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2014 Holiday Trash Schedule and
Winter Class Schedule!

Update on New Access Requirements When Visiting the Village Hall

As we reported in October, recent national events have forced us to analyze security of the Village Hall. Over the past several months, new security features have been implemented to ensure the safety and security of visitors and employees in the Village Hall. These security measures will improve our accounting of the individuals within the building by limiting access to a single main entrance and will allow us to better secure the building during non-business hours.

Effective January 1, visitors to the Village Hall will be required to enter through the left (west) porch entrance. During non-business hours (7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., **EXCEPT** during scheduled meetings and events in the Hall), visitors must be buzzed in by our 24-hour Communications Center personnel in order to gain entry. Visitors will need to press the button on the access control device located at the main entrance. A camera and intercom on the access control device will allow the on-duty Communications Clerk to identify the visitor before providing access to the building.

Prominent signage is being installed in and around the building to provide visitors with directions regarding the access requirements pursuant to this new plan. If you have any questions regarding the enhanced security, please contact the Village office at (301) 654-7300 or ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Village LED Streetlight Pilot Program Approved

In a continuing effort to improve the street lighting along Village streets and rights-of-way, the Village Board has authorized installation of LED streetlights as part of a Village pilot program to test the light output of this new technology.

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Village Testifies Regarding Montgomery County Zoning Code Rewrite

At the Village Board's Meeting on December 9, Board Chair Patricia Baptiste updated the Board on Montgomery County's initiative to rewrite its Zoning Code. Ms. Baptiste reported on the testimony that she provided on behalf of the Village at the County Council's Planning, Housing & Economic Development Committee (PHED) Public Hearing held on November 14.

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*Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall
Monday, January 13, 2014
at 7:30 p.m.*

Appeals

24 West Kirke Street

Note: The full agenda will be available on the Village website by Friday, January 10.

February Appeal Deadline:
1/21 at 5:00 p.m.

Save these Dates for Upcoming Events:

- January 1:** Administrative Offices & Public Works Dept. Closed
- January 13:** Board of Managers' Meeting
- January 17:** Chevy Chase @ Home's Meet & Mingle
- January 20:** Administrative Offices & Public Works Dept. Closed
- January 21:** Chevy Chase @ Home's Meet & Mingle

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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, "Village LED Streetlight Pilot Program Approved"

Over the next two months PEPCO will install twenty-three (23) LED streetlights along East Lenox Street, portions of Grafton Street, and West Kirke Street. Once the new streetlights are installed, residents will be asked to provide the Village with their feedback. In combination with Village staff's evaluation of the light output and dispersion of the new lights a recommendation will be forwarded for Village Board review in early summer 2014.

A map showing the exact locations of the 'test lights' is available on the Village website at www.chevychasevillagemd.gov by clicking on the "Capital Improvements and Utility Upgrade Projects" link under the *News* tab. Please monitor the Village website and *Crier* for further updates on the streetlight pilot program.

Do I Need a Village Building Permit?



If you are thinking of starting a renovation, building or landscape project, please be sure to contact the Village office for information as to what permits may be required. There are County and Village building regulations that may apply. Village staff will be happy to assist you throughout to assure your project goes smoothly. Call (301) 654-7300 or email ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov to speak to Village permitting staff.

In Case You Missed It: Annual Village Holiday Party

What a party! Many residents attended the Village Board of Managers' Annual Holiday Party held on December 11th. Innovative Gourmet provided delicious hors d'oeuvres and wonderful desserts for everyone's enjoyment. In addition to a wonderful meal, there were visits by the Christmas Fairy, a.k.a. Miss Paula, and Santa Claus himself! The smallest Village residents children had fun in the kids' room where they decorated picture frames for their pictures with Santa Claus.

Many Village residents and staff contributed their energies to build, enhance and preserve the sense of community which the guests of this annual event have come to cherish in this event. Among those who have not sought, but certainly deserve thanks for helping with this year's event is the Garden Club of Chevy Chase for the seasonal decorations; Ms. Grace Brock who organized the event and to various staffers who helped to support the event. Visit the Village website for photos from the night and plan to attend next year's party.

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.

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

Board of Managers' Meeting Board Actions—December 9, 2013

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes:

November 13, 2013 Regular Meeting—approved.

Variance Request:

A-6465—5 East Melrose Street: Construct a two-story addition, the proposed soffit and gutter of which would encroach a maximum of 3 feet, 10 inches (3'-10") into the east (side) yard setback—approved.

