

CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE CRIER

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Monday, November 9, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall

Now - December: Annual Food Drive

Now - November: Clothing & Blanket Drive

November 11: Veterans Day,
Village Office and Public Works Closed

November 26: Thanksgiving Day,
Village Office and Public Works Closed

December 14: Board of Managers' Meeting

December 16: Annual Holiday Party
from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

December 25: Christmas Day,
Village Office and Public Works Closed

**December Appeal/Variance
Deadline: 11/23 by 5:00 p.m.**

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BOARD ACTION SCHEDULED: ADOPTION OF THE REVISED CHARTER

The revised Chevy Chase Village Charter, which essentially serves as the Village's constitution setting the framework of the government, will be presented for Board adoption at its meeting on Monday, November 9. Adoption of the revised Charter follows an 8-month comprehensive review by a Charter Review Committee, which was formed by the Village Board to address the current Charter's poor organization, outdated and unclear wording, multiple inconsistencies and to relocate certain provisions to the Code of Ordinances. The committee, assisted by Village Counsel and the Village Manager, issued its final report to the Board in September, followed by a Public Hearing on the proposed revisions, which took place during the Board's October 12 regular meeting.

Pursuant to Maryland Code, following adoption by the Board, notice of the proposed amendments will be published in a newspaper of general circulation (*The Washington Post*) four times at weekly intervals within the 40 day period following adoption. The new Charter would then go into effect on December 29, unless petitioned to referendum.

A copy of the committee's report and a draft of the rewritten and existing Charters are available on the homepage of the Village website under Quick Links. If you have any questions regarding the proposed amendments, please contact the Village Manager, Ms. Shana Davis-Cook, at (301) 654-7300 or shana.davis-cook@montgomerycountymd.gov.

TREE PLANTING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Last year, the Village's Board of Managers created a Tree Planting incentive Program to provide cost-sharing assistance to residents who plant trees meeting specified requirements on their private property.

Under the Tree Incentive Program, the Village will reimburse residents for up to half of the total costs to a maximum of \$175 for the purchase and planting of qualifying canopy trees on privately owned properties. The total gross cost (including sales tax) will be calculated before any other state, county or other subsidies are

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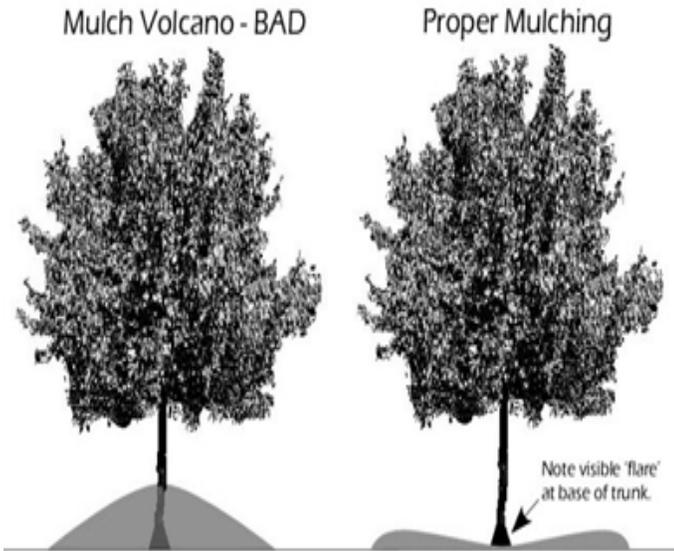
WINTERIZING TREES

BY DR. TOLBERT FEATHER, VILLAGE ARBORIST

Trees have been overwintering in place for thousands of years. The main defense for broadleaf trees (maples, oaks, sycamore, etc.) is to shed leaves and slow down the movement of water and nutrients within the wood. We call this a deciduous tree. Evergreen trees (pines, spruce, hemlock, cedar, etc.) have a different strategy. Evergreen trees retain leaves (needles) throughout the winter and even are functional during the winter, at a reduced rate, transporting water and making photosynthates (food).

