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Annual Meeting Notes

The 100th Chevy Chase Village Annual Meeting was held on Monday, April 21. The evening began with light refreshments and mingling among the attending residents.

Board Chair Patricia Baptiste began the Annual Meeting by presenting her State of the Village Report (see below).

The Board of Managers welcomed Delegates Alfred C. Carr, Jr. and Jeffrey Waldstreicher.

Village Manager, Shana Davis-Cook presented a summary of the year's events, including:

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*Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall
Monday, May 12, 2014
at 7:30 p.m.*

Appeals

5810 Connecticut Avenue
5910 Cedar Parkway

Note: The full agenda will be available on the Village website by Friday, May 9.

June Appeal Deadline:
5/23 at 5:00 p.m.

Save these Dates for Upcoming Events:

May 7: Board Candidates' Reception

May 10: Board of Managers' Election—
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

May 12: Board of Managers' Meeting

May 14: Chevy Chase @Home's Meet and Mingle—7:30 p.m.

May 26: Memorial Day—Administrative Offices & Public Works Closed

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State of The Village Report

Board of Managers Chair Ms. Patricia Baptiste presented the **State of the Village**. Ms. Baptiste began by commenting that prior accomplishments were built on this year and that there were no major issues such as traffic lights at Chevy Chase Circle, earthquakes, or derechos.

- Every street and sidewalk seems to have been affected by capital maintenance and upgrades, but the sidewalk replacement project is almost complete. Michael Younes, Director of Municipal Operations, has been wonderful in keeping the water and gas companies attentive to the needs of the residents.
- The development of the old Wohlfarth property, which is now officially known as Western Grove Park, should take place in the next fiscal year with some financial support by the Village. Most of the funding will be coming from Montgomery County, as the property is a Montgomery County park.

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Committee Annual Reports

Eleven committees presented annual reports outlining their committees' activities over the past year and their goals for the coming year. Below is a synopsis of each committee's presentation:

Parks & Greenspaces: Co-Chair Susan Kilborn stated that the purpose of the committee is to preserve, maintain, and improve the Village's parks and greenspaces. The Committee is currently working with a local landscape architect and garden designer on a 3 - 5 year plan for four of the Village's parks.

Audit: Chair Gail Feldman reported that the Village received a clean audit for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2013. In the spring the Audit Committee recommended that the Village renew its contract with Lindsay & Associates, who have been the auditors for the last three years due to their outstanding performance.

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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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Ethics: Chair Brian Christaldi reported that the first year of transition to be in compliance with the new Ethics Code went smoothly. The Commission provided informal assistance for potential filers in respect to the new financial disclosure requirements.

Budget: Member Lawrence Heilman stated that a substantial reserve has been accumulated due to past years' high tax receipts. The proposed budget for FY2015 includes a reduction in the property tax rate intended to keep the reserves at a reasonable level.

Public Safety: Chair Saul Goodman reported that the Committee continues to work with the Board of Managers and police department on public safety matters and initiatives.

Chevy Chase Open Space: Staff Liaison to the Committee Michael Younes advised that during the past year the Committee has been working with County's Park & Planning staff and the Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers to develop a plan for the Western Grove Park (formally known as the Wohlfarth property). This fall, a development plan was approved by the County Parking & Planning Commission along with a construction budget, which was forwarded to the County Council and County Executive. The County Executive has recommended funding in the upcoming FY2015 budget, year which is scheduled for Council adoption at the end of May.

Local Advisory Panel to the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC): Chair Thomas Bourke explained that the LAP continues to review residents' applications submitted to the County's HPC for Historic Area Work Permits to ensure its proper administration of the historic review process.

Environment & Energy: Co-Chair Dr. Marilyn Bracken reiterated that the Committee's focus is to reduce the Village's environmental footprint and raise awareness by sponsoring lectures and working with neighboring communities to share good practices.

Traffic: Chair Porter Wheeler reported that the Committee focused on the Connecticut Avenue Pedestrian Crossing; the Village staff's traffic sign survey; and followed Maryland State Highway Administration's proposed Wisconsin Avenue Sidewalk project.

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Tree Committee: Chair Samuel Lawrence spoke on behalf of both the Tree Committee and the Tree Ordinance Board. The Village has identified 102 planting sites for trees along Connecticut Avenue. 21 are already in place with 10 more to be planted in the next few weeks. There are 35 trees to be planted in the public rights-of-way along the interior streets. The Tree Ordinance Board handled five cases over the past year and there was one appeal which was later withdrawn by the owner.