Committee Appointments & Reports

Building Code Review Committee: Presentation of recommended changes to the Building Code—the Board will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed changes in February.

Old Business & Status Reports:

Streetlight Improvement Project: Board Authorization Sought to Launch LED Pilot Program: The Board supported the proposed pilot program and directed staff to proceed with discussions with PEPCO for proceeding with the pilot program at a cost of \$19,186 (see cover article for more information).

New Business:

Board Consideration and Possible Action: Resolution No. 12-01-13 – Adoption of the Amended Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan for 2013—approved.

Budget Transfer Request: Village Hall Security Plan: Transfer \$21,000 from reserves to the "Capital Projects, Village Hall Security" category in the FY2014 capital budget—approved.

Purchase Authorization Request: Hardware to complete implementation of the Village Hall Security Plan: Precision Doors & Hardware, Inc. in the amount of \$9,850—approved.

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

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Village Observed Holidays: 2014

The Administrative Offices and Public Works Department will observe the following holidays in 2014:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Monday, January 20

Presidents' Day - Monday, February 17

Memorial Day - Monday, May 26

Independence Day - Friday, July 4

Labor Day - Monday, September 1

Veterans' Day - Tuesday, November 11

Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 27

Christmas - Thursday, December 25

The Village Police Department and the Communications Center will remain open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Rent the Village Hall for your Next Event!

2013 Resident Directory

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



The Police Beat

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

Good News:

Crime Down Significantly in 2013!

Crime in the Village continues to be low overall. Last year at this time, however, I was decrying a 45% increase in one troublesome category: thefts from unlocked cars at night. In 2011, the Village had 67 thefts, and in 2012, we spiked with a high of 97 thefts—a 45% increase in one year. The Village Police Department embarked on a door-to-door crime awareness and prevention campaign in January and February, 2013, and we asked everyone to remove valuables from their cars, lock their car doors, leave their porch lights on all night and to call the police at the first sight or sound of suspicious activity.

Well, I am very pleased to report that as of this writing (December 23, 2013), we have had only 60 thefts for all of 2013. That number represents a huge reduction (-38%) from last year's total, and it is 10% lower than two years ago. The below table shows how our crime totals compare over a six-year period.

	Select Reported Crimes 2008-Present					
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013*
Assault	1	1	0	0	2	2
Auto Theft & attempts	3	3	3	6	2	5
Burglary & attempts	7	6	7	14	3	4
Larceny & attempts	62	63	46	67	97	57
Robbery	0	0	1	0	0	0

*as of 12/23/13

There is no doubt in my mind that the above reduction is at least partially due to our residents 'hardening the target' so to speak. Many of you have incorporated our prevention advice into your daily routines, and that has resulted in fewer opportunities for the thieves who look for them. Thank you for your help. We do not want thieves to make the Village their destination, so by reducing opportunities for crime, you are making the entire community safer. Please continue the habit of securing your cars and homes, and call the Village Police Department (301) 654-7300

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any time of the day or night whenever something just doesn't seem right.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness...

I must express my sincerest gratitude to all those who dropped off delicious food treats in recent weeks and to those who gave so generously to the Employee Holiday Fund. Your tasty goodies and your selfless gifts were enjoyed by all members of the Village staff. Gestures such as these make the Village a special place. Here's wishing all of our residents a happy and safe 2014!



John M. Fitzgerald, Police Chief



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

Pet ID Program

Village officers continue to retrieve stray pets in the neighborhood. In late 2000, the Village Police Department began its Pet ID Program. To participate, residents simply submit a photograph and short bio of their pet. When a stray pet is found, Communications staff will review the Pet ID files to reunite the pet with its family.



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

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

For more information regarding the Pet ID Program, contact the Village Communications Center at (301) 654-7300.

Community News

The Senior Corner:

Chevy Chase @ Home's Meet & Mingles

January 17— Meet & Mingle 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. **“Bingo on Tuesday”**—Yes, we are having Bingo with lots of fun, laughter and “different” prizes. It will be a fun afternoon in the sometimes bleak January month. Come and bring family, friends, and neighbors to meet the challenge of finding numbers and shouting “BINGO!” to claim your prize.

January 21—Meet & Mingle 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. **“A Virtual Tour of the Silk Road”**—Jan Augustine of Chevy Chase has just returned with great photos and wonderful stories of following in the path of Marco Polo. Come and share the excitement of her journey.