Deciduous trees can adapt and defend themselves against the winter elements. Established trees don't require any "help". Freezing and thawing of topsoil could harm newly planted trees. This can be mitigated by applying 2-3" of mulch around the base of the tree. The mulch can be shredded hardwood, pine bark, pine fines or compost. Remember not to pile the mulch around the stem of the tree (see picture below).

Evergreen trees are active during the winter so they lose water



through the leaves (needles). "Winter burn" on evergreen trees is caused by the relatively lower humidity during the winter months combined with winds. These conditions can dry out and kill leaves. Usually established trees are acclimated to winter but newly planted evergreens may be damaged. The best way to reduce damage is to keep the new evergreen trees moist by watering the base during the winter months with 3 – 4 gallons of water once a week.

Winter is a good time to prune deciduous trees, not necessarily because they are dormant, but because the leaves are off and the structure of the tree is visible.

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It is easy to prune smaller or newly planted trees and it is important to do early pruning to shape trees. A great online guide for pruning trees can be found at <http://www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/horticulture/dg0628.html>.

Lastly, the State of Maryland requires contractors that are performing tree work to be licensed through the Department of Natural Resources. Ask for your contractor's Licensed Tree Expert number before you hire them.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



The Village's Annual Holiday Party will be held on Wednesday, December 16 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. More information will be mailed to residents in mid-November.

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applied. **Qualifying canopy tree species include White Ash, American Linden, Red and Sugar Maples, various Oak (White, Swamp White, Shingle, Willow, Water, Scarlet and Red), American Sycamore, London Plane, Bald Cypress, Sweet and Black Gum, American Beech, disease-resistant varieties of American Elm, Kentucky Coffee and Tulip Poplar.** Finally, purchased trees must be two and one half inches (2 1/2") in caliper or greater at the time of planting to qualify for the incentive.

Residents interested in receiving reimbursement under the program must complete an application (available on the Village website and in the Village's administrative office). Applications will be acted upon in the order they are received. Additionally, applicants for Tree Removal Permits will be refunded their permit filing fee if they plant a canopy tree within six months of receiving a Village Tree Removal Permit.

To find out more information regarding these new programs, please contact the Village's Director of Municipal Operations Mr. Michael Younes at (301) 654-7300 or michael.younes@montgomerycountymd.gov.

*Rent the Village Hall
for Your Next Event!*

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RESTRICTIONS ON POWER LANDSCAPE EQUIPMENT

Throughout the fall 2015 leaf collection season, residents are reminded that the Village has limited hours during which landscape power equipment can be operated.



Power landscape equipment is permitted only:

Weekdays between 8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Weekends & Holidays between 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED

OCTOBER 2015

102 East Kirke Street	Rebuild and modify rear deck
12 East Melrose Street	Alterations to existing house & construct new chimney
3927 Oliver Street	Construct new fence; extend fence in west yard to front PL
105 Primrose Street	Install two dry wells in the rear yard
3912 Oliver Street	Install flagstone over existing walkway & new hand rail at front stoop
5607 Park Street	Install replacement air conditioner in the rear yard
10 Grafton Street	Install an irrigation system in the Grafton Street public right-of-way
11 Hesketh Street	Extend drain pipes through the public right-of-way to curb
11 Hesketh Street	Alterations to an existing patio and existing area way
11 Hesketh Street	Construct new fence in the rear yard
11 Hesketh Street	Remove old deck and construct new deck in approximately same location
5502 Grove Street	Install 31' of 1 ½ copper line; WSSC will restore street cut
16 West Kirke Street	Replace portions of existing fence
16 West Kirke Street	Alterations to existing house & construct new rear addition
103 Oxford Street	Install replacement a/c condenser in the rear yard
3927 Oliver Street	Construct new walkway; replace apron and driveway
5414 Center Street	Construct rear two-story addition on crawl space
104 Newlands Street	Install 1 ½" water line and 4" sewer line connection pipe for new house
102 East Melrose St.	Install bocce court with brick border in the east (side) yard



2015 RESIDENT DIRECTORY

Copies of the 2015 Directory (released this past summer) are now available. The Directory contains important information such as the history of the Village; details regarding municipal services, Village government and operations, frequently called numbers, useful code provisions and safety tips. Residents can pick up one copy per household from the Village Office.

