

# CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE CRIER

## THIS MONTH IN THE CRIER

New Board Meeting Procedures.....Cover Article

Beware of Mulch Volcanoes.....2

Noise Regulations.....2

Village Street Sweeping.....3

Board Actions - March 9, 2015.....4

The Police Beat.....5

Stormwater Management.....6

Village Teens .....7

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Monday, April 13, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.**

Board of Managers' Meeting  
*Chevy Chase Village Hall*

**April 14, 15 & 22, May 5, 16, 19, June 9:**

Chevy Chase @ Home Events  
*(please see page 6 of this issue for more information)*

**April 18:** Community Shredding Event  
*(10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)*

**Monday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m.**

Board of Managers' Annual Meeting

**April 23 at 7:30 p.m.:** Sustainable Living  
Lecture *(See enclosed flyer.)*

**Week of April 26: Spring Class Session Begins**  
*(See enclosed flyer.)*

**May 3:** The Red Cross Babysitters' Training  
Course *(See enclosed flyer.)*

**Every Monday from 9:30-10:30 a.m.**  
Toddler Play Group

**May Appeal/Variance Deadline  
4/20 at 5:00 p.m.**

5906 Connecticut Avenue  
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815  
phone: 301.654.7300  
fax: 301.907.9721  
email: ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov  
website: www.chevychasevillagemd.gov

## ANNUAL MEETING: MONDAY, APRIL 20 AT 7: 30 P.M.

The Chevy Chase Village Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, April 20 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.

*Continued on Page 3, First Column*

## BOARD OF MANAGERS ANNOUNCES NEW MEETING PROCEDURES

The Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers meets on the second Monday of every month (except August). Monthly meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. and are held in the Village Hall.

The Board Chair has announced, and the Board has approved, the following new procedures for its regular monthly meetings (these procedures will not apply to special meetings and work sessions). These procedures are effective immediately and are designed to ensure matters of primary interest residents in attendance are considered as promptly and effectively as possible.

1. In setting the agenda prior to the meeting, priority in order of consideration will be given to items anticipated to have the largest audience interest. Matters traditionally considered early in the agenda, such as the Treasurer's and Police Reports will typically now be considered toward the end of the meeting.
2. If there is a matter on the agenda involving a public hearing or public discussion where input from residents is expected, that matter will be given a time certain (e.g., 8:00 p.m.) for the matter to be considered. If the Board is in the middle of considering another matter that could not be concluded quickly, then the discussion of that matter would be continued and resumed after the matter which had been given a specific starting time.

*Continued on Page 3, First Column*

••• See page 4 for the new "Community Corner", a monthly addition from the Village's Community Relations Committee, featuring information on upcoming events, community donation efforts and new families who have moved into the community! •••

## MAINTAINING THE VILLAGE

### RIGHT-OF-WAY

Spring is *finally* here and that means shrubs and plantings are set to burst into bloom. Take a walk around your property...are all of the public sidewalks surrounding your property clear of low-hanging branches, overgrown bushes and vines? Is the grass in the right-of-way and tree box area mowed and maintained at less than ten inches in height? Does any shrubbery block sight lines for vehicles?

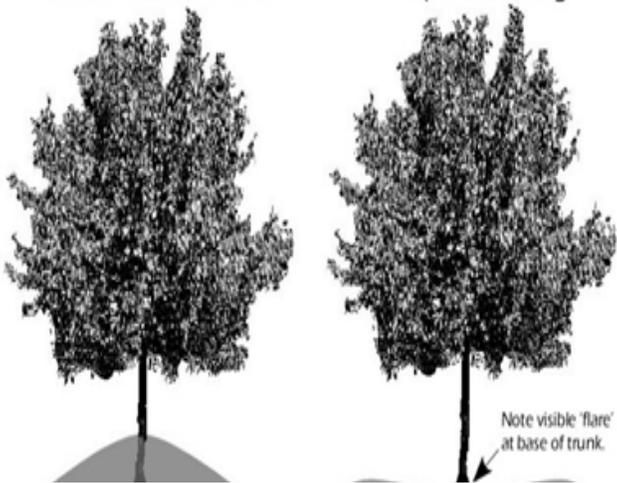
Be a considerate neighbor (and comply with the Village Code) by mowing the grass and pruning back any overgrowth that interferes with pedestrian use of the sidewalks abutting your property. Clearing these obstacles will continue to make the Village pedestrian, stroller and bicycle friendly- and safe for all

### BEWARE OF MULCH VOLCANOES

Deciduous trees can benefit from the application of a 2-3" layer of mulch around the base of the tree. The mulch can help maintain moisture, reduce weed germination and protect trunks from lawn care equipment. Mulch materials can be shredded hardwood, pine bark, pine fines or compost. Unfortunately, over-zealous landscape crews frequently apply too much material and mound mulch against the trunk of the tree, hence the term "mulch volcanoes". This is detrimental to the health of the tree and can cause serious decline. Remember not to pile the mulch around the stem of the tree (see picture below).

Mulch Volcano - BAD

Proper Mulching



Visit the following website for tree care tips, including an article fully explaining proper mulching technique: <http://www.treesaregood.com/treecare/mulching.aspx>.

## TAX RETURN REMINDER

Revenues received through our residents' paid income taxes remains the most significant source of Village revenues (see the enclosed budget insert). We need our residents' help to ensure that all income tax revenue due to the Village actually gets here. This money goes directly to services benefiting Village residents.