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. Have you ever regretted not asking your parents vital questions about their origins and careers? Come and start or continue your career as a “Family Historian”.

We have many programs planned for 2014, such as “Technology and Internet Classes for Seniors” (subjects ranging from computer info, digital photography, iPad, etc.) Watch for the announcements and mark your calendars. We bring all of these programs to you with the sponsorship of Chevy Chase Village and Chevy Chase@ Home for your benefit and enjoyment. If you have 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

Christmas Tree Disposal

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

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



The mobile service bus will visit the Friendship Heights Village Center along Friendship Boulevard on **Monday, January 27 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** For more information, call (301) 656-2797 or visit: www.FriendshipHeightsmd.gov.

Protection of Local Infrastructure: How to Properly Dispose of Used Cooking Grease

A recent incident in the Village has highlighted the need to remind residents to **never place used cooking grease down the drain!**

The Washington Post reports that during 2013, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission experienced over 130 sewer overflows, 40 of them grease related. Eighty percent of grease-related overflows happened near residences. Overflows send millions of gallons of untreated wastewater into local creeks and rivers that flow into the Chesapeake Bay.

Incorporating hot water and/or liquid soap into the grease isn't enough to counteract the effects that used cooking grease can have on the sewer lines. Down in the cold drain, hardening at 50 to 55 degrees, the grease turns into a sticky blob, catching all other food products and plugging the line.

So how can you properly dispose of used cooking grease? Once it has reached room temperature, used cooking grease should be transferred to a container and placed in your regular household trash receptacles. Used cooking grease should never be used in compost.

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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2014!

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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 December 2013

6400 Brookville Road
6130 Nevada Avenue
12 Primrose Street
110 Primrose Street

Throughout Chevy Chase
Village

Water main upgrade
Replace gas main
Replace wood fence
Replace timber retaining wall in rear yard
Replace gas mains & PEPCO wiring upgrades

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.



Chevy Chase Village 2014 Trash and Recycling—Holiday Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week of Memorial Day						
May 25	May 26 <i>Memorial Day</i> →	May 27	May 28 →	May 29 →	May 30 →	May 31
Week of Independence Day						
June 29	June 30	July 1	July 2	July 3	July 4 <i>Independence Day</i> →	July 5
Week of Labor Day						
Aug. 31	Sept. 1 <i>Labor Day</i> →	Sept. 2	Sept. 3 →	Sept. 4 →	Sept. 5 →	Sept. 6
Week of Thanksgiving						
Nov. 23	Nov. 24	Nov. 25	Nov. 26	Nov. 27 <i>Thanksgiving</i> →	Nov. 28 →	Nov. 29
Week of Christmas						
Dec. 21	Dec. 22	Dec. 23	Dec. 24	Dec. 25 <i>Christmas</i> →	Dec. 26 →	Dec. 27
Week of New Year's Day 2015						
Dec. 28	Dec. 29	Dec. 30	Dec. 31	Jan. 1 <i>New Year's</i> →	Jan. 2 →	Jan. 3

NOTE: These are the ONLY holidays in 2014 that will affect the trash and recycling collection. From the day of the holiday, trash and/or recycling collection will slide one (1) day forward. For example: If a holiday falls on a Wednesday, Wednesday's collection will be picked-up on Thursday, Thursday's collection will be picked-up on Friday, and Friday's collection will be picked-up on Saturday. When a holiday falls on a Monday, all collections for that week will be collected one day later than usual.

Chevy Chase Village

2014 Spring Public Right-of-Way Tree Planting Notice



DEAR VILLAGE RESIDENT: In keeping with the Village’s adopted policy, the Village anticipates planting 45 trees this coming spring. Please review the following list of sites under consideration for planting in Village rights-of-way. The list has been prepared by the Tree Committee in consultation with the Village Arborist.

Planting sites will be marked with white paint and a blue flag. Should you have request for a different species, or if you have questions or concerns or would like to propose an additional site, **please submit them in writing to the Village office, c/o Tree Committee Chair, Sam Lawrence at ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 24, 2014 including your name, address and telephone number. Mr. Lawrence will contact you to discuss the matter.**

In selecting tree species, an effort has been made to emphasize native species and, where there are power lines, to plant trees that will not exceed 35’ when mature. Preferred species may in some cases prove not to be available and all listed sites are unlikely to be planted this spring. In these cases, the Tree Committee will contact the owner of the adjacent property to review alternatives.

