

STEER CLEAR OF ILLEGAL TREE WORKERS: DO NOT HIRE TREE WORKERS WHO KNOCK ON YOUR DOOR AND OFFER SERVICES



State law requires persons who do tree work to be licensed by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR). It is a crime for anyone to offer or perform such services without being a Licensed Tree Expert (LTE)--even if they are licensed to do similar work in another state. Virtually all of

the tree workers in the region are aware of this, yet time and again, "tree experts" from Virginia or elsewhere drive through the Village offering their services. Do not hire these folks. Here is what we have learned:

The LTE certification ensures that the contractor has received training in safe tree practice. It also protects homeowners in the event of an accident or damage to property--yours or your neighbor's.

Some of these workers have defrauded residents—especially the elderly—by charging exorbitant rates for minimal work. County police investigators have seen cases where homeowners have paid thousands of dollars for little or no work at all.

Some of these workers have had active arrest warrants and significant criminal histories.

They will often assure residents that the proper permits have been obtained when that is not true. Remember, it is ultimately the resident's responsibility to obtain the proper tree removal permit from the Village.

If anyone offers to perform tree work at your home, please call the Village Police Department immediately. We will respond and investigate.

If you want to remove a tree that is on your property, the first thing that you must do is contact Ms. Ellen Sands at the Village Hall. She will explain the 2-step process to you which will involve an inspection by the Village Arborist, and then the issuance of a permit. She can assist you in navigating this process.

Finally, before you hire any tree service company, we recommend that you first verify that the contractor is a Licensed Tree Expert as certified by the DNR. The web address below will take you directly to the page on DNR's website that lists all licensed tree companies in Maryland. We also recommend getting competitive estimates before making your final decision: http://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/tree_expert_search.asp.

IMPROVEMENTS TO NEWLANDS PARK

As one of the largest parks in the Village, Newlands Park—located along the east side of Connecticut Avenue across from Chevy Chase Club—serves as a beautiful open space for the community to enjoy. In recent years, the park has been the setting for the Village's annual National Night Out held each August (scheduled this year on August 4 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.).

To encourage increased use of this beautiful park an ad hoc committee, established by the Board to develop design and use plans for several of the Village's parks, took on Newlands Park as its first project. Working with local landscape architect Ms. Lila Fendrick and her staff, the committee presented for Board approval last October a development plan for Newlands Park consisting of a line of nine Lacebark Elm trees along Connecticut Avenue to restore the canopy along this section of the avenue; a new London Plane tree at the northeast corner of the park; a new London Plane and a new Oak tree located along the east side of the park; and three new Holly trees located at the south end of the park to increase screening for the abutting houses. The center remains open to invite increased use of the park. Last, but certainly not least, three new wood benches were installed to provide well-needed seating for visitors to the park.

We hope residents will visit Newlands Park to enjoy these new improvements and to take advantage of this wonderful resource on the east side of the Village. All residents are reminded to join us on Tuesday, August 4 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Newlands Park as we celebrate National Night Out. More information on this event will be included in the July issue of the *Crier*.

2015 RESIDENT DIRECTORY

Update forms were mailed to each Village household in May. Please remember to return your completed update form no later than **June 10, 2015** so changes and corrections may be made to your listing prior to the printing of the new Resident Directory. The update form has also been made available on the Village's website at www.chevychasevillagemd.gov. Residents will be able to pick-up a copy of the 2015 Resident Directory at and following this year's July 4th Celebration. Copies of the 2014 Resident Directory are still available in the Village office.

FRIENDS OF CHEVY CHASE CIRCLE: “CULTIVATING A TREASURED LANDSCAPE”

Friends of Chevy Chase Circle (FoCCC) is a local volunteer, nonprofit organization that, working with the National Park Service, is dedicated to renewing, beautifying and maintaining the Circle. As of last year, FoCCC is back in action in a newly reconstituted form with the group’s mission continuing to be the same as the one that 20 years ago re-planted the Circle and repaired the fountain. Today, as anybody driving by the Circle would testify, the need for “renewal” is as pressing as it has ever been.