**As Village residents you DO NOT pay any additional income taxes to live in Chevy Chase Village.** By law, as a municipality, the Village receives a portion of the tax you pay to Montgomery County. It is very important, however, that the State of Maryland knows to return this revenue to the Village. Consequently, please take special care to mark your tax return as shown below.

When you file your Maryland income tax return, please remember to put **Chevy Chase Village** under "City, Town or Taxing Area" to ensure the Village receives our share of the state income tax (see below).

### MARYLAND RESIDENT INCOME FORM 502 TAX RETURN

OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING		2014, 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 <b>Montg.</b>	City, Town or Taxing Area <b>Chevy Chase Village</b>

### SPRINGTIME REMINDER: NOISE REGULATIONS

The Village reminds residents that use of lawn mowers, leaf blowers and other power landscape is **prohibited** between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. weekdays, and between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. on holidays and weekends.



Please advise your landscape crews of these noise regulations, which are strongly enforced by the Village Police and Code Enforcement Coordinator.

*Continued from Cover Article, "Annual Meeting..."*

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 FY 2016 (July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016) 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 to the goals of the upcoming year.

*Continued from Cover Article, "...New Meeting Procedures"*

3. Any consultants or Village Staff referring to maps, drawings or similar material will be asked to either provide hard copies of these materials for the audience or provide the materials in an audio-visual capable format that will be projected onto a screen so members of the audience can more easily follow along.

4. When there are a high number of attendees, the Board Chairman will inquire of the audience at the beginning of the meeting what specific matters on the agenda they are present to hear or comment on. Depending on the responses, the Board may further reorder the agenda if audience interest requires.

The Board welcomes your feedback on these and other matters concerning the community. Please feel free to contact the Village Manager at (301) 654-7300 with your questions, concerns or comments.

### **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.

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

### **VILLAGE STREET SWEEPING**

The Village Board has approved a new street sweeping service. Now that the winter weather is behind us, monthly street sweeping has begun. Street sweeping will be conducted monthly (April through October) and will be typically be conducted during the first week of the month.

Sweeping will be scheduled so as to avoid conflict with other major Village projects. For this reason, certain months may be skipped. If this must occur, the Village office will attempt to provide ample notice to residents via the Village website.

The Village office will make every attempt to provide one week's notice to residents in advance of the monthly sweeping. This notice will be provided via the calendar located on the Village's website and in the preceding week's Friday blast email. The Village office may not be able to provide notice of cancellations; however, rescheduling will be posted through the same means as outlined above.

Residents will be encouraged to remove their personal and visitors' vehicles from Village roadways on the expected sweeping days. No attempts will be made to find owners or otherwise remove vehicles that have been left parked on the roadway. The contractor will be directed to sweep around any parked vehicles.

For more information regarding this new service, please contact the Village office.

### **BOARD APPROVES INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AROUND THE VILLAGE HALL**

At its March 9 regular meeting, the Village's Board of Managers approved a final plan to improve pedestrian and vehicle traffic flows along the roadways that surround the Village Hall, including entry into the Village from Connecticut Avenue at West Kirke Street, the intersection of West Kirke Street at Laurel Parkway, and the section of Laurel Parkway that runs along the rear of the Village Hall (adjacent to the Public Works yard).

A rendering of the final Board approved plan, along with the traffic engineering report, is available on the Village's website by clicking on the "Capital Improvements and Utility Upgrade Projects" link under the News tab.

The final plans will be advertised for construction bids this summer. Work on the proposed improvements will likely begin later this calendar.

# BOARD ACTIONS

MARCH 9, 2015 BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING

## Approval of Previous Meetings' Minutes

February 9, 2015 Regular Meeting - *approved*      February 23, 2015 Budget Work Session - *approved*

## Committee Matters

- **Ethics Commission**

Board Appointment of Stuart Gerson (East Irving Street) for a 3-year term as member - *approved*

- **Financial Review Committee**

Board Appointment of Louis Morsberger (Cedar Parkway) as Chair - *approved*

## Contractual Matters

- **Purchase Authorization Request**--Spring Tree Plantings from Stadler Nursery - *approved*

- **Contract Authorization Request**-- Newsletter Printing: *American Reprographics, Inc.* - *approved*

## Matters Presented for Board Discussion and Possible Action (also see article on page 3, second column)

- Proposed Scope/Terms for the Refuse & Recycling Contract - *approved*
- Pedestrian Light in the Boxwood Area off of Chevy Chase Circle - *approved*
- Modifications to the Village Hall Landscaping - *approved*

*This is a synopsis of the Board's actions. To view an archive of the approved minutes, please visit the Village website: [www.chevychasemd.gov](http://www.chevychasemd.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](http://www.chevychasevillagemd.gov) by clicking on Governance, Board of Managers, Board Meeting Recordings.*

**Next Regular Board of Managers' Meeting: Monday, April 13, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.**

## COMMUNITY CORNER

Our **Kick-off Family Movie Event** in February had a nice turn-out with many neighborhood families with young kids enjoyed "Madagascar" and snacks. The children also had a chance to decorate animal-shaped cookies and played with each other among the toys available while parents socialize with one another.

The **Toddler Group** has started up again and it's another opportunity for kids and families to socialize with one another. Please see our flyer in this *Crier* for more information. If you have questions or comments for the Toddler Group, please send them to Saralisa Brau at [saralisabrau@gmail.com](mailto:saralisabrau@gmail.com) and Soniya Mitra at [soniyamitra@gmail.com](mailto:soniyamitra@gmail.com).