2013 Maryland Smoke Alarm Law

The State of Maryland has passed a new law requiring the replacement of all BATTERY-ONLY operated smoke alarms with units powered by sealed-in, 10-year long-life batteries. The "sealed in" battery means the 9-volt battery that powers the unit can no longer be changed out- the entire unit must be replaced. Note that this law applies to battery-only units, NOT hardwired-battery-back-up units. Residents have until January 1, 2018 to comply with the new law.

All smoke alarms have expiration dates. Both hardwired and battery-operated smoke alarms must be replaced every ten years but many people are not aware of this expiration and just keep replacing batteries in expired units. New dual powered (hardwired and battery back-up) units will be manufactured with the sealed-in battery as well, so that upon expiration replacement units will comply with the new regulation.

Anyone selling their property will have to provide a disclosure form including whether the smoke alarms (1) are over 10 years old and (2) if battery-operated, are the sealed, tamper-resistant units incorporating a silence/hush button and use long-life batteries as required in all Maryland homes by 2018.

Smoke alarms are required to be located outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home including basements (finished or unfinished). For homes constructed or remodeled since 1994, smoke alarms have been required inside all sleeping rooms. For maximum protection, fire officials recommend installing smoke alarms in sleeping rooms regardless of the year of construction. **If your smoke alarm has not been replaced since 2003, it's time!**

In The Village

Board of Managers' Meeting Board Actions—April 14, 2014

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes:

March 10, 2014 Regular Meeting—approved.

Commission & Committee Appointments:

Building Facilities Commission: Board Appointment of Pamela Murphy (East Kirke Street) as Committee Chair—approved.

Elections Committee Request for Board Appointment of Alternate Election Judges: Anne Heilman (Grafton St.), Mary Sheehan (W. Kirke St.), and Karen Spangler (Grove St.)—approved.

Old Business & Status Reports:

Public Hearing (second of two): Draft Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2014 (FY2015)
No comments were heard from the floor.

New Business:

Resolution No. 04-01-14: An Ordinance to repeal and re-enact Chapter 8, "Buildings and Building Regulations" in its entirety—approved.

Resolution No. 04-02-14: An Ordinance to amend Chapter 6, "Fees and Fines", Sec. 6-2, "Fees and Charges for Permits and Services", and Sec. 6-3, "Municipal Infraction Fines", to conform to amendments to Chapter 8, "Buildings and Building Regulations"—approved.

Resolution No. 04-03-14: An Ordinance to amend Chapter 25, "Public Rights-of-Way", to clarify that a License to Use the Public Right-of-Way is not required for the replacement of any private walkway within the public right-of-way; to require a License to Use the Public Right-of-Way for a handrail required for safety on or beside steps in a yard where there is a change in grade and for a lamp post; and require that certain retaining walls intended to be placed in the right-of-way must be designed by a structural engineer and to include certain definitions and to amend Chapter 6, "Penalties, Fees and Fines", Sect. 6-3, "Municipal Infraction Fines" to conform to Chapter 25 amendments—approved.

Contract Extension Authorizations

- Consulting Arborist—second of two one year options with *Feather & Associates*—approved.

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- Refuse and Recycling Collection—second of two one year options with *Unity Disposal and Recycling, LLC*—approved.

Purchase Authorization Request: Spring Tree Plantings from Stadler Nursery—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.

MVA ON WHEELS

The mobile service bus will visit the Friendship Heights Village Center along Friendship Boulevard on **Monday, May 19 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** For more information, call (301) 656-2797 or visit: www.FriendshipHeightsMD.gov.

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- 14 variances and 8 special permit cases prepared by staff for Board consideration.
- 6 administrative appeals and 11 licenses for private improvements in Village public rights-of way were considered and approved by the Building Officer and Village Manager.
- 157 administrative Building Permits were reviewed and approved including two for the construction of two new homes on the east side of the Village.
- Tree Removal permits for 67 dead, sick, declining, or hazardous trees were issued administratively.

The Board adopted the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 and levied a tax on real property at a rate of \$.085 per \$100 of assessed value (fair market value), and at a rate of \$.66 per \$100 of assessed value on personal property.

Elections Committee Chair Charlotte Jones-Carroll reported that there were four candidates running for three seats on the Board. There were no additional nominations from the floor.

The Village wishes to extend a special thanks to Oliver Street resident Susan Kilborn of the Village Parks and Greenspaces Committee, for providing beautiful flower arrangements for the evening in memory of Alice Kinter, a long-time resident of Hesketh Street and former Chair of the Parks & Greenspaces Committee.

