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*Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall
Monday, February 10, 2014
at 7:30 p.m.*

Appeals

6400 Brookville Road

Note: The full agenda will be available on the Village website by Friday, February 7.

March Appeal Deadline:
2/18 at 5:00 p.m.

Save these Dates for Upcoming Events:

- February 10:** Board of Managers' Meeting
- February 17:** Administrative Offices & Public Works Dept. Closed
- February 18:** Chevy Chase @ Home's Meet & Mingle
- February 24:** Board's Budget Work Session
- March 4:** Chevy Chase @ Home's Meet & Mingle

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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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Proposed Amendment to Village Noise Ordinance

On Advice of Counsel, the Village Board is considering several technical amendments to the Village Noise Ordinance in order to provide clarity and consistency with the County Noise Ordinance.

The County Noise Ordinance applies in the Village and is incorporated in the Village Noise Ordinance found in Chapter 20 of the Village Code. In addition, the Village has previously enacted a number of more restrictive laws relating to specific types of noise such as that generated by lawn mowers, leaf blowers, and automobile horns.

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In Memoriam

Long-time resident and active community volunteer Alice Kinter (Hesketh Street) passed away in late December after a long illness. Alice served as Chair of the Village Parks & Greenspaces Committee for several years and was known to be vocal and active in local matters. She was a long-time member of the Garden Club of Chevy Chase and, along with other Village residents, she provided floral arrangements and decorations for various Village events.

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It's Simple: Lock Your Car!!

In 2012, we (unfortunately) recorded an all-time high number of thefts/attempted thefts: 97. The vast majority of these crimes involved unlocked cars that were entered at night. These crimes occur sporadically; we may go for several weeks without a problem only to have a dozen or more thefts occur in a single night.

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Introduction of New Tech Classes for Older Adults

Chevy Chase@Home, in partnership with the Chevy Chase Village Senior Committee, is pleased to announce a new program of technology and internet classes for seniors with a curriculum designed to build confidence and independence.

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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

...Continued from the cover article, "Board of Managers Election"

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 3, 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, preferably no later than March 21. 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 at ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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

Contact Information for the Board of Managers

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2013 Resident Directory

Copies of the 2013 Resident Directory are still available. Residents can pick up one copy per household from the Village office.



MARYLAND RESIDENT INCOME FORM 502 TAX RETURN

OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 2013, ENDING

Print Using Blue or Black Ink Only	Social Security Number		Spouse's Social Security Number		
	Your First Name	Initial	Last Name		
	Spouse's First Name	Initial	Last Name		
	Present Address (No. and street)				
	City or Town		State	ZIP code	
	Name of county and incorporated city, town or special taxing area in which you resided on the last day of the taxable period. (See Instruction 6.)		Maryland County	City, Town or Taxing Area Chevy Chase Village	

Tax Return Reminder

When preparing your State of Maryland tax return for 2013, please remember to enter **Chevy Chase Village** in the proper block of **Form 502/503** as shown here.



In The Village

...Continued from the cover article, "Proposed Amendment to Village Noise Ordinance"

The County noise rules control most noise events by defining what constitutes a "noise disturbance" and specifying certain decibel levels for daytime and nighttime noise. These rules apply to all noise sources including, but not limited to, air conditioners, generators, animals, amplified music and machinery.

In order to insure that our noise law is clear, enforceable, internally consistent, and that it protects the expectations of our residents, Village Counsel has drafted amendments to the Village Noise Ordinance to:

- Make it easier to apply the "noise disturbance" standard from the County's Noise Ordinance;
- Delete redundant provisions that are adequately addressed in County law;
- Conform the restrictions on construction noise with those that already apply to the operation of power landscaping equipment such as lawn mowers, leaf blowers, etc., which will simplify the process for contractors and residents with respect to when noise-generating activity is allowed.

The Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers will convene on Monday, February 10, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. to hold a public hearing and possible action on:

Resolution No. 01-01-14: An Ordinance to amend Chapter 20, "Noise Control" and Chapter 6 "Penalties, Fees and Fines", to clarify when noise generating activity is prohibited, to correlate the Village Code and the Montgomery County Code and to raise the fine for special noise limit violations.

This draft ordinance can be viewed on the Village website at www.chevychasevillagemd.gov, may be obtained at the Chevy Chase Village Office between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or you may submit a request for the draft ordinance to be mailed or emailed to you.

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Alice was also a member and secretary for the Chevy Chase Historical Society and took great pride in preserving the history of the Village and surrounding communities.

Alice was known as a passionate, feisty person who loved life, her family and friends and the Chevy Chase Village community. She will be greatly missed. She leaves behind her husband of 55 years, George, who served many years on the Village Board including a term as Board Chairman from 2005-2006; and her daughters, son-in-law and grandchildren.

The Village sends our collective sympathy and condolences to Alice Kinter's family and friends.

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)
to verify if a permit is required for your project.

... Continued from the cover article, "Introduction of New Tech Classes for Older Adults"

Classes will be taught by TechMoxie, a company specializing in offering low-cost technology instruction in a personal classroom setting, teaching basic and intermediate technology skills one step at a time. Class offerings will include **Getting to Know Your iPad, Social Media, Starting Online Genealogy Research, and Digital Photos.**

All classes will be held at the Chevy Chase Village Hall on Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and will begin February 27th. Fees are \$15 per class hour for Chevy Chase Village Residents and for Chevy Chase@Home Members & Friends and \$17 per class hour for all other guests. Digital Photo and iPad classes will be offered as two-part sessions, requiring registration for both days. Registration for Chevy Chase Village Residents and Chevy Chase@Home members is now open; registration for the general public will open after February 9th.

Space is limited so be sure to register early. To learn more and to register, please see the flyer in this edition of the Village Crier.

In The Village

Board of Managers' Meeting Board Actions—January 13, 2014

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes:

December 9, 2013 Regular Meeting—approved.

Consent Agenda:

A-2115—1 Primrose Street: Consent Agreement to remove one (1) multi-trunk River Birch and to reforest with two (2) Katsura trees of at least 2–1/2 inches in caliper that will grow to forty-five (45) feet or more in height at maturity in accordance with an approved Re-forestation Plan—approved.

Variance Request:

A-6465—24 West Kirke Street: Construct a front stoop with two (2) treads that would encroach a maximum of five feet, two inches (5'-2") forward of the twenty-five (25) foot front building restriction line—approved.

Committee Appointments & Reports

Budget Committee: Report on the financial outlook for FY2014 and FY2015. Mr. Martin Dagata, Chair of the Budget Committee presented the committee's report on the financial outlook for FY2014 and FY2015. Discussion followed. The Board directed the Village Manager to prepare a draft operating budget for FY2015 that reflects an approximate \$200,000 reduction in the property tax revenue reflective of a reduction in the municipal property tax rate.

Old Business & Status Reports:

None.

New Business:

Village Hall Use Policies; New Class Request:

The Board approved the following:

- Lower the Village resident to non-resident ratio minimum from 60-70% to 50% for classes held in the Village Hall.
- Allow class instructors to charge fees as they deem appropriate for their class, provided instructors charge an additional 25% per class for non-Village residents.
- Hold (rather than deposit) damage deposits for Hall rentals.

Board Consideration and Possible Action:

Proposed Technology Class from Chevy Chase@Home.

The Village Manager presented a request for a proposed technology class for older adults from Chevy Chase@Home—approved.

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On Advice of Counsel: Clarification and Harmonization of the Village Noise Ordinance.

The Board agreed to hold a Public Hearing on the proposed amendments to the Noise Ordinance at its regular meeting on February 10, 2014.

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.

Budget Work Session

The Board of Managers will hold a budget work session to review the Village Manager's draft budget for the fiscal year that will begin on July 1, 2014 and end on June 30, 2015.