Our May event will be the popular **Babysitting Training Course** offered by the American Red Cross at the Village Hall on May 3rd. Please RSVP by April 24th. See the attached flyer for more details regarding cost and time. For questions, feel free to contact Karen Spangler at [Karen.e.spangler@gmail.com](mailto:Karen.e.spangler@gmail.com) or Minh Le at [minh3933@gmail.com](mailto:minh3933@gmail.com).

One of the goals of the Community Relations Committee is to bring neighbors together and to welcome new families into the Village. We **welcome Robin Brooks and Maya MacGuineas**, who moved into 5 W. Lenox Street within the month. Please reach out to them if they are on your block.

In welcoming new residents, we also hope to rally our neighbors around some charitable projects throughout the year. Many families in the Village are very fortunate and our community is known for being affluent. This is a fine reputation to have. However, it would be wonderful if we are also known for our giving. Our Committee will be launching some charitable projects starting this month. We are holding a **drive for business clothing** (both male and female) that you no longer use. At the end of May (date TBD) we will gather to sort the clothes and deliver them to charities where new graduates and others will have the opportunity to some business attire as they launch themselves into the working world. You can bring the items to the Village where a receptacle will be made available. This is a great way to discard old business clothes as you clean out your closet for spring cleaning! **Let's make Chevy Chase Village be known for our generosity!** For more information, please email Minh Le at [minh3933@gmail.com](mailto:minh3933@gmail.com).

# THE POLICE BEAT

To e-mail Police Chief John M. Fitzgerald: [john.m.fitzgerald@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:john.m.fitzgerald@montgomerycountymd.gov)

## 2014 ANNUAL POLICE REPORT

The following is a summary of police activity for the past two years:

	2013 TOTALS	2014 TOTALS
Incident Reports	1,652	1,477
Auto Collisions	106	94
Residential Alarms	297	275
Code Enforcement Checks	52	84
Code Enforcement Violations	2	3
Adult Arrests	12	17
Juvenile Arrests	0	0
Homicides	0	0
Sexual Offenses	0	0
Robberies	0	1
Assaults	2	0
Burglaries	4	8
Larcenies	60	38
Auto Thefts	5	0
Vandalism	3	6
Traffic Citations, Warnings, & Equipment Repair Orders	2,295	1,331

## 2014 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER REPORT

	2013 TOTALS	2014 TOTALS
Front Office Calls	16,621	14,706
Police Department Calls	4,414	4,112
House Checks	48,831	47,787
Mail Pick Up	1,028	1,037
Key Pick Up/Drop Off	685	700
Walk In	1,918	1,947
House Check Requests	2,019	2,111
Trash and Recycle Complaints	61	57
Special Pick Up Requests	1,255	1,127

## 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](http://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.

## PLEASE LOCK YOUR VEHICLES

The Village Police Department urges residents to lock your vehicles and put away valuables. Officers are continuing to find vehicles left unlocked and valuables such as GPS devices and other electronics sitting in plain view. This is an open invitation to potential thieves.



## PROTECTING YOUR FINANCIAL HEALTH AND YOUR CREDIT RATING REQUIRES SENSIBLE SECURITY HABITS

Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in America. The number of identity theft incidents has reached 9.9 million a year, according to the Federal Trade Commission. The National Crime Prevention Council offers the following tips:

- Do not give out your personal information unless you initiate the contact or know the person or company with whom you are dealing. Also, never disclose personal information, such as a Social Security number or bank account number in response to an email or a phone call. Legitimate businesses will not ask you to do this.
- Do not disclose your credit card number to an online vendor unless it is encrypted and the site is secure. Look at the first part of the Web address on your browser. It should read <https://>.
- Do not write your Social Security number on checks or credit card receipts.
- Remove all documents with personal information from your hard drive before discarding your computer or sending it in for repair.
- Shred discarded documents, including pre-approved credit card applications, bank statements, store receipts and utility bills. "Dumpster divers" can gain access to your personal information if such items are thrown in the trash or recycle bins.
- Cancel all credit cards that have not been used in the last six months. Open credit is a prime target for thieves.
- Order your credit report at least twice a year and report any mistakes to the credit reporting agency in writing.

If you are a victim of identity theft, contact the Village police department as soon as possible. To learn more about preventing identity theft, visit the National Crime Prevention Council's Web site at [www.ncpc.org](http://www.ncpc.org).

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## THE SENIOR CORNER

Spring is finally here!! We can look back to a very cold March, but it was warm and friendly in the Village. Our St. Patrick's Day Party was a great success - with a very talented Highland Bagpiper to celebrate the day and our usual Irish treats, including Irish Coffee, to satisfy our palates.

April brings showers and flowers – and very informative programs. The first is one in our series on various therapies.

### **Tuesday, April 14 – 2:00-4:00 P.M.: Meet & Mingle (M&M)**

Nancy Weinberg, P.T. will speak on “How to Improve Your Balance and Prevent Falls”. Nancy is an experienced physical therapist, especially in aquatic therapy. She has been practicing for over forty years, currently at Sibley Hospital. Balance and fall prevention are two concerns for many of us as we get older. Nancy will have helpful information and suggestions for our safety. Come, bring your friends and neighbors and enjoy the refreshments.

### **Wednesday, April 15: i-Phone tech classes begin**

Three consecutive Wednesdays from 2-3 P.M. The course will cover all the essentials of iPhone use. Registration and payment is due by April 7. More info is available at the CC@H office, 301-657-3115.