For one, there is the fountain. Our fountain has had a major leak for the past several years and when the fountain is on, a large pool of water accumulates at the south end of the Circle. Per the National Park Service (NPS) that owns and maintains the entire Circle, including the fountain, it is unclear exactly where within the 85-year-old plumbing system the leak is located; however, NPS estimates that \$500,000 is needed for the plumbing repairs.

It is a bad situation and given the NPS’s ever-tightening budget, repairing the fountain is not a project they can take on in the near future. We are working with the NPS and using some of our own FoCCC funds to help diagnose the problem. When more information is available about the fountain and when it might be turned on again, expect that information to be circulated to the community and to appear on our website. (friendsofchevychasecircle.org)

Then there are the benches. Not one is fully intact and most, for issues of safety, have had their horizontal slats removed and only the concrete stanchions remain standing. Replacing the benches is another costly undertaking and given that the Circle is not a park for visiting so much as a visual landmark...think of the roundabouts of Paris, for example...replacing all of the benches is likely not warranted. And that is one bit of good news as it may be one place we can trim the budget!

The Friends of Chevy Chase Circle will continue to monitor, push for needed upgrades and plan for the future of the Circle in accord with its status as a treasured landmark and a gateway to the Nation’s Capital. If you are interested in helping with that effort, please visit the FoCCC website for more information and through the “contact” tab, please send an email to FoCCC to indicate your interest.

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existed for years on Connecticut Avenue just south of Leland Street (between East West Highway and Bradley Lane).

Unfortunately, the State Highway Administration—which controls Connecticut Avenue—has denied our numerous requests for a fully-actuated pedestrian crossing in the Village stating that the section of the avenue located within the Village fails to meet the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices’ “warrants”, a listing of benchmarks that must be met in order to procure a crossing.

Absent a showing of at least fifty pedestrians attempting to cross within a given hour, SHA refuses to find that the avenue meets the required “showing” of a need for a pedestrian crossing.

SHA has informed the Village that, although our request for a fully-actuated pedestrian crossing remains denied, they will be moving forward with a plan to install pedestrian-activated flashing beacons on Connecticut Avenue at Lenox Street. To facilitate use of the beacons, a new hatched pedestrian crossing will be installed on the south side of the intersection. SHA believes that the beacons and pedestrian crossing will “aid in alerting motorists approaching the intersection that pedestrians are crossing the roadway”.

The pedestrian-activated beacons will flash amber-colored lights when the pedestrian crossing button has been pressed. These flashing amber lights do not force drivers to stop, but will provide warning to motorists that a pedestrian may be in the crosswalk. Maryland law requires drivers to yield to pedestrians in designated crosswalks and Village police officers will enforce this law once the crosswalk is installed.

SHA has indicated that they will evaluate the use of this pedestrian crossing after it has been in use for a full year to determine if further measures are necessary. Chevy Chase Village officials will work closely with SHA in this evaluation to ensure a thorough analysis.

More information regarding the Village’s efforts to secure a safe and reliable pedestrian crossing on Connecticut Avenue, including the State Highway Administration’s plans for the new pedestrian-activated flashing beacons and crosswalk, are available on the Village’s website at www.chevychasevillage.md.gov by clicking on the “Capital Improvements and Utility Upgrade Projects” link under News.

BOARD ACTIONS

MAY 11, 2015 BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING

Approval of Previous Meetings' Minutes: April 13, 2015 Regular Meeting - *approved*

Consent Agenda-Tree Ordinance Board Consent Agreement

- **A-2175 (Tree Removal Appeal): 5502 Grove Street**

Removal of three (3) Holly trees, two of which measure nine inches (9") in diameter and one of which measures eleven inches (11") in diameter located in the rear yard of the property to accommodate proposed construction- *approved*

Board Appointments

- **Building Facilities Commission**

Reappoint Anne Shields (West Kirke Street) to a five-year term - *approved*

- **Tree Ordinance Board**

Appoint Roland Olson (Bradley Lane) as an alternate member for a two-year term - *approved*

Appoint Elizabeth Tyndall (East Melrose Street) as an alternate member for a two-year term - *approved*

