or replacement of driveways, fences and air conditioning units.

Email the Village office  
[ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov)  
to verify if a permit is required for your project.



# The Police Beat

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

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## Noise from Power Landscaping Equipment

Several years ago, in order to provide some relief to residents, the Board of Managers amended the Village noise law to prohibit the use of power landscaping equipment (lawn mowers, leaf blowers, etc.) before 8am and after 6pm on weekdays, and before 9am and after 6pm on weekends and holidays.

## Construction Noise

While the above change curtailed the sound of leaf blowers and the like during certain hours, the Village Police Department continued to receive complaints from residents who were troubled by construction noise starting in the early morning or continuing into the evening hours. In response to that concern, last year, the Board of Managers again modified our local noise law to restrict construction-related noise. Noise-generating construction activity is now prohibited before 8am and after 6pm on weekdays, and before 9am and after 6pm on weekends and holidays (the same hours that apply to power landscaping equipment). The law holds a person responsible whether they make the noise, *or permit someone else* to make it (that means that residents violate the law when they allow their landscaper or contractor to violate the law on their property). Examples of prohibited noise-generating construction activity include:

- Loading, unloading or moving construction vehicles, materials supplies or equipment;
- Using power tools or equipment;
- Using noise-producing hand tools; and
- Operating machinery.

When residents hear construction noise or power landscaping equipment during the prohibited hours, they are encouraged to call the Communications Center right away. An officer will be dispatched and will order the violator to stop immediately. Officers will seek compliance with the noise law, and they will issue a citation for non-compliance.

## Other Noise Disturbances

In addition to the provisions above, the Village has adopted the Montgomery County noise ordinance. That law prohibits any noise that is in excess of specific limits as measured in decibels. These measurable noise limits vary based on the time of day (higher for

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daytime hours, lower for nighttime hours), but they apply with little variation to all noise sources. The Village Police Department has a calibrated sound meter, and all of our police officers have been trained to use it to measure the level of a noise source.

## Do Your Part

First and foremost, residents must prohibit their landscapers and contractors from starting their work during the restricted hours; doing so will prevent much of the problem. And whenever a resident hears a noise that they feel is annoying, offensive or unreasonable for the time of day, they should call the Communications Center right away and an officer will be dispatched to investigate.

## SAVE THE DATE! "National Night Out"

The Chevy Chase Village Community and Police Department will be participating in National Night Out the evening of **Tuesday, August 5, 2014**. This is a great time to meet your fellow residents, police department personnel, and other first responders. Please join us in Newlands Park from **6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** for food, fun and giveaways!



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If anyone offers to perform tree work at your home, please call the Village Police Department immediately. We will respond and investigate.

If you want to remove a tree that is on your property, the first thing that you must do is contact Ms. Ellen Sands at the Village Hall. She will explain the 2-step process to you which will involve an inspection by the Village arborist, and then the issuance of a permit. She can assist you in navigating this process.

Finally, before you hire any tree service company, we recommend that you first verify that the contractor is a Licensed Tree Expert as certified by the DNR. The web address below will take you directly to the page on DNR's website that lists all licensed tree companies in Maryland. We also recommend getting competitive estimates before making your final decision. <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/forests/programapps/newtreeexpert.asp>.

# Community News

## The Senior Corner:

### Chevy Chase@Home's Meet & Mingles Tuesdays 2-4 P.M. and Evenings 7:30 P.M.

We had a fabulous demonstration of Ikebama Flower Arrangements in May—beauty created before our eyes by a certified teacher. And our evening program provided us with information on eye problems and diseases by a noted eye specialist. Please mark your calendars for our future programs so that you will not miss them.

**June 3**—Tuesday 2-4 p.m.—Chevy Chase resident, **Mary Kate Carey**, a former speech writer for President H. W. Bush, will be our featured speaker. Mary Kate specializes in political and corporate communications. She is also a contributing editor for U.S. News and World Report and an NPR commentator. She will provide us with insights about working in the White House and talk about her current work on a documentary film.

**June 17**—Tuesday 2-4 p.m.—**Reversed Mortgages – What You Need to Know—Babby Landon**, a licensed loan officer, (and the daughter of a CC@Home member) will discuss what they are, who is eligible, what they cost, options available and understanding the practical applications. This is a topic that is being offered by many and it is important to know the facts.