### **Wednesday, April 22 at 7:30 P.M.: Home Safety Presentation**

Jim Resnick, Program Manager of the Senior Outreach and Education Program of Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service, will speak to us about the new home safety regulations relating to smoke and carbon-monoxide alarms. He will also tell us about what the County is prepared to do to work with us to ensure that our homes are safe and up to code. Hear about free, in-home inspections provided by fire and rescue experts and available to all County seniors. These include inspection of alarms, personalized fire evacuation plans and injury prevention strategies. Come and bring your friends and learn about this up-to-date information.

### **Tuesday, May 5 – 2:00-4:00 P.M.: M&M**

Pam Holland, founder of TechMoxie, will speak on “Staying Safe Online”. She will focus on how to protect yourself from being scammed – what you need to know about “phishing”, email scams, password best practices, and identifying reliable information on the internet. Bring your questions and she will try to have the answers for you.

*Continued at the top of the next column...*

## SAVE THE DATES –

### **Saturday, May 16 – 1:00-5:00 P.M.: What's it Worth? Trash or Treasure? CC@H's Appraisal Day fundraiser.**

Registration and admission (\$45 before May 23, \$55 thereafter and at the door) entitles you to have up to three of your treasures evaluated by expert appraisers. There will be talks on “What's Hot, What's Not,” and how to “Get Smart about Art,” as well as door prizes and refreshments. Get more details and register early at [www.chevyCHASEathome.org](http://www.chevyCHASEathome.org) or call 301-657-3115.

### **Tuesday, May 19 – 2:00-4:00 P.M.: M&M**

Millie Shott will conduct another one of her art workshops.

### **Tuesday, June 9 – 2:00-4:00 P.M.: M&M**

Tea with Ambassador Brodie, Jr. This was postponed due to weather in February.

All of our events are brought to you by Chevy Chase Village and Chevy Chase@Home. We welcome your comments and suggestions. For more information contact Betty O'Connor at 301-656-0597 or [bettyoconnor2@verizon.net](mailto:bettyoconnor2@verizon.net).

*Betty O'Connor*

*Chair, Village Committee for Seniors*

## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT INFORMATION MEETING

Thank you to Ms. Amanda Rockler, of the University Of Maryland Extension Service and the Sea Grant Watershed Project, and Ms. Pamela Rowe, of the Montgomery County Rainscapes program, who led the stormwater management presentation on March 24 in the Village Hall. They addressed the unique characteristics and challenges of building in Chevy Chase Village and provided encouragement for participation in the County's Rainscapes program, which may provide rebates of up to \$2,500 per property for provision of stormwater management techniques. The Power-Point presentation, including their contact information, is available to view through the Village website:

[www.chevyCHASEvillagemd.gov](http://www.chevyCHASEvillagemd.gov) under “Quick Links”. We also have a limited number of the handouts provided at the meeting available at the Village Hall. Contact Ellen Sands, Village Permitting & Code Enforcement Coordinator for information and permitting requirements: 301-654-7300 or [ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov).

## BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED MARCH 2015

11 West Melrose --In-kind replacement of a fence & gate  
33 Oxford Street --Construct two story addition & patio  
3927 Oliver Street --Construct two-story addition  
Cedar & Laurel Pkwy --Install two (2) LED streetlights  
6400 Brookville Rd. --Construct new patio (extension)  
5612 Grove Street --Install new fence in the side yard  
207 Primrose Street --Construct two-story addition & patio  
5810 Connecticut Ave. --Construct pergola in the rear yard  
6307 Broad Branch Rd. --Install generator in the side yard  
7 Newlands Street -- Install generator in the side yard  
30 Hesketh Street --Interior & window well alteration

## 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 recycling were 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.

### RECYCLE OLD CELL PHONES



Residents may drop off old cell phones and chargers at the Village's 24-hour Communications Center.

Donated phones are wiped clean of any services, phone numbers, or address books. They are then re-programmed and provided either to victims of domestic violence or senior citizens so they may call 9-1-1 to report an emergency situation. These phones cannot be used for any other function.



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



5906 Connecticut Avenue  
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

**PRSR STD  
US POSTAGE  
PAID  
Permit No. 7078  
SUBURBAN, MD**

## REMINDER: ANNUAL MEETING

### Monday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m.

#### BOARD OF MANAGERS

Michael L. Denger, *Chair*  
Patricia S. Baptiste, *Vice Chair*  
Richard M. Ruda, *Secretary*  
David L. Winstead, *Assistant Secretary*  
Gary Crockett, *Treasurer*  
Robert C. Goodwin, Jr., *Assistant Treasurer*  
Elissa Leonard, *Board Member*

#### VILLAGE MANAGER

Shana R. Davis-Cook



# Budget and Tax Matters

## Notice of a **Public Discussion** on the Proposed Budget and Tax Rates for FY2016

The Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers will convene on **Monday, April 13, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.** to hold a **public discussion** to hear residents' comments on the **proposed operating and capital budget and real and personal property tax rates** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending on June 30, 2016 (FY2016).

The detailed proposed budget and Capital Improvements Program (CIP) plan are available at the Chevy Chase Village Office between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. This information can also be accessed on the Village's website at [www.chevychasevillagemd.gov](http://www.chevychasevillagemd.gov) (under "About", "Budget and Tax Information", "Proposed FY2016 Budget & CIP") or you may submit a request for this information to be mailed to you by calling (301) 654-7300.