Address	Proposed Tree Species
Broad Branch Road 6320 (Oxford Street)	Lacebark Elm
Cedar Parkway 5516 5610 5700 5802 (on Hesketh Street) 5804 5806 5810 5904 5910	Yellowwood Willow Oak Lacebark Elm Red Maple Two (2) - Lacebark Elm Lacebark Elm Dogwood Three (3) - Yellowwood American Beech
East Kirke Street 1	Blackgum
East Lenox Street 9	Red Maple
Grafton Street 101 (on Cedar Parkway) 114 114 115 125 136	Two (2) - Lacebark Elm Lacebark Elm Yellowwood Red Oak Blackgum Red Oak
Grove Street 5509	Red Maple
Hesketh Street 105 111 111 142	Red Maple Red Maple Red Maple White Oak

Address	Proposed Tree Size
Kirkside Drive 5514 (on Center Street)	Red Maple
Montgomery Street 5609	Red Maple
Newlands Street 16	Londonplane
Oxford Street 101	Willow Oak
Primrose Street 201	Red Oak
Quincy Street 3 24	Two (2) - Blackgum Lacebark Elm
Summerfield Road 109 111	American Linden American Linden
West Irving Street 5 12	White Oak Blackgum
West Kirke Street 20 26 27	Sugar Maple Red Oak Willow Oak
West Lenox Street 14 20 35	American Beech White Oak Two (2) - Dogwood
Western Avenue 6108 (on Nevada Avenue)	Red Maple



Chevy Chase Village Announces Classes for Winter 2014

Chevy Chase Village is pleased to announce the following classes that will be held in the Village Hall this Winter. 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.

Children's Classes

Instructor: Paula Brassfield

Creative Movement (2-3 yrs) 1/8—3/26
Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
\$120 per 12-week session—Residents
\$150 per 12-week session—Non-Residents
Check payable to: Paula's Fantasy Theater
(Minimum 6 students)

Pre-Ballet (4yrs) 1/8—3/26
Wednesdays: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
\$120 per 12-week session—Residents
\$150 per 12-week session—Non-Residents
Check payable to: Paula's Fantasy Theater
(Minimum 6 students)

Creative Movement (2-3 yrs) 1/8—3/26
Wednesdays: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
\$120 per 12-week session—Residents
\$150 per 12-week session—Non-Residents
Check payable to: Paula's Fantasy Theater
(Minimum 6 students)

Drama & Dance (5-7yrs) 1/8—3/26
Wednesdays: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
\$120 per 12-week session—Residents
\$150 per 12-week session—Non-Residents
Check payable to: Paula's Fantasy Theater
(Minimum 6 students)

Adult Classes

Instructor: Giulia Mainieri

Iyengar Yoga 1/3—2/28
Fridays: 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
\$112.50 per 9-week session—Residents
\$135 per 9-week session—Non-Residents
\$15 drop-in
Check payable to: Giulia Mainieri
(Minimum 10 students)

We Want Your Feedback

Classes held in the Village Hall are for the primary enjoyment and enrichment of Chevy Chase Village residents. Village staff strive to find new class offerings each session and appreciate feedback from the community to enhance these offerings. Feel free to call the office at 301-654-7300 or email at ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Winter 2014 Classes

Registration Form

Student's Name: _____ Address: _____

Class Selected: _____ Time Selected: _____

Payment: \$ _____ Village Resident (check one): Yes _____ No _____

E-mail Address (for subsequent class schedule notification) _____

For Office Use: Payment received on: _____ Payment received by: _____

Waiver and Release

In consideration of being permitted to participate in the following course/activity, sponsored by Chevy Chase Village:

I understand and agree that:

1. I acknowledge that I have been advised of medical risks that may result from such participation and I represent to Chevy Chase Village that I have consulted my personal physician or other health authority and am physically capable of such participation without injury.
2. I recognize the risks of illness and injury inherent in any program of this nature and am participating in the program upon the express agreement and understanding that I am hereby waiving 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 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 from and against all such claims except claims proximately caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of Chevy Chase Village.
3. I hereby execute and deliver this waiver and release voluntarily and with full understanding of the contents and consequences thereof and to induce Chevy Chase Village to permit me to participate in the program.

Signature of Participant

Printed Name

Date

If a minor, Signature of Parent or Guardian

Full Home Address

Home & Work Telephone Numbers