In The Village

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- Board Members Michael Denger and Elissa Leonard have been working with the Parks and Greenspaces Committee to assess the Village's parks and greenspaces and create a 5-year plan for most.
- Time was spent working on zoning issues due to Montgomery County rewriting their entire zoning code. All of the zoning for the Chevy Chase Center property and all of the development has changed. Outside counsel was hired and lobbied to have special language included in the rezoning that will protect the limitations that the Village achieved in litigation years ago.
- The Chevy Chase Lake sector plan was passed and there will be major imminent re-development occurring in that area that will have a strong impact on traffic along Connecticut Avenue .
- The Board has spent a lot of time and energy revising the Village Code. Sections of the Noise Ordinance and the Procurement Ordinance were revised. There were changes to the way Public Rights-of-Way were treated and the largest piece of work, the complete rewrite of Chapter 8, which is the Building Code. Mary Sheehan, of West Kirke Street, headed up the committee who worked on making it more user-friendly.
- The Village continues its aggressive tree planting program thanks to Samuel Lawrence, Chair of the Tree Committee, and Board Member Michael Denger who was the prior Chair of the Committee. The number of trees planted annually was doubled including 80 plantings sites along Connecticut Avenue.

Looking into next year, the Board's priorities will include:

- A signalized crossing in front of the Village Hall across Connecticut Avenue. Board Members David Winstead, Robert Goodwin, and Gary Crockett will work on a committee with Village Traffic Committee Chair Porter Wheeler of Oxford Street and member Jan Acton of East Lenox Street.
- There will be an ongoing review of Village committees headed by Board Members Michael Denger, Richard Ruda, and Elissa Leonard to review the structure of existing committees and the areas they are assigned.

Finally, on behalf of the Board, Ms. Baptiste thanked the dedicated staff who make the Village run day-to-day, including, Village Manager Shana Davis-Cook, Director of Municipal Operations Michael Younes, Finance Director Demetri Protos, Public Works Supervisor Jerry Lesesne, and Police Chief John Fitzgerald for all the good work that they and the entire Village staff do. Ms. Baptiste's also noted a special thanks to Ms. Suellen Ferguson who has completed her first year as Village Counsel and in that time has represented the Village well including being incredibly helpful in rewriting sections of the Village Code and internal policies.

Smooth Operator 2014 Begins This Month

Smooth Operator 2014 is a statewide traffic safety enforcement effort in which the Village Police Department will be participating. The program runs intermittently all summer long in three 1-week and one 2-week 'waves' of enforcement throughout the state. At least 50% of the time that our officers spend on this targeted enforcement campaign will be between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.



Smooth Operator is a grant-funded program and the state will reimburse the Village for the time our officers spend during each enforcement wave. Village officers will be focusing primarily on four violations that are known to contribute to collisions and injuries:

1. Speeding,
2. Driving Under the Influence of alcohol or drugs,
3. Failure to use seat belts, and
4. Distracted driving.

Please do your part and make traffic safety the highest priority whenever you are driving. Don't speed. Buckle up. Drive sober. And please, please have the will power to put all of your electronic devices away until you reach your destination. Please.

In The Village

Village Board Adopts New Building Code

(New Code went into effect on April 28)

Revisions to the Village Building Code were approved by the Board of Managers during its regular meeting on April 14, following a public hearing. The revised Code went into effect on April 28. The complete Ordinance is now available to view on the Village website (<http://www.chevychasevillagemd.gov/c/317/Our-Regulations-and-Policies>) and hard copies are available at the Village office.

Below is an overview of the most significant changes.

- Regulations regarding the replacement of air conditioners, heaters and generators have been slightly relaxed.
- A Building Permit will now be required to install/construct or replace generators, geothermal systems, permanently anchored play equipment, sheds of any size, and lamp posts. As was the case previously, some structures which may not require a Building Permit to install, construct or replace will continue to be subject to location and setback requirements.
- One lamp post per property (within certain size and location parameters) will now be permitted 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 the 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.
- Externally attached gutters will not be considered part of a building for purposes of side and rear yard setbacks.
- 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 were significantly streamlined and reorganized; setbacks remain the same as previously.
- Execution of a License to Use the Public Right-of-Way is no longer required for the replacement of a private walkway located within the abutting public right-of-way; however, a Building Permit will continue to be required for this work.
- A consistent setback has been established for fences and walls three (3) feet from a public sidewalk, and six (6) feet from the curb or nearest street edge whether located on private property or in the public right-of-way.
- Demolition of dwellings or accessory buildings may be processed as Administrative Special Permits. The application materials and noticing requirements for neighbors remain, however the application can be considered for approval by the Board-appointed Building Officer and the Village Manager.
- Chapter 25 (Public Rights-of-Way) and Chapter 6 (Penalties, Fees and Fines), were coordinated with the revised Building Regulations where necessary; however, these changes were not substantive.