Monday, February 24 at 7:30 p.m.

The work session will be open to the public, although public comment will not be permitted until the public hearing on the budget in April. Additional work sessions may be scheduled as deemed necessary by the Board.

Manna Food Drive a Huge Success!

Thanks to the generosity of so many Chevy Chase Village residents, more than **185 lbs of food** was collected for Montgomery County's Manna Food Center in Gaithersburg. The food collected went toward feeding more than 3,300 Montgomery County families a month. At least half those who benefited were children.

Since the drive was so successful, Chevy Chase Village will be participating again at the end of this year so please keep a look out for information as we near October.

Give yourselves a big pat on the back. You deserve it! Again, thank you for all your generosity and we look forward to participating in another successful drive in the Fall of 2014.



The Police Beat

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

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Due to their sporadic nature, it is extremely hard to predict when these offenses will happen, and thieves can be in and out of a dozen unlocked cars in very little time.

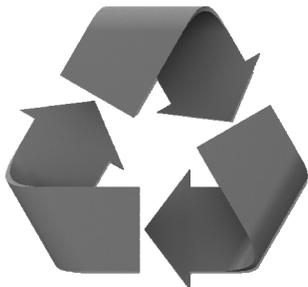
In an effort to drive the number of thefts downward, Village officers went door to door on weekends in January and February of last year, and they handed out flyers containing prevention tips. The 2013 theft tally was far lower than that of 2012—we had 60, which is a 38% decrease.

While I'm hopeful that we can continue last year's success into 2014, I am worried already. In a single night recently—January 21/22—Village residents reported that 11 unlocked cars were entered by thieves. Folks, when we fail to lock our cars, we make this crime *way* too easy for the thieves. Far too many of us are simply parking our cars without locking them. That is unwise, and we can do better than that.

Please do your part to reduce crime in the Village by incorporating the below 4 easy tips into your daily routine:

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

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 reprogrammed 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.

Safe Walking Habits

Pedestrian Safety is a Shared Responsibility

We often see residents walking in the streets of the Village. In order to increase pedestrian safety, please familiarize yourself with the below 'rules of the road' for pedestrians:

State law requires pedestrians to use the sidewalk where one is provided and otherwise available. Please use our newly refurbished sidewalks whenever you can.

When a sidewalk is absent (or its use is impractical for any reason) and pedestrians must walk on the roadway, state law requires pedestrians to walk on the left side of the street—facing oncoming traffic. It is not only the law, but it is common sense for your safety. This is an especially important rule for those who listen to electronic devices as they walk; these devices reduce a walker's ability to hear and perceive approaching cars, trucks, bicycles, and the like.

Weekly Police Beat and Email Blast

Every Friday a message goes out to residents who have signed up for the Email Blast system. This message contains weekly crime reports and other pertinent information to the community. Please sign up for the "Blast" by going to www.chevyCHASEvillagemd.gov and click on the "white envelope" located under the Village logo.

Please note that in order to sign-up for the email services you must be a Village resident and have registered for access to the website.

Home Security Surveys



The Village Police Department offers free confidential home security surveys. These surveys are used as a tool to identify weak areas of your home's security. Simple remedies can make your home safer and more secure.

Interested residents should contact the Village Communications Center at (301) 654-7300 to request a Home Security Survey. A police officer will contact you to arrange a convenient time to conduct the survey.

Community News

See the enclosed flyer for new technology classes.

The Senior Corner:

Chevy Chase @ Home's Meet & Mingles

February 4—"How to Tell and Record the Stories of Your Life for Future Family Generations"—Louis Solomon, President of Life Echoes, will guide us in organizing our recollections and photographs, and will offer alternatives for recording them, whether by ourselves on our computers or in a more finished book form.