Matters Presented for Board Discussion and Possible Action

- Petition to Reconsider the Board Decision on the Robert Elliott Memorial Garden - *the Board agreed to formally reconsider the Robert Elliott Memorial Garden Design Plan and to hold a Public Hearing during the Board's June 8, 2015 regular meeting to consider comments regarding the proposed plan (see enclosed flyer for more information).*

Contract Authorization Request

- Consulting Arborist: *Feather & Associates - approved*

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

Next Regular Board of Managers' Meeting: Monday, June 8, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Announcing the Village Hall Little Free Library! The Chevy Chase Village Community Relations Committee is excited to be the steward for the Village Hall Library on behalf of our neighbors and our community! With its three-window design, this library allows us to have a separate section for Children (bottom), Adolescents (middle) and Adults (top).

This beautiful library was designed and built by Village resident Gary Crockett. He generously volunteered to build it and quickly brought it to fruition. Thank you, Mr. Crockett, we are delighted!!

Help us get this little library started with some of your favorites from any age group. And, of course, feel free to take a book that intrigues you.

Professional Clothing Drive a big success! Thank you to everyone who donated professional clothes and accessories to our recent drive. We were able to deliver an entire station wagon full of donations to Dress for Success (for women) and A Wider Circle (for men). Your donations will allow individuals with little means to look polished and professional for their job interview.

Congratulations to our six, newly-minted Red Cross-trained babysitters!

It takes a Village. Join us! Please consider joining our committee and help us enrich our connections as a community. We welcome suggestions and especially volunteering efforts at any CRC events. Please feel free to get in touch with Karen Spangler at Karen.e.spangler@gmail.com or any of the committee members listed below.

Committee Members: Saralisa Brau, Soniya Mitra, Karen Spangler and Paloma Zuleta.

THE POLICE BEAT

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

STAY ALERT!

With schools soon letting out for the summer and an abundance of warm weather on the way, please be mindful of children riding bicycles and playing outside.

Remember to keep a sharp eye on your children when they are near a pool or any other body of water. According to the CDC, every day about ten people die from unintentional drowning (non-boating related) in the United States. Of these, two are children aged 14 or younger. That means that over 700 children 14 or younger drown each year in the U.S. Drowning ranks fifth among the leading causes of unintentional injury death in the United States.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE FOR VACATION...



If you will be away from home for more than twenty-four hours, contact the Communications Center at (301) 654-7300 to arrange for a **house check**.

House check requests can also be submitted via the Village's website at www.chevychasevillagemd.gov. (Click on the "Police Services" under the "Police" tab.)

For added security, the Police Department recommends having mail held at the Post Office by completing PS Form 8076. In addition, if you expect a package from either UPS or FedEx, please leave a neighbor's address with the Communications Center so they may receive your packages.

The volume of packages and mail received in the Communications Center often exceeds the limited space available. Your assistance is appreciated.

NOISE START TIMES ENFORCED

With the weather getting warmer, many residents are hiring landscape crews and other contractors to maintain and make improvements to their properties. These contractors typically like to start early so they can avoid the heat of the day.

Residents are encouraged to remind their contractors and landscape crews that the Village noise ordinance prohibits the use of motorized equipment prior to 8:00 a.m. on weekdays and prior to 9:00 a.m. on weekends and holidays. The noise regulations are strictly enforced by citation and fine.



SAVE THE DATE! "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT"

The Chevy Chase Village Community and Police Department will be participating in National Night Out the evening of **Tuesday, August 4, 2015**. This is a great time to meet your fellow residents, police department personnel, and other first responders. Please join us in **Newlands Park from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** for food, fun and giveaways!

SMOOTH OPERATOR 2015 BEGINS THIS MONTH



Smooth Operator 2015 is a state-wide traffic safety enforcement effort and the Village Police Department will be participating. The program runs intermittently all summer long in three ten-day 'waves' of enforcement throughout the state.

Smooth Operator is a grant-funded program and the state will reimburse the Village for the time our officers spend during each enforcement wave. Village officers will be focusing primarily on four violations that are known to contribute to collisions and injuries:

1. Speeding,
2. Driving Under the Influence of alcohol or drugs,
3. Failure to use seat belts, and
4. Distracted driving (including cell phone use).

Please do your part and make traffic safety the highest priority whenever you are driving.

