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

Appeals

21 East Melrose Street

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

April Appeal Deadline:
3/17 at 5:00 p.m.

Save these Dates for Upcoming Events:

- March 4:** Chevy Chase @ Home's Meet & Mingle
- March 10:** Board of Managers' Meeting and FY2015 Budget Public Hearing
- March 15:** Chevy Chase Historical Society Program
- March 18:** Chevy Chase @ Home's Meet & Mingle

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Budget and Tax Matters Public Hearing on the Draft FY2015 Budget

The Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers held a work session on February 24 to review the proposed operating and capital budgets for the fiscal year that will begin on July 1, 2014 and end on June 30, 2015, as prepared by the Village Manager and staff. The Board will hold an initial **Public Hearing** on the draft budget and tax rate during its regular meeting on **Monday, March 10**. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Copies of the budget summary and details are posted to the Village website and hard copies can be obtained at the Village office. Residents can submit comments in advance (c/o the Village office) or during the Public Hearing.

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

The Chevy Chase Village Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m.

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

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Wisconsin Avenue Sidewalk Update

On February 19, representatives from the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) held a final community meeting in the Village Hall with residents from the surrounding communities to review the final plans for the sidewalk and discuss the construction schedule. The sidewalk will run along the east side of Wisconsin Avenue between Grafton Street and Bradley Lane.

The width of the sidewalk will vary from 5 feet near Grafton and Hesketh Streets and would increase to eight feet wide north of Hesketh Street. Due to the grade of roadway and abutting green-space SHA has designed the sidewalk to be elevated in sections to provide a safe barrier between pedestrians and vehicular traffic.

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

REMINDER: The Village's primary source of revenue is the municipal share of residents' income taxes. **Please remember to write/type "Chevy Chase Village" in the "City, Town or Taxing Area" box on your income tax return** (see the bottom of page 4 for an example). Doing so will NOT increase your tax liability, but **ensures that the portion of your income taxes that should be allocated to the Village will be appropriated correctly by the State.** Otherwise these monies remain with Montgomery County.

By marking Chevy Chase Village on your income tax return you assist us in continuing the services and infrastructure that have contributed toward making the Village such a wonderful community.

Continued from the cover article titled "Wisconsin Avenue Sidewalk Update."

In an effort to create a more aesthetically pleasing appearance, the facing on the elevated portions of the sidewalk is proposed to include a stamped brick facing, typically seen on newly designed bridges.

A full set of the final construction drawings can be viewed by going to the Chevy Chase Village website and clicking on *Important Topics* under *News*.

The installation of the proposed sidewalk will be fully funded by SHA. Construction of the sidewalk is expected to begin mid- to late-March 2014 and last through May. Residents can stay informed by visiting the Village website for updates on the project as SHA moves closer to construction.

If you have questions about this project, please contact SHA Assistant District Engineer for Project Development, Kate Mazzara at (301) 513-7346 or kmazzara@sha.state.md.us.

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

New Community Liaison/Administrative Assistant Joins the Village Staff



Kathy Wilson joined the Chevy Chase Village staff on February 10 as Community Liaison/Administrative Assistant. She previously worked at the Audubon Naturalist Society in Chevy Chase.

Kathy loves animals, books, music, and dessert. Over the years she's picked up a number of obscure skills, such as handspinning, goose wrangling, and proper dog show etiquette. She hopes to add to her list of accomplishments while working for Chevy Chase Village.

In The Village

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

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes:

January 13, 2014 Regular Meeting—approved.

Variance and Special Permit Requests:

A-6488 (a) & (b) —6400 Brookville Road

To install: (a) generator in the front (Brookville Road) yard of the property that would encroach two feet, seven inches (2'-7") forward of the twenty five (25) foot front building restriction line; and (b) an external air conditioner in the front (Oxford Street) yard of the property—approved.

Commission Re-Appointment

Ethics Commission: Reappointment of Robert Brewer, Jr. (Grafton Street) for a 3-year term—approved.

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. 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:

Public Hearing and Possible Board Action

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—adopted.

New Business:

Discussion of Proposed Maryland Senate Bill 436

Law Enforcement Officer Bill of Rights: Hearing Board—Exclusion of Evidence—The Board authorized Chief Fitzgerald to testify on behalf of the Village before the State legislature in opposition to Senate Bill 436/House Bill 599.

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

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

Contact the Village prior to beginning any building or home improvement project, including installation or replacement of driveways, fences and air conditioning units.
Contact Permitting and Code Enforcement Coordinator,
Ms. Ellen Sands at
ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov
or (301) 654-7300
to verify if a permit is required for your project.

Streetlight Upgrades Update

The Village Board has authorized the installation of LED streetlights as part of a Village pilot program to test the light output of this new technology.