February 18—"The Alexander Technique: An Introduction and Demonstration of a Method of Movement Re-education"—Melissa Harrison, daughter of our own Sandy Geller, is a certified Alexander teacher, who has been teaching movement for a number of years. The Alexander Technique is a hands-on movement education technique that eliminates habitual tension patterns in the body. The benefits are many, including better balance, reduction in chronic muscle and joint pain, improved circulation and digestion, increased energy, flexibility, stability and facility of movement. Melissa will have many pointers that should be useful even to the healthiest among us. You won't want to miss this.

March 4—An Evening Event—7:30 p.m. "Reverse Mortgages: Pros and Cons—What to Take Advantage of and What to Avoid"—Attorney Babby Landon will give us valuable information on this current subject. Bring your questions and she will try to answer all of them.

March 18—Our Annual **St. Patrick's Day Party**—We start our celebration at 2:00 p.m. Come one, come all to the sounds and sights of the Emerald Isle. Come wearin' your green, share your tales of Irish lore and be sure to bring your friends for the tastes of Irish cookery.

Our Technology and Internet Classes will be starting soon. See the enclosed flyer for more information. We welcome comments, questions or suggestions for future programs, please call or send an e-mail: (301) 656-0597 or bettyoconnor2@verizon.net.

Betty O'Connor, Chair, Village Committee for Seniors



The mobile service bus will visit the Friendship Heights Village Center along Friendship Boulevard on **Monday, February 24 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** For more information, call (301) 656-2797 or visit: www.FriendshipHeightsmd.gov.

Tax Credit Increase for Improvements on Historic Properties



The Montgomery County Council passed a bill in summer 2013 to allow the newly enacted State tax credit maximum for properly documented expenses for the restoration and preservation of the exterior of an historic home individually designated in the County's Master Plan for Historic Preservation or located within a Master Plan for Historic Preservation-listed historic district. The tax credit was raised from 10% to **25%** for all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2013.

Owners of homes in the Village's historic district can apply for the historic tax credit for eligible home improvements through the Maryland Historic Trust Office. The credits, which are applied to offset county property taxes, are often used in concert with state rehabilitation tax credits. Applications for work completed in calendar year 2013 will be due in April, 2014. For more information, visit <http://mht.maryland.gov/taxcredits.html>.

When the Power Goes Out...

When a power outage occurs, it is important for all residents to call the following two phone numbers:

1. **PEPCO at 1 (877) PEPCO62 [737-2662].**
2. **Village Communications Center at (301) 654-7300.**

If the power is restored and goes out again in a matter of minutes, the above two phone calls must be made again so the new outage is registered.

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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.

Building Permits Issued in January 2014

Belmont & Grafton Streets	Replace gas service stub
5800 Connecticut Avenue	Enclose rear terrace
22/24 Hesketh Street	Replace shared driveway
117 East Melrose Street	Construct addition and new garage
10 Quincy Street	Install wood fence

Snow Removal from Sidewalks

Residents are responsible for clearing all snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of or abutting their property within the first forty-eight (48) hours after the cessation of falling snow. Residents who occupy corner lots are responsible for the sidewalk in front of and on the side of their property.



Important Village Information at Your Fingertips

At Home or *On The Go*

The Village has four (4) ways for you to receive updates and alerts. These systems augment the Village's Website and the *Crier*.



Blast E-mail Service:

Join the Village's blast e-mail service. To join, residents must first register by visiting the Village's website at www.chevychasevillagemd.gov and clicking on the "Not registered as a user?" link along the left side of the page. Enter the required data, make note of your password, then hit the 'Register' button at the bottom. After you receive an email confirming your registration (this might take a day or two), return to the Village website and click on the white envelope icon under the Village logo near the upper left corner of the screen. The Village has two (2) different lists to deliver information to Residents:

- [Urgent News Alerts](#) will include messages such as criminal activity, neighborhood disruptions such as water main breaks, power outages and road closures, and major weather events. These alerts will be sent out only on an as needed basis.
- [General News Alerts](#) will include messages about Board and committee meetings, community events, changes in public services such as trash collections schedules, and upcoming road closures. These alerts will typically be sent out once or twice per week.