Don't speed. Buckle up. Drive sober. And please, please have the will power to put all of your electronic devices away until you reach your destination. Thank you!

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE SENIOR CORNER

As usual, our “Artist in Residence” offered a very creative workshop, and we all went home with a Collage to hang in our homes. Millie Shott promises to come back again in our next series.

May was such a “mixed up month” for our weather, but it looks like we will have summer. To start us off we will have a special program for our Meet and Mingle:

Tuesday, June 9 –2:00-4:00 P.M. “Tea With The Ambassador” William Bodde, Jr., a retired U. S. career ambassador, will chat informally about the day-to-day realities of an ambassador’s life - travel, adjusting to new cultures, entertaining, forging new friendships and engaging trust. Ambassador Bodde served as United States ambassador to Tonga, Tuvalu, and Kiribati (1980-1981) and later to the Marshall Islands (1992-1995). He was an advisor to Presidents Carter, Reagan and George H. W. Bush and was the first Executive Director of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC). Come, bring your friends and neighbors and join us for “Tea and Scones” and hear about some of the little-known responsibilities and memorable anecdotes of ambassadorial service.

SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday, July 21 –2:00-4:00 p.m. We hope to have a summer movie or other entertainment.

Tuesday, August 18–2:00-4:00 p.m. Our annual Ice Cream Social.

Reminder: The very important Safety Presentation by the Program Manager for Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service regarding smoke and carbon monoxide alarms will be presented again in the Fall. If you want information before then, contact me and I will forward more info to you.

These events are brought to you by Chevy Chase Village in cooperation with Chevy Chase @ Home. We welcome your comments and suggestions for future programs. Contact me at 301-656-0597 or e-mail me at bettyoconnor2@verizon.net.

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



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.

SIGN UP FOR EMAIL BLASTS!

The Village operates two email distribution lists to deliver information to residents:

Urgent News Alerts are emergency alerts that are sent out only on an as-needed basis.

General News Alerts, which are geared toward community events, Board Meetings, etc. will be sent out weekly.

To subscribe, please visit the Village’s website at www.chevychasevillagemd.gov and click on the “white envelope” located under the Village logo.

Note: To sign-up for the email services you must be a Village resident and have registered for access to the Village’s website.

DO I NEED A PERMIT?

If you are thinking of starting a renovation, building, or landscape project, please be sure to contact the Village office for information as to what permits may be required. There are County and Village building regulations that may apply. Please e-mail Ellen Sands at ccvpermitting@montgomery-countymd.gov or call (301) 654-7300.

*Rent the Village Hall
for your Next Event!*

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED MAY 2015

5803 Kirkside Drive	Plant two Cherry trees in the Kirkside Drive public right-of-way
114 Grafton Street	Replace concrete walkways with flag stone in the same location
6124 Western Avenue	Install new fence and enclose pool equipment in the west side yard
5502 Grove Street	Install (1) replacement & (1) new a/c condenser in the rear yard
6400 Brookville Road	Modifications to the front landing and walkways
5502 Grove Street	Construct rear two-story addition
11 Grafton Street	Install two a/c condensers in the east (side) yard
8 West Lenox Street	Install a replacement air conditioner in the rear (north) yard.
6128 Western Avenue	Modify an existing deck and construct new steps
5604 Montgomery Street	Construct a new shed in the rear yard
7 East Irving Street	Install two air conditioners in the east (side) yard

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.



The mobile service bus will visit the Friendship Heights Village Center along Friendship Boulevard on **Monday, June 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** For more information, call (301)-656-2797 or visit www.FriendshipHeightsmd.gov.