Residents who have questions regarding the revised Building, Public Rights-of-Way or Penalties, Fees and Fines Codes may contact Permitting & Code Enforcement Coordinator Ms. Ellen Sands at ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov or (301) 654-7300 for more information.

2014 Resident Directory

Update forms will be mailed to each Village household in early 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 will also be made available in early May on the Village's website at 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.

Community News

The Senior Corner:

Chevy Chase @ Home's Meet & Mingles

If you missed our M&M on April 1—it did not turn out to be an April Fools Day for those who came for the massage. About thirty of you attended received a “massage therapy” that was very soothing. It was given by experienced therapists and everyone was happy with the results. The month of May will again be very eventful—be sure to mark your calendars right away.

May 14 — EVENING PROGRAM — 7:30 p.m. “Cataracts, Glaucoma, Corneal Problems and Dry Eyes”. Dr. Joel Engelstein, a specialist in the field, will present a very informative program—with time for discussion. Bring your friends and your questions.

May 17 — Saturday from 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. “WHAT’S IT WORTH? TRASH OR TREASURE?” What a great opportunity to find out if those items you may have picked up at a yard sale, or those “treasures” that you received from your family or those things that you no longer need but do not want to throw away are “keepers”. Experts from Sloan & Kenyon will be here to answer your questions. Registration is required to attend (\$35 in advance until May 12 or \$45 at the door). You can have up to three objects appraised! To register online go to www.chevychaseathome.org —or call their office at (301) 657-3115, or call me.

May 20 — Tuesday from 2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. “Ikebana: the Ancient Japanese Art of Flower Arrangement”. Vicki Melzer, who has been teaching and demonstrating Ikebana for over thirty years will give us a demonstration. For all who are lovers of flowers — or gardeners, this will be a very fun and informative program.

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

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

Spring Tree and Shrub Care Tips

Now that winter is finally over, here are some things you can do to help the trees and shrubs on your property thrive this spring and summer.

Trees may have broken limbs from the winter’s snow, ice and wind. Any stubs should be properly removed by evenly cutting the broken stub ends. Large broken limbs may be hazardous if near structures or walkways and should be removed as soon as possible.

Evergreen trees may have browning foliage. This usually is visible towards the onset of spring after a severe winter. In many cases, this only affects the leaves and not the stems or wood of the tree. Over the spring the leaves will fall and new green buds should appear, restoring the canopy of the shrub or tree. Unless you hire a professional to examine the damaged trees, you should wait well into spring before you begin pruning evergreen trees and shrubs. On some species, it may take weeks of warm weather, into late May, before evergreen plants renew their foliage.

Often times after a very harsh winter rare pests and diseases such as fungal leaf spots may become more evident in spring and early summer months. In other cases, pests diminish such as scale insects that do not tolerate the winter well. The variations can be difficult to predict. In order to ensure the health of your trees and shrubs extra monitoring this spring and early summer is encouraged to assure that any unusual outbreaks are detected in time to mitigate any damage or loss of plant life.

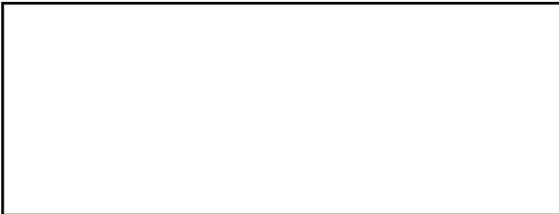
Lastly, remember that the State of Maryland requires any tree contractor hired to perform tree care or removals to be licensed through the Department of Natural Resources. When in doubt, visit the DNR website at http://www.dnr.state.md.us/forests/tree_expert_search.asp or contact the Village’s Permitting & Code Enforcement Coordinator, Ms. Ellen Sands at (301) 654-7300 or ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov to verify if your tree contractor is licensed.

Dr. Tolbert Feather
Village Arborist
April 7, 2014



5906 Connecticut Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

FIRST CLASS
US POSTAGE
PAID
Permit No. 7078
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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 Memorial Day Week Recycling and trash pick-ups will slide one day.