Facebook:

The Village is on Facebook!!!! Get news updates and view photos from all the Village events. If you are on Facebook you can visit the Village's page by searching for "Chevy Chase Village" Remember to "like" the Village's page to receive updates from the Village. You can also visit the Village's Facebook page by clicking on the "Facebook" icon under the Village logo on the Village website.



Twitter:

Follow the Village on Twitter!!!! If you have a Twitter account follow the Village @chevychasevill. You can also visit the Village's Twitter page by clicking on the "Twitter" icon under the Village logo on the Village website.



RSS feeds:

RSS feeds are direct e-mail messages that are sent to subscribers instantly anytime news items are uploaded to the Village Homepage. The Village's RSS feed is available to anyone who wants to sign-up. To enroll, add the RSS Feed link to your Work e-mail program (i.e., Microsoft Outlook or Lotus Notes) or home internet browser (i.e., Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome).

Chevy Chase Village RSS News Feed link: www.chevychasevillagemd.gov/rss/news.rss

If residents have questions on how these systems work, please contact the Village office at (301) 654-7300 or ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov.



IMPROVE YOUR COMPUTER SKILLS

A SERIES OF CLASSES FOR CCV RESIDENTS, CC@ H MEMBERS & FRIENDS,
AND THE NEARBY COMMUNITY

Getting To Know Your iPad. Class meets twice: Thursdays, February 27 and March 6; Time: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Please bring your iPad. Handouts with written instructions will be provided. Maximum 15 students.** This two-week session will help make you an independent iPad user. Class 1 will start with the basics of iPad navigation and settings, explore the apps that come with the iPad and show you how to troubleshoot so that you don't get "stuck". We will also explore some of the amazing apps available for learning, photos, music, radio, history, video chatting, etc. (many are free!) Class 2 will cover organizing and deleting apps, navigating photos and how to use the App Store so that you can tell a good app from a bad one. Although each app is different, we will learn the iPad's icons and navigation techniques that will help you get comfortable using any app.

Plus . . . 3 more classes coming in March:

Social Media: Thursday, March 13. Get up-to-date through demonstration and explanation of Twitter and some of the newest social media sites. *No experience necessary.*

Starting Online Genealogy Research: Thursday, March 20. Learn about web resources to round out your family history. *Ability to do basic internet searches is desirable.*

Digital Photos: A two-week class, March 27 & April 3. Learn how to scan old photos, edit, share and backup digital photos. Pick up creative ideas from web resources. *No experience necessary.*

Classes will be organized and taught by **TechMoxie**, a local firm that specializes in technology orientation and training classes for older adults, and which is solely responsible for all content and teaching. All classes will be at the Chevy Chase Village Hall, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fees are \$15 per class hour for **Chevy Chase Village Residents and for CC@ H Members & Friends** and \$17 per class hour for **all other guests**. Digital Photo sessions and iPad sessions require registration for both class days. Each class will include handouts. More information about each course is available online at www.chevychaseathome.org.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please register at least one week prior to class start so we have an accurate enrollment count.

Please check the prices that apply to the sessions you wish to attend:

___ CCV Resident or CC@ H Member* (\$30) **OR** **Getting to Know Your iPad,** February
___ Community (\$34) 27 & March 6

___ CCV Resident or CC@ H Member* (\$15) **OR** **Social Media,** March 13
___ Community (\$17)

___ CCV Resident or CC@ H Member* (\$15) **OR** **Starting Online Genealogy Research,**
___ Community (\$17) March 20

___ CCV Resident or CC@ H Member* (\$30) **OR** **Digital Photos,** March 27 and April 3.
___ Community (\$34)

Please make **check payable** to **Chevy Chase At Home** and complete and return both pages of this form.

*includes Friends of Chevy Chase At Home