Over the next couple weeks, PEPCO contractors will install twenty-three (23) LED streetlights along East Lenox Street, Grafton Street (between Cedar Parkway and Kirkside Drive), and West Kirke Street. As part of the pilot program the streetlight lens covers have also been changed along Grafton Street between Chevy Chase Circle and Cedar Parkway.

In The Village

Reducing the Village's Carbon Footprint Is a Priority Concern



The mission of the Village Environment and Energy (E&E) Committee is to promote a healthier environment for all Village residents and reduce the overall carbon footprint of the Village. An important aspect of this mission is to have the Village Hall be a model of good practices in environmental management and energy conservation.

LIGHTING IN THE VILLAGE HALL: We are delighted to learn that in the context of identifying repairs to the Village Hall, it has been suggested that LED lighting (fluorescent light bulb) in the Village Hall's interior be considered for reasons of financial soundness, as well as energy conservation. The E&E Committee also plans to explore the feasibility of installing solar panels on the Village Hall roof.

LIGHTING IN OUR HOMES: Until recently the only practical alternative to the traditional incandescent light was compact fluorescents, the "twirly" ones. Many people didn't like these bulbs because they take time to get to full brightness when turned on, have a light color that isn't as warm as regular lights, sometimes buzz or flicker, etc. Fluorescents have improved, but more important is the fact that LED (light emitting diode) lights are now available at reasonable prices, without the disadvantages of fluorescents, and with even greater energy savings.

A regular 60-watt bulb with a 2000-hour life costs maybe \$1. The LED equivalent costs \$8*, uses 9.5 watts and lasts over ten times as long. By the time that regular bulb burns out it will have cost \$14 in electricity, while the LED bulb will have cost only \$2.40 and will still have 90% of its life remaining. Strange as it may seem, from a cost standpoint you should not only replace your regular bulbs with LEDs when they burn out, you should replace bulbs that haven't burned out yet and throw away any spares you have. They're costing you money and harming the environment every hour they're used.

LED bulbs are typically available in "Daylight" and "Soft White" versions. The "Daylight" ones have a very white light, whereas the "Soft White" ones have a light color closer to the traditional incandescent bulbs.

For more detail, the bulb packages also have a "color temperature" number measured in Kelvin degrees. Soft White bulbs usually have a color temperature from 2700-3000 degrees Kelvin. As the number gets larger, the light gets whiter. The 2700-degree bulbs most closely approximate the color of incandescents.

* The \$8 price is for Cree brand bulbs at Home Depot. LED prices are dropping generally, but there is still a great variation in prices among different brands. The Cree bulbs seem to fit and dim well in the Village Hall fixtures.

Dr. Larry Heilman, member of the E&E Committee (the "Green Gang")

MARYLAND RESIDENT INCOME FORM 502 TAX RETURN

OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING		2013, ENDING	
Social Security Number		Spouse's Social Security Number	
Your First Name	Initial	Last Name	
Spouse's First Name	Initial	Last Name	
Present Address (No. and street)			
City or Town		State	ZIP code
Name of county and incorporated city, town or special taxing area in which you resided on the last day of the taxable period. (See Instruction 6.)		Maryland County	City, Town or Taxing Area Chevy Chase Village

Tax Return Reminder

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



The Police Beat

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



New Dispatcher Joins the Village Police Department

Mr. Tim Wainscott joined the staff of the Communications Center on February 12, 2014. The father of two grown children, Tim lives in Brookeville, Maryland. Tim is a former Marine, a former business owner, and he comes to us with experience as a

9-1-1 call-taker from Montgomery County's Department of Fire/Rescue Services. We're pleased to have Tim on our team, and we welcome him to the Village!

Remember: Don't Drive Distracted

'Hands free' means just that: You can't use your hands to hold your phone—even when it's on speaker

It seems that some drivers just can't help it—they just HAVE TO make or answer that call or read that text while they're driving. It seems that it's very much like a drug addiction. When that smart phone vibrates or makes a noise, some folks have no will power—they go to the phone the way Pavlov's dog reacted to the ringing of the bell. If this describes you, STOP IT! You are endangering yourself and others. It's selfish, it's unsafe, and by the way, it's illegal.

If you cannot trust yourself to refrain from handling your smart phone while you are in control of a vehicle, then either turn it off or put it out of reach before you start driving. If you absolutely must communicate using your smart phone while you are in your car, then stop in a safe place (a parking lot or a side street—NOT in a place that will impede traffic), put the car in 'park' and make/receive that communication. Please.

Home Security Surveys

The Village Police Department offers free confidential home security surveys which 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. An officer will contact you to arrange a convenient time to conduct the survey.