BOARD ACTIONS

OCTOBER 12, 2015 BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING

Approval of Previous Meetings' Minutes

September 14, 2015 Executive Session - *approved*; September 14, 2015 Regular Meeting - *approved, as amended*

Consent Agenda - Tree Ordinance Board Consent Agreement

- **A-2201 (Tree Removal Appeal): 3927 Oliver Street:**

Remove one fourteen (14) inch diameter American elm tree located in the rear yard of the property - *approved*

Variance Requests:

- **A-6817 (Variance Request): 6131 Nevada Avenue:**

Maintain a basketball hoop that was installed and which encroaches fourteen (14) feet forward of the twenty-five (25) front (Nevada Avenue) building restriction line - *denied; resident required to remove structure within 90 days*

- **A-6818 (Variance Request): 101 Primrose Street:**

- To replace an existing four (4) foot high fence located along the front (Brookville Road) property line with a six (6) foot high fence of the same style measuring fifty (50) inches in length beginning at the north property line and connecting with an existing six (6) foot high fence. The proposed fence would be parallel to and located six (6) inches at its closest point to the edge of the public sidewalk (Brookville Road) - *approved*

Matters Presented for Board Discussion and Possible Action

- **Resolution 10-01-15:** A Resolution to Repeal the Chevy Chase Village Charter in its Entirety and Adopt a New Charter - *Board action scheduled for November 9 Meeting* (For more information, see cover article, entitled "Board Action Scheduled: Adoption of the Revised Charter")

Committee Matters

- **Financial Review Committee:** Presentation of the draft audited financial statements for FY2015 prepared by the independent auditing firm *Lindsey & Associates, LLC* - *no formal action taken*
- **Board Reestablishment of the Western Grove Park Committee as the Western Grove Park Friends Group** - *approved, as amended*. The following Western Grove Park Committee Members were reappointed to the Western Grove Park Friends Group: Meredith Wellington (West Lenox Street) appointed as Chair; Nina Bang-Jensen (Oliver Street); Susie Eig (West Kirke Street); Diana Kartalia (Grove Street); Virginia Leachman (Newlands Street); Jay Treadwell (Grove Street); Lyric Winik (East Lenox Street); and Peter Yeo (Grafton Street) appointed as members.

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 Governance, Board of Managers, Board Meeting Minutes. To listen to audio recordings of the most recent Board Meetings, please visit the Village website: www.chevychasevillagemd.gov by clicking on Governance, Board of Managers, Board Meeting Recordings.

Next Regular Board of Managers' Meeting: November 9, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

MAIL DELIVERY CONCERNS: KEEP VILLAGE STAFF INFORMED

Unfortunately, complaints regarding regular mail delivery in the Village have resurged, including issues related to misdelivered mail, sporadic delivery—some residents have gone 3-5 days without any mail—late delivery and mail placed on front steps rather than through the mail slot.

The Village Manager, Ms. Shana Davis-Cook, continues to report complaints and issues related to mail service to the local Postmaster. If you have mail service complaints or concerns, please email them to Ms. Davis-Cook at shana.davis-cook@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Regarding misdelivered mail: If you receive mail that is not addressed to you, DO NOT place it in a postal box. This mail is simply recirculated through the mail system resulting in further delays and may even be misdelivered again. To ensure correct delivery, please return the mail to your carrier (placement in outgoing mail is also sufficient), the carriers are then responsible for ensuring correct delivery of that mail.

THE POLICE BEAT

E-mail Police Chief John M. Fitzgerald: john.m.fitzgerald@montgomerycountymd.gov

TRAVEL SAFETY TIPS



With the holidays approaching, families will be traveling. Here are a few tips that you may find helpful during your trip:

AT THE AIRPORT

Keep your baggage wedged between your feet or have a hand on it at all times.