## **Board Action:** Adoption of the Proposed Budget and Tax Rates for FY2016

In accordance with the Charter for Chevy Chase Village, during the Village's **Annual Meeting** scheduled for the **evening of Monday, April 20, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Village Hall, the Board of Managers will take **action to adopt the proposed operating and capital budget and real and personal property tax rates** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending on June 30, 2016 (FY2016).

**Enclosed in this insert you will find the following:**

- Budget Overview *Page 3*
- FY2016 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget Summary *Page 4*
- FY2016 Proposed Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Summary *Page 5*

---

## **Treasurer's Comments on the Proposed FY 2016 Budget**

This insert contains a summary of the proposed operating and capital budgets for the fiscal year that will begin on July 1, 2015 and end on June 30, 2016 (FY 2016). At the Village's Annual Meeting on Monday, April 20, the Board of Managers will enact the operating budget, the capital budget, and the property tax rate for FY 2016. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Village, of course, keeps books that conform to standard accounting requirements. The level of detail in the books, however, can sometimes obscure the basic information residents want to see. Additionally, unlike our tax revenue, our *SafeSpeed* revenue has significant associated expenses, and what we really want to know is how much remains after those expenses.

In addition to the full operating budget and capital expenditure presentations, we are providing a one-page **Budget Overview**. The overview shows where we expect to get our money and how we plan to spend it.

In that overview the *SafeSpeed* revenue shown is the “net” that remains after we pay the company that provides the *SafeSpeed* cameras and pay the expenses of the police officer dedicated to reviewing the camera citations. However, even after those fixed expenses are deducted, not all of the remainder is available for discretionary spending. We have additional internal expenses for the *SafeSpeed* program, mostly for the cost of police and administration people who spend part of their time administering the program. To make this easier to see we have provided a single line for *SafeSpeed* operating expenses, then on the lines for Police and for General Administration we have shown only the amounts beyond what was allocated to *SafeSpeed*.

For every revenue or expense item in the **Budget Overview** we have shown the proposed amount for FY 2016, the percentage change from our current projections for FY 2015, and in some cases a comment about the reason for the change from 2015.

The proposed budget generally reflects a “business as usual” approach to governmental services and operations with no major planned operational changes, and reflects a continued Capital Improvement Program for maintaining Village vehicles and equipment and improvements to the Village’s infrastructure.

We are fortunate enough to have accumulated a substantial reserve in past years when tax receipts were unusually high. There is general agreement on the Board and in the Budget Committee that we would start to get uncomfortable with a reserve level of less than \$3 million. Some reserve is needed to handle the uneven cash flow that comes from tax receipt timing, and it’s prudent to have enough reserve to handle an unusual weather event or other unexpected need for cash. But as the overview shows, we expect to have twice that amount at the end of FY 2016, even after planning for a draw on reserves.

Last year the Board felt that the reserves level justified a modest decrease in the property tax rate. This year we are being more cautious because of a lawsuit regarding the State of Maryland’s handling of the local and county portions of the state income tax. This case, generally known as *Comptroller v. Wynne*, has been argued in the U.S. Supreme Court, and a decision should come later this year. If the State loses this appeal, the Village could be required to refund a portion of our income tax receipts for the past several years. We do not yet know exactly how much this might come to, because much depends on details of implementation. The worst case would not wipe out our reserves or even reduce them to the point of serious concern, but the likely effect would be large enough that a property tax decrease seems unwise at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Crockett  
Board Member and Treasurer

## Budget Overview

	Proposed FY 2016 Budget	Difference from Projected FY 2015	<u>Comments</u>
<b>PROJECTED SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>			
Income Tax	2,250,000	+8%	A slight increase from the current fiscal year's projection. We expect to slightly rebound from the effects of overpayment in FY 2014.
Property Tax	955,500	0%	The Board plans to maintain the constant yield tax rate.
SafeSpeed (net of direct costs)	544,625	+10%	Reduction in the vendor contract costs and a stabilization in the number of issued and paid citations.
Other	457,045	-4%	We are projected to surpass the current fiscal year budget by 10%; however, we are budgeting conservatively for FY 2016 in anticipation that this increase is non-recurring.
<b>Total Projected Funds (net)</b>	<b>4,207,170</b>	<b>+5%</b>	
<b>PLANNED USES OF FUNDS</b>			
SafeSpeed Operating Expenses (net of direct costs)	363,803	+2%	
Police (net of SafeSpeed)	1,004,171	+14%	Due to an additional patrol officer position and normal annual increases in personnel costs (i.e., benefits, salary adjustments, etc.), including new health insurance premium rating.
Communications	378,220	+8%	Due to normal annual personnel cost increases and new health insurance premium rating.
Public Works	914,390	+9%	Due to normal annual personnel cost increases and new health insurance premium rating.
General Government (net of SafeSpeed)	695,216	+6%	Due to normal annual personnel cost increases and new health insurance premium rating.
Legal Services	100,000	0%	
Village Hall	89,925	+1%	
Parks, Trees, and Greenspace	212,950	+10%	Due to an increase in the landscape maintenance contract and the new maintenance obligation for Western Grove Park.
Street Light Operating Expenses	42,500	0%	
Misc Capital Projects	190,000	-43%	Due to completion of major Capital Projects in FY 2015.
Street Maintenance	106,000	-47%	Major roadway resurfacing completed in FY 2015. Routine street maintenance planned for FY 2016.
W. Kirke St./Laurel Pkwy.Traffic Improv. Proj.	145,000	N/A	Right-of-Way project along roadways surrounding the Village Hall to improve pedestrian and vehicular traffic flows.
Western Grove Park	300,000	N/A	Originally budgeted in FY 2015 and moved to FY 2016: Village's 25% contribution toward the development of Western Grove Park.
<b>Total Planned Expenditures (net)</b>	<b>4,542,175</b>	<b>-17%</b>	
<b>Planned Draw on Reserves:</b>	<b>(335,005)</b>		
<b>Planned Reserves Remaining:</b>	<b>6,246,514</b>		