If your Normal Collection Day is...	Your Collection Day will be....
Monday (5/26)	Tuesday
Tuesday	Wednesday
Wednesday	Thursday
Thursday	Friday
Friday	Saturday

Building Permits Issued in April 2014

3708 Bradley Lane	Inst. upgraded water service
5510 Center Street	Install dry well in rear yard
5 East Melrose Street	Inst. upgraded water service
7 Grafton Street	Replace driveway
24 Hesketh Street	Construct fence in rear yard
5603 Kirkside Drive	Replace fence in side yard
9 Oxford Street	Const. new house, garage, driveway, wall, walkway & patio. Inst. water service
8 Primrose Street	Const. 6' fence in rear yard
37 Quincy Street	Replace sewer line to house
110-112 Summerfield Road	Renew sewer connections
E. Melrose Street, Newlands Street, and Nevada Avenue	Replace gas main services

Chevy Chase Village

Annual Spring Cleaning

Tuesday, May 20

Call A Wider Circle at (301) 608-3504 by Thursday, May 15, to arrange for pick-up of your donated furniture, kitchen items, etc.

A Wider Circle will be in the Village on Tuesday morning, May 20 to collect any items that your household would like to donate. When you **call A Wider Circle at (301) 608-3504 by Thursday, May 15** to schedule your pick-up, ask to speak to someone with the “In-Kind Donations Department.”



All donations should be out by Monday evening, May 19. Make sure all items are labeled for “A Wider Circle.” In the event of rain, items must be covered to avoid damage. Please see the reverse for a list of accepted items and those that are especially needed.

Each day, A Wider Circle provides basic items to families transitioning out of shelters or simply living without life’s necessities. They furnish the homes of more than 1,000 children and adults every single month, all free of charge. They also go into low-income schools and shelters to lead educational workshops on topics ranging from healthy self-esteem and stress management to resumé writing and financial planning.

A Wider Circle

A unique, holistic approach to ending poverty.



A Wider Circle's Wish List



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- Beds (Mattresses, Box Springs, and Frames) - our most needed items! No rips or stains, please.
 - Dressers - our second most needed item!
 - Kitchen Tables and Sets of Chairs.
 - Sofas and Living Room Chairs in very good or excellent condition - no rips or stains, please.
 - End Tables, Coffee Tables, and TV Stands - for small homes.
 - Lamps (with Shades).
 - Televisions - with remotes if available.
 - Kitchen Items - Pots and pans, sets of dishes, silverware, and cooking utensils.
 - Fans/Air Conditioning Units - clean and in good working order.
 - Blankets, Sheets, and Towels - clean and in gently used condition.
 - Desks - the smaller the better.
 - Changing Tables, Strollers, High Chairs, Pack 'n' Plays.
 - Car Seats, and other baby items.
 - Small Kitchen Appliances.
 - Vacuum Cleaners.
 - Small Area Rugs - 4' x 6' or smaller.
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- Whole grain cereals
 - Pasta sauces
 - Brown rice
 - Low sodium canned beans
 - Dried beans, peas, or lentils
 - 100% fruit juice (jars and juice boxes)
 - Low sodium vegetable soups
 - Low sodium canned vegetables
 - Fruit and vegetable baby foods
 - Shelf-stable soy, rice, and almond milk
 - Decaffeinated teas
 - Low-sugar oatmeal
 - Whole wheat crackers
 - Sugar-free or low-sugar applesauce
 - Peanut butter
 - 100% fruit preserves
 - Dried fruit and nuts (low salt varieties)
 - Bottled water
 - Tissues, paper towels, etc.
 - Toiletries, soaps, deodorant
 - Diapers and rash creams
 - Laundry detergent
 - Band-aids & first aid items
 - Dish soap, sponges, etc.
 - Cleaning supplies

Chevy Chase Village Shredding Event



***Saturday, June 7
10 am - Noon
Chevy Chase Village Hall***

Bring your confidential documents for shredding!

When you shred your old confidential documents, you can help prevent identity theft, safeguard your personal information, and recycle—all at the same time! Items you might wish to shred include:

- Bank Information
- Canceled or blank checks
- Credit Card offers
- Financial statements
- Personal bills
- Income tax records
- Insurance coverage
- Investment Information
- Legal Papers
- Medical Records



Patriot Shredding will be on-site to shred residents' personal documents free of charge! You will have the option of dropping off your boxes and leaving, or you may wish to stay and watch your documents being destroyed.