Don't put your purse on the X-ray belt until you are walking through the gate and can retrieve it instantly.

When lines become backed up, it would be easy for a thief to simply pick up your purse without anyone noticing. Even though shuttle buses often provide specific areas to store bags while going to and from airport lots, it's best to keep your belongings with you.



AT YOUR HOTEL



Don't answer the door in a hotel or motel without verifying who it is. If necessary, you can verify whether the person at the door is an employee of the hotel and why they would need access to your room by calling the front desk.

When returning to your motel room late in the evening, use the main entrance. After you're in your room, secure your door using all locking devices available.

Don't display large amounts of cash or expensive jewelry—this can draw the wrong person's attention to you.

WEEKLY "POLICE BEAT" AND EMAIL BLASTS

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.chevy-chasevillagemd.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.

GET YOUR SCRAPERS READY

You must remove all snow and ice from your vehicle's windows and roof before driving.



We've all seen it: the car driving down the road with the windshield and all the windows obscured by snow or ice. Other times, we see a towering pile of snow on the roof of a car ahead of us threatening to drop on top of us as we motor around the beltway. Those drivers are not only lazy, but they are creating a hazard to themselves and others, and they are breaking the law.

State law requires that you take the time to remove all the ice and snow from your car's windows and from the roof of your vehicle. Failure to clear your windows carries a \$70 fine, and failure to remove snow or ice from your vehicle's roof carries a \$90 fine.

Please keep yourself and the rest of us safe by cleaning off your car before you drive down the road.

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.

ONE TEXT OR CALL COULD
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COMMUNITY NEWS

THE SENIOR CORNER

Fall has come and with it we have had another in our medical information series. A very informative program on Macular Degeneration and Vision Loss, presented by Richard Garfinkel, M.D. and Suleiman Alibhai, O.D. Be sure to watch for these programs and mark your calendars.

The change in the weather has brought a change in our Meet and Mingle program for the month of November. Be sure to check the times and the days of the week.

Tuesdays, November 10 & 17 – 2:00-4:00 p.m.: Millie Shott, our local artist, will hold a two-session workshop to help you create a “Memorable Mosaic Plaque”. Millie says that we all have artistic talents – though some are hidden. She will provide some materials, but she asks that you gather up all those broken dishes, vases, glasses and pottery, bring them in and you may leave with a beautiful work of art. Start on the 10th and finish on the 17th.

Monday, November 14 – 1:00-3:00 p.m.: Jewelry Making with Mary Gorman. Bring your old jewelry and broken beads and Mary will show you how to repair them or create new pieces for yourself or as gifts.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, December 15 – 2:00-4:00 p.m.: We will have our annual Christmas Party with many delicious refreshments, including rum cake and eggnog – and entertainment to be announced.

These events are brought to all of you through the cooperation of Chevy Chase Village and Chevy Chase at Home. We strive to bring you informative programs that are entertaining, educational, cultural and medical – led by artists or experts in their particular fields. If you have ideas or suggestions for interesting subjects or know people with special talents, please call or write to me and I will do my best to bring them on board. My phone: 301-656-0597 and e-mail: bettyoconnor2@verizon.net. I hope to see you or hear from you soon.

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

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.

THE COMMUNITY CORNER

Join us for the next Community Relations Committee (CRC) Meeting **Monday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Village Hall.

In this month's Community Corner column, I thought I would shine a light on a community resource that I think is very valuable but may not be well known. It's a non-profit called Chevy Chase at Home (CC@H). The name derives from the fact that it serves the various Chevy Chase neighborhoods -Chevy Chase Village, Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase, the Town of Chevy Chase, Section 5 of the Village of Chevy Chase, Martin's Additions, Rollingwood, the Old Hamlet, and adjacent unincorporated areas inside the bounding streets. Membership is open to anyone living in these areas.

The mission of CC@H is to assist older residents to live safely in their own homes, in familiar surroundings, and to stay engaged in community life.