**General Funds and SafeSpeed Budgets (Operating & Capital)**

**Proposed  
FY2016**

**I. Revenue**

Income Tax	\$2,250,000
Property Tax	955,500
Investments & Misc. Income	46,001
Cost Recoveries/Grants	411,046
Citation Revenue	<u>1,392,500</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$5,055,047</b>

**II. Costs**

**A. On-going Programs**

	<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Operations</b>	<b>Total</b>
<u>Department Services</u>			
Police	\$1,337,805	\$795,370	\$2,133,175
Communications	357,800	20,420	378,220
Public Works	599,290	315,100	914,390
General Government	624,350	153,540	777,890
Professional Services		100,000	100,000
<u>Facilities, Fleet, &amp; Infrastructure</u>			
Village Hall		\$89,925	\$89,925
Parks, Trees, & Greenspace		212,950	212,950
Lights		42,500	42,500
<b>Subtotal</b>	----- \$2,919,245	----- \$1,729,805	----- \$4,649,050

**Surplus/Deficit** \$405,997

**B. Capital Projects**

Equipment

Public Works Equipment	\$27,000
Public Works Vehicle	42,000
Computer Servers	9,000
Website Redesign	18,500

Projects

Sidewalk Maintenance	\$3,500
Street Maintenance	106,000
Western Grove Park	300,000
Laurel Park and W. Kirke Intersection	145,000
Village Boundary Study	60,000
Street Light Upgrades	10,000
Public Safety Technology	20,000

**Subtotal** \$741,000

**Total Costs** \$5,390,050

**III. Budgeted Deficit/Draw on Reserves** (\$335,003)

**Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and Special Projects**  
(Shown in thousands)

<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Proposed FY2016</b>	<b>Total 6 Yr. Cost</b>	<b>Equipment/Project Description</b>
Village Computer Server	\$9	\$9	The Village's main file/police records management server is 10 years old and is in need of upgrade to remain compatible with software requirements for the police records management system.
Replacement Leaf Vacuum	27	54	The Village maintains two (2) leaf vacuums to support leaf collections operations in the Village. The first of the Village's two (2) leaf vacuums is over 10 years old and in need of replacement.
Replacement Pick-up Truck	42	84	Replacement is required due to increased mechanical issues and overall age of the truck. Replacement costs for the truck included being outfitted with required snow response equipment.
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$78</b>	<b>\$147</b>	

<b>Projects</b>	<b>Proposed FY2016</b>	<b>Total 6 Yr. Cost</b>	<b>Equipment/Project Description</b>
Street Maintenance and Repair Program	\$106	\$671	This project provides for the ongoing maintenance and repair of the Village's roadways and curbs using concrete and hot mix asphalt. This funding level anticipates repaving each Village street every 20 years.
Sidewalk Maintenance Program	3.5	21	This amount will cover materials cost for ongoing sidewalk repair performed by Public Works personnel.
Village-wide Streetlight Upgrade	10	60	This program serves to enhance and upgrade existing streetlights in addition to installing new streetlights in identified dark areas, thereby creating safer pedestrian and vehicular access throughout the Village.
Public Safety Technology	20	120	These amounts are included to permit exploration of options to introduce new public safety equipment as new technologies develop.
Western Grove Park Development	300	300	Cost-sharing between the Village and the M-NCPPC for the development of the park.
West Kirke St. and Laurel Pkwy. Intersection Improvements	145	145	Project will implement traffic flow and intersection modifications at the intersections of Connecticut Avenue/West Kirke Street and West Kirke Street/Laurel Parkway to improve traffic flow and safety.
Village Corporate Limits Boundary Survey	60	60	As part of the ongoing review and revisions to the Village Charter, this project would resurvey and confirm the corporate limits of the Village. As part of the survey effort a professional land survey firm would be retained to research and confirm the Village's corporate limits.
Website Redevelopment	18.5	18.5	This project will re-develop the Village's website to provide for greater ease of navigation, content updating and additional functionality.
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$663</b>	<b>\$1,395.5</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$741</b>	<b>\$1,542.5</b>	



## Technology Classes!

---

Chevy Chase At Home is pleased to offer CC@ H Members and Chevy Chase Village residents two technology classes designed for beginners who want to exploit fully the capabilities of their iPhones and iPads. TechMoxie, a local firm specializing in technology training for older adults, will provide the instructor and supporting handouts. Each course will last 3 weeks and will be given at the CC Village Hall. A **minimum of 8** and **maximum of 10** students is required for each course, so register early to assure your place at the table.

### **iPhone ABCs**

**Wednesdays, April 15, 22, and 29 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.**

---

**iPhone ABCs** will cover all the essentials of iPhone use, including making and receiving calls, taking pictures, adding and using Apps, video chatting and more. After you complete this course, you will love your iPhone and all it can do for you! Bring your iPhone to the course. Register early to avoid disappointment.