Don't Fall Prey to Phone Scammers

Phone scams are rampant nationwide. The Chevy Chase Village Police Department urges everyone to use the following precautions whenever they are dealing with someone over the phone whose identity is uncertain:

- Consider ignoring calls from unfamiliar phone numbers. You don't have to answer the phone at all; let those calls go to voicemail and decide later whether or not you want to call back.
- Don't give out information. Period. If a caller asks you for any personal or financial information, assume that they are a crook.
- Never allow yourself to be pressured into making an immediate decision.
- Hang up. You don't have to be polite to a crook. Report suspicious calls to the police.

To learn more about avoiding phone fraud, go to www.ftc.gov/phonefraud.

Our Key Program only works if we have your key! If you have not already done so, please return your house key in case you or a family member gets locked out and so the Village Police can access your home in an emergency.



Medication Drug Drop Box Available at the Village Hall

In mid-August of 2013, the police department acquired a grant-funded steel drop box for the purpose of collecting unwanted prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) medication. The drop box is located in the hallway to the left of the lobby area in the Village Hall, the white mailbox-style receptacle is available to residents 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

By dropping unneeded or expired medication in this safe and secure location, you will help to prevent others from stealing or abusing the drugs, and you can be assured that the medications will be disposed of in an environmentally proper way. Residents are welcome to drop off prescription and OTC pills in their containers (obliterate names on Rx labels). No liquids or needles, or **empty pill bottles** please.

Community News

The Senior Corner:

Chevy Chase @ Home's Meet & Mingles

We had a wonderful turnout for our M&M on February 18 – **The Alexander Technique**, a method to shed old habitual tension patterns in the body, leading to better balance and increased flexibility. Melissa Harrison, a certified therapist demonstrated this technique for us. For anyone who did not receive her flyer and would like a copy, please contact me (see below).

March 4—An Evening Event—7:30 p.m. **“Reverse Mortgages: What you Need to Know”**—Babby London, a resident of Martin’s Additions and who’s mother is a member of CC@H, is a mortgage specialist who will give us valuable information on this current subject. Bring your questions and she will try to answer all of them.

March 8—Saturday—11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Jan Augustine, a world traveler, will share her recent **Road Scholar trip along the Silk Road in Central Asia**. Jan will tell us about the customs, history, and current affairs of this untraveled part of the world with her many photos. Then plan to go for a no-host lunch at a local restaurant with your friends.

March 18—**Meet & Mingle**—2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. **St. Patrick’s Celebration!!** Irish treats from a very special Irish Inn and surprise entertainment for everyone. Come wearin’ your green and bring your friends to share in the joys of the Emerald Isle.

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*

Garden Club of Chevy Chase Open Meeting April 8

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

Chevy Chase Historical Society Presents “Memories and Melodies: Peggy Seeger in Conversation with Mary Cliff,” Saturday, March 15

Folksinger Peggy Seeger will reminisce about growing up in Chevy Chase and sing a few tunes in a Chevy Chase Historical Society program for the community on Saturday, March 15, at 4 p.m.



CHEVY CHASE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The program, “Memories and Melodies: Peggy Seeger in Conversation with Mary Cliff,” will be held at the Chevy Chase Village Hall, 5906 Connecticut Avenue, across the street from the Queen Anne house where Peggy Seeger lived in the 1940s and ‘50s.

Her father, folklorist and musicologist Charles Seeger; her mother, modernist composer Ruth Crawford Seeger; her brother, Mike Seeger, and her half-brother, Pete Seeger, helped spark the folksong revival in mid-20th century America. Peggy Seeger has lived in Britain for more than 30 years and was married to singer and songwriter Ewan MacColl before his death. MacColl wrote “The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face” about her.

Mary Cliff, friend of the Seegers and longtime radio host of the “Traditions” folk music show now heard on WAMU’s Bluegrass Country program, will talk with Peggy Seeger about her years in Chevy Chase and her subsequent music career. Between the memories, Seeger will sing several of her favorite songs.

Admission to the March 15 program is free and no reservations are required. But space is limited so it will be a first-come, first-seated event. Questions may be directed to (301) 652-5726.

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



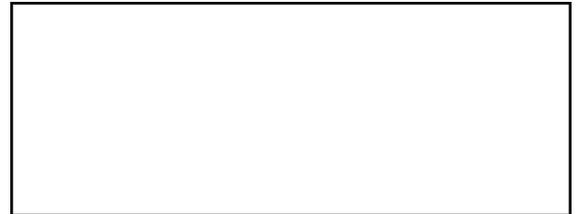
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Chevy Chase, MD 20815

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VILLAGE MANAGER

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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 February 2014

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| 24 West Kirke Street | Construct new fence |
| 24 West Kirke Street | Replace driveway,
construct walkway & patio |

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

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 2014 Directory will be available beginning in July.