They do this through organized social, educational and physical fitness activities (in collaboration with Betty O'Connor, a founding member of CC@Home who currently chairs activity planning committees for both CC@Home and Chevy Chase Village) and volunteer-provided services such as transportation, minor household chores (changing light bulbs, moving heavy items, etc.), social visits, a storm buddy program (a nearby neighbor who will check in during/after storms), and, coming soon, medical note-taking. All of these services are provided by volunteers who are, in turn, neighbors and quite often, CC@H members themselves. Last year, CC@H responded to over 800 requests for assistance from their members.

I volunteer as a driver and as a storm-buddy. As a driver, I take members places –it may be a doctor's appointment or an education course, a religious service or the post office – and along the way we usually talk. That's one of the reasons I volunteer. I meet people - and they often have interesting stories to tell. As a storm buddy I was paired with a neighbor who lives quite close to me but we had never met. I was helping her with snow and ice, she was showing me what it means to be youthful at any age.

She is a special person and I feel very fortunate to have met

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FOOD DRIVE: NOW THROUGH DECEMBER IN THE VILLAGE HALL

For the third year in a row, Chevy Chase Village will partner with the Manna Food Center, the largest food bank in Montgomery County. Over the past 31 years, Manna has distributed 47.3 million pounds of food to more than 2.7 million individuals in need of food assistance. Manna serves approximately 3,600 individuals monthly totaling 11,500 unduplicated households each year. The services of Manna ensure that 21,000 adults and 15,000 children who are experiencing poverty, hunger, and food insecurity will receive essential food supports to help them break the cycle of hunger and food insecurity.

What can you do? We will have a food drop-off at the Village Hall through December. When attending Village events residents are asked to bring an item to add to the box.

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her through CC@H. Another reason I volunteer is that I know it would mean a lot to me to know that someone was doing the same thing for my relatives or friends when I can't be there.

I have also been impressed with how well it is organized and what a robust social program they offer. You may have noticed that some of their programs take place at the Village Hall. The Village Board and staff have been supportive of CC@H by providing the use of the Village Hall. They recognize CC@H's unique and valuable service to residents. By virtue of its broad reach and positive reputation in the community, CC@H is able to provide programs that otherwise would not be possible and Chevy Chase Village residents (particularly seniors) have a special voice in that process through this community partnership. CC@H is a wonderful resource for all Chevy Chase Village residents - for the assistance and social opportunities provided to those who become members and the rewarding and very flexible volunteer opportunity it provides for all. To me the value is in the creation of community and doing for others what you might like to have done for yourself or your family members. Looking after each other – it's as simple as that.

If you have questions or would like to learn about becoming a member or volunteer, please contact CC@H at info@chevychaseathome.org or call 301-657-3115.

*Karen Spangler
Chair, Community Relations Committee*

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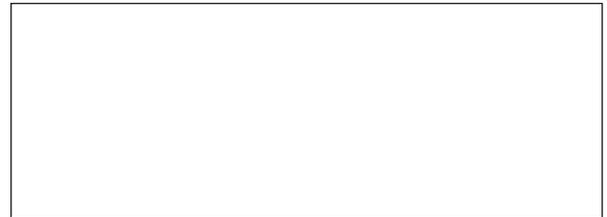


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VILLAGE MANAGER

Shana R. Davis-Cook



HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR REFUSE AND RECYCLING Week of Thanksgiving, November 26, 2014

IF YOUR NORMAL COLLECTION DAY IS...	YOUR COLLECTION DAY WILL BE...
Thursday	Friday
Friday	Saturday

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.

TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION; SPECIAL PICK-UPS



Resident input regarding the contracted services for trash and recycling collection is an important factor during the evaluation of these services. Please contact the Village office to provide your feedback.

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 recycling were not collected.

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.



The mobile service bus will visit the Friendship Heights Village Center along Friendship Boulevard on **Monday, November 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

For more information, call (301)-656-2797 or visit www.FriendshipHeightsmd.gov.



Annual Leaf Collection Information



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