**Cost:** \$45 for Members and Village residents.

**Dates:** Wednesdays on April 15, 22 and 29 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the CC Village Hall

### **Getting to Know Your iPad**

**Wednesdays, May 6, 13, and 20 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.**

---

**Getting to Know Your iPad:** This course teaches the basics of iPad use, beginning with how to navigate settings, exploit apps, send and receive email and manipulate the internet. Particular attention will be paid to the selection and employment of apps. A great range of apps is available for all interests, but each is different. The course will teach students the navigation techniques which apply to **every** app. Written instructions will be provided, but students must bring their own iPads to class. Early registration is recommended.

**Cost:** \$45 for Members and Village residents.

**Dates:** Wednesdays on May 6, 13 and 20 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Village Hall.

Register and pay online at <http://chevychaseathome.org>, or complete the form on the reverse. Please make **check payable** to **Chevy Chase At Home (CC@ H)**. Payment and registration may be returned to CCV Office or mailed to P.O. Box 15102, Chevy Chase, MD 20825.

Please note: You **must sign and return** a completed registration form and waiver/release (on the reverse) to complete registration. Participants who register online still need to return this form.

## ***iPhone ABCs Registration Information***

Registration deadline is **April 7**. Please check the price that applies:

\_\_\_\_ CCV Resident or CC@H Member (\$45 for the 3 week session, Wednesdays, April 15, 22, and 29 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm ) **OR**

\_\_\_\_ Community Resident (\$55 for the 3 week session, Wednesdays, April 15, 22, and 29 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm).

## ***Getting to know your iPad Registration Information***

Registration deadline is **April 29**. Please check the price that applies:

\_\_\_\_ CCV Resident or CC@H Member (\$45 for the 3 week session, Wednesdays, May 6, 13, and 20 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm). **OR**

\_\_\_\_ Community Resident (\$55 for the 3 week session, Wednesdays, May 6, 13, and 20 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm).

---

Participant: Please Print Full Name

---

Street Address

---

Email Address

---

City, State, Zip Code

---

Daytime Telephone Number(s)

## **Chevy Chase Village Waiver and Release**

In consideration of being permitted to participate in the following course/activity, sponsored by Chevy Chase Village and provided through Chevy Chase At Home (CC@ H):

1. I recognize that Chevy Chase Village and CC@ H are not responsible for the content or teaching of this course/activity and makes no warranties, and specifically disclaims any warranties, with respect thereto.
2. I am participating in the course/activity upon the express agreement and understanding that I am hereby waiving and releasing Chevy Chase Village, its officers, managers, employees and agents and those of CC@ H 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, its officers, managers, employees and agents and those of CC@ H from and against all such claims except claims proximately caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of Chevy Chase Village or CC@ H.
3. As a participant in any program or class offered at Chevy Chase Village, I recognize and acknowledge that there are possible risks of physical injury, and I agree to assume the full risk of injuries, including death, damages or loss that I may sustain as a result of participating in any activities connected or associated with such program or class.
4. I am over the age of eighteen years and competent to enter into this waiver and release. 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 at Chevy Chase Village Hall.

---

Signature of Participant

---

Printed Name

---

Date

# **Chevy Chase Village Shredding Event**



***Saturday, April 18  
10 am - Noon  
Chevy Chase Village Hall***

***Bring your confidential documents\* for shredding!***

***\*Limit: 4 boxes per resident***

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

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



Patriot Shredding will be on-site to shred residents' personal documents free of charge! You will have the option of dropping off your items and leaving, or you may wish to stay and watch your documents being destroyed. Please note: Patriot Shredding cannot take away your empty boxes for recycling.



## **Prof. Douglas Tallamy to speak on Bringing Nature Home at the Second Sustainable Living Lecture Series**

Chevy Chase Village's *Environment and Energy Committee*, in conjunction with the Town of Somerset and the Little Falls Watershed Alliance is offering the second in a series of lectures regarding sustainable communities and sustainable living.

**Thursday, April 23, 2015**

**at 7:30 p.m.**

**Chevy Chase Village Hall, 5906 Connecticut Avenue**

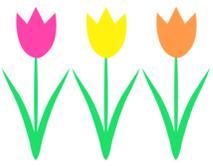
This lecture will be delivered by Professor Douglas Tallamy. Dr Tallamy's lecture will focus on greening our gardening and landscaping practices in a way that restores native fauna and flora and creates the basis for a healthy ecosystem.

Professor Tallamy is a well known author and chairman of the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware. He is best known for his book, *Bringing Nature Home*, which makes the case for native plants as fundamental to sustaining a diverse community of birds and beneficial insects; from restoring landscapes to cultivating one's garden. His talk will highlight how creating gardens that are beautiful and beneficial, contributes to the fabric of a larger living landscape.

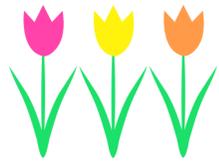
Coffee will be served beginning at 7:00 p.m. and the lecture will begin promptly at 7:30. A Q&A will follow the lecture.

Mark your calendars for this event, and RSVP no later than **Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>** to the Village office at 301-654-7300 or [ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov).





# Chevy Chase Village



## Announces Classes for Spring 2015

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

#### **Introduction to Art Painting (4-6 yrs)**

This class will introduce children to drawing, painting, sculpture and collage.

Tuesdays, April 28—June 16: 4:30—5:30 p.m.

\$200 per 8-week session—Residents

\$250 per 8-week session—Non-residents

#### **Price includes all materials**

Instructor: Nicole Brandes

Maximum enrollment: 12 students

*Make check payable to: **Nicole Brandes***

#### **My Grown-Up & Me Art Class(18 mos - 4 yrs )**

This class will introduce students to a wide variety of materials as they make beautiful, thoughtful projects. An adult must attend class with child. Nannies, grandparents and friends welcome.