**July 17**—Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.—our movie this summer will be the 1952 Classic “The Quiet Man”, starring John Wayne. As usual, we will have our great commentator, Jerry Bernstein, to give us the background and “color” for the movie. Be sure to save the date and bring your friends to enjoy our Movie in the Hall.

Remember we provide these programs for you and encourage you to send us your comments and requests. They are sponsored by Chevy Chase Village and Chevy Chase@Home. Invite your friends and neighbors to enjoy the programs and the refreshments that we have at all our events. Please feel free to call me at (301) 656-0597 or email me at [bettyoconnor2@verizon.net](mailto:bettyoconnor2@verizon.net).

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



Bringing MVA Services to You

The mobile service bus will visit the Friendship Heights Village Center along Friendship Boulevard on **Monday, June 23 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** For more information, call (301) 656-2797 or visit: [www.FriendshipHeightsmd.gov](http://www.FriendshipHeightsmd.gov).

## Meeting Follow Up - Tax Credits for Work on Village Historic District Properties



Mr. Scott Whipple of the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) staff presented information regarding the tax credits that are available for certain types of alterations and maintenance performed on properties in the Chevy Chase Village Historic District. As follow-up to the meeting, the audio recording of his talk and his Powerpoint presentation are now available on the Village's web site

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. There are a number of conditions to be met before the tax credits can be realized.

For questions regarding the meeting contact Permitting & Code Enforcement Coordinator Ms. Ellen Sands at (301) 654-7300 or [ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov) or contact the Historic Preservation Commission directly at 301-563-3400 or via their web site:



## 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.



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Chevy Chase, MD 20815

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Join your neighbors for the 4th of July Parade to the Park! See the enclosed flyer for details.

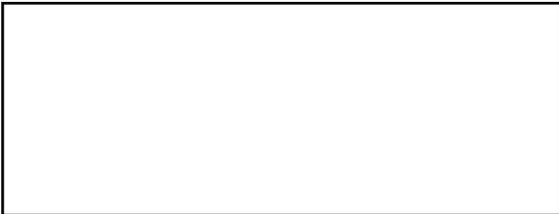


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**VILLAGE MANAGER**

Shana R. Davis-Cook



**Public Works Department/Trash Collection**



Resident input regarding the contracted services for trash and recycling collection is an important factor during the evaluation of these services.

The Village provides rear-door collection of refuse and recycling as a convenience to our residents. Please leave your gates unlocked to allow access to your receptacles and remember to contact the Communications Center if either your refuse or your recycling was not collected.

On windy collection days, please weigh down the lids to your paper and trash receptacles. This small effort saves the collection crew from chasing lids and debris all over the neighborhood and ensures your lids aren't lost.

**Special Pickups of bulk items are collected on Wednesdays. Requests must be submitted either by phone or the Village website by 2:00 p.m. on the preceding Tuesday to ensure collection.**

**Holiday Trash Schedule For July 4th Week**

Recycling and trash pick-ups will slide one day.

<b>If your Normal Collection Day is...</b>	<b>Your Collection Day will be....</b>
Friday (7/4)	Saturday

**Building Permits Issued in May 2014**

- 5514 Center St. Construct 2-story addition
- 5604 Montgomery St. Replace existing fence
- 6131 Nevada Ave. New patio/remove hardscape
- 6135 Nevada Ave. Install drain pipes in R.O.W.
- 29 Quincy St. Renew sewer connections
- 16 West Kirke St. Portable Storage Unit
- 16 West Lenox St. Replace asphalt driveway



**Before You Leave For Vacation...**

If you will be away from home for more than twenty-four hours, contact the Communications Center at (301) 654-7300 to arrange for a house check. House check requests can also be submitted via the Village's website at [www.chevychasevillagemd.gov](http://www.chevychasevillagemd.gov). (click on "Police Services" under the "Police" tab.)

# Parade to the Park

**Friday, July 4th, 2014**

**Assemble at the Village Hall at 10:15 a.m.**

**Parade leaves the Village Hall at 10:30 a.m.**

**Refreshments at the Park until 12:30 p.m.**

**Dress up your bikes, strollers and wagons.  
Bring the whole family!**

**In the event of rain, party will be  
held in the Village Hall.**