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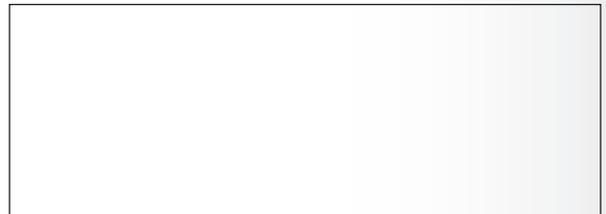
*Join your neighbors for the
4th of July Parade to the Park!
See the enclosed flyer for details.*

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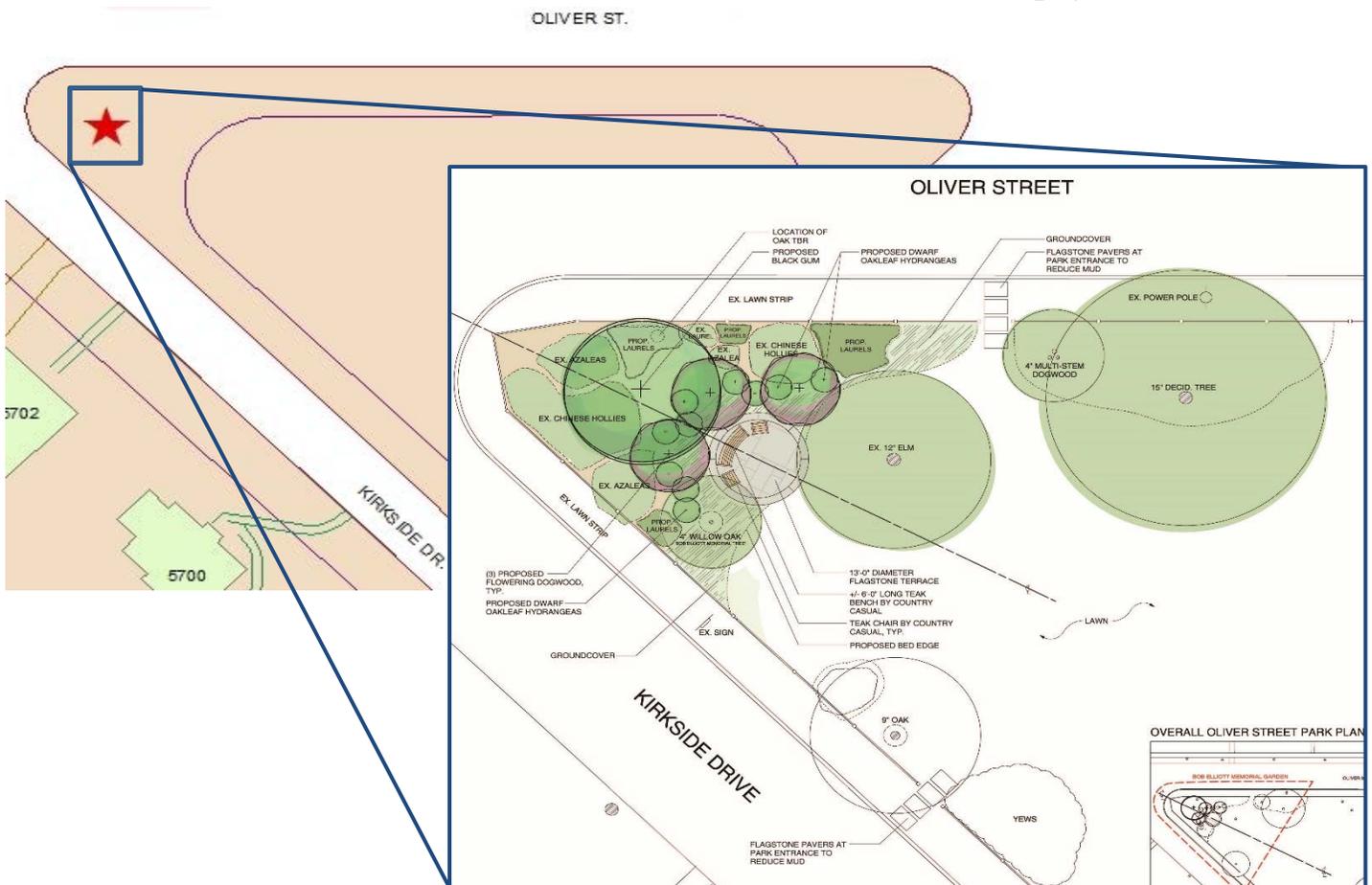


Notice of a Public Hearing

The Board of Managers has scheduled a public hearing regarding the proposed design for the Robert Elliott Memorial Garden, which will be held during the Board's regular meeting on **Monday, June 8, 2015**.

The meeting will begin at **7:30 p.m.** Residents are encouraged to attend.