Wednesdays, April 29—June 17: 10:00 —11:00 a.m.

\$200 per 8-week session—Residents

\$250 per 8-week session—Non-residents

#### **Price includes all materials**

Instructor: Nicole Brandes

Maximum enrollment: 8 students

*Make check payable to: **Nicole Brandes***

#### **Spanish Language for Toddlers (18 mos - 3 yrs)**

Classes are composed of a variety of high energy games, sports, obstacle courses and experiments. Children will compete in projects and participate in puppetry for their immersion in the Spanish language.

Fridays, May 1—June 19: 11:00—11:50 a.m.

\$168 per 8-week session—Residents

\$210 per 8-week session—Non-residents

Instructor: Maria Rhoe

Minimum enrollment: 5 students

*Make Check Payable to: **Maria Rhoe***

### Adult (All Ages) Class

#### **Body Balance Yoga**

A unique approach to yoga that combines a cutting-edge yoga therapy system based on deep awareness of body-mind integration and applies structural integration (connective tissue work), breathing and mindfulness to help reduce stress, improve concentration, develop strength and flexibility an relieve pain.

Thursdays, April 29—June 18: 7:45—9:00 p.m.

\$120 per 8-week session—Residents

\$150 per 8-week session—Non-residents

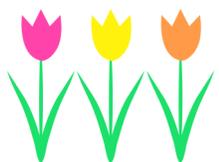
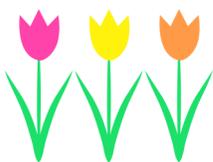
Instructor: Maria Doherty

Minimum enrollment: 5 students

*Make check payable to: **Maria Doherty***

**NOTE: Please bring a yoga mat to class.**

\* Ms. Paula's dance classes are on hiatus this spring and will resume in the fall.



Chevy Chase Village  
2015 Spring Class Registration Form

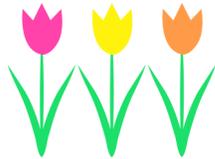
*Student's Name* \_\_\_\_\_

*Name of Parent/Guardian (if child)* \_\_\_\_\_

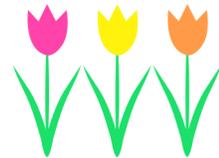
*Address* \_\_\_\_\_

*Telephone* \_\_\_\_\_ *Email* \_\_\_\_\_

*Class* \_\_\_\_\_ *Payment* \_\_\_\_\_ *Village Resident? Yes* \_\_\_ *No* \_\_\_



**Waiver of Liability and Release**  
*Signature **REQUIRED** below for all classes!*



I, individually and/or as the parent/guardian of the minor child named above recognize that Chevy Chase Village is not responsible for the content or teaching of this course/activity and makes no warranties, and specifically disclaims any warranties, with respect thereto.

I/my minor child, am participating in the course/activity 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 or my child's 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, its officers, managers, employees and agents from and against all such claims except claims proximately caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of Chevy Chase Village

As a participant in any program or class offered at Chevy Chase Village, I, or my minor child, recognize and acknowledge that there are possible risks of physical injury, and I, or my minor child agree to assume the full risk of injuries, including death, damages or loss that I, or he/she may sustain as a result of participating in any activities connected or associated with such program or class.

I am over the age of eighteen years and competent to enter into this waiver and release. 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, or my minor child to participate in the program at Chevy Chase Village Hall.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant OR Participant's Parent/Guardian  
(if under the age of 18 years)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

For Office Use Only:

Amount Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Received By: \_\_\_\_\_

# **The Red Cross Babysitters' Training Course for kids ages 11—15 years**

**Sunday, May 3, 2015  
10:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.  
(Registration from 9:30 to 9:45 a.m.)**

## **In the Village Hall**

5906 Connecticut Avenue  
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

The class will be taught by an instructor from the Red Cross. Babysitting is not just about watching children, but being responsible for their safety and well-being, as well as your own! The course includes water and fire safety training, how to avoid dangerous situations, what to do in an emergency, and more!

**The fee for the course is \$76.50\*  
Lunch will be provided. Please make checks payable to:**

### **American Red Cross**

The instructor requires a minimum of eight students in order to hold the class. Interested participants must **RSVP** for this course **by Friday, April 24**.

Every student is required to complete a Chevy Chase Village Class Registration form to participate in the class. **Participants and their parents should arrive between 9:30 and 9:45 to register and pay for the course.**

To RSVP or for more information, please contact:  
Village Community Liaison Melissa Wiak at 301-654-7300 or  
ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov.

*\*The course fee may be lowered depending upon the number of participants.  
The final amount will be determined during registration.*



## **The Community Relations Committee is please to announce the resurgence of the WEEKLY TODDLER PLAY GROUP!**

The Toddler Play Group will meet every Monday from 9:30 –10:30 a.m. in the Mary Anne Tuohey Conference Room. This is a very informal setup. Toys will be available in the meeting room closet. Caregivers and parents are welcome to bring their toddlers so they can socialize and play with other toddlers from the neighborhood.

*(Participants must return the toys back to the closet after use.)*

If you have any questions, please contact:

Soniya Mitra at: [soniyamitra@gmail.com](mailto:soniyamitra@gmail.com)

**OR**

Saralisa Brau at: [saralisabrau@gmail.com](mailto:saralisabrau@gmail.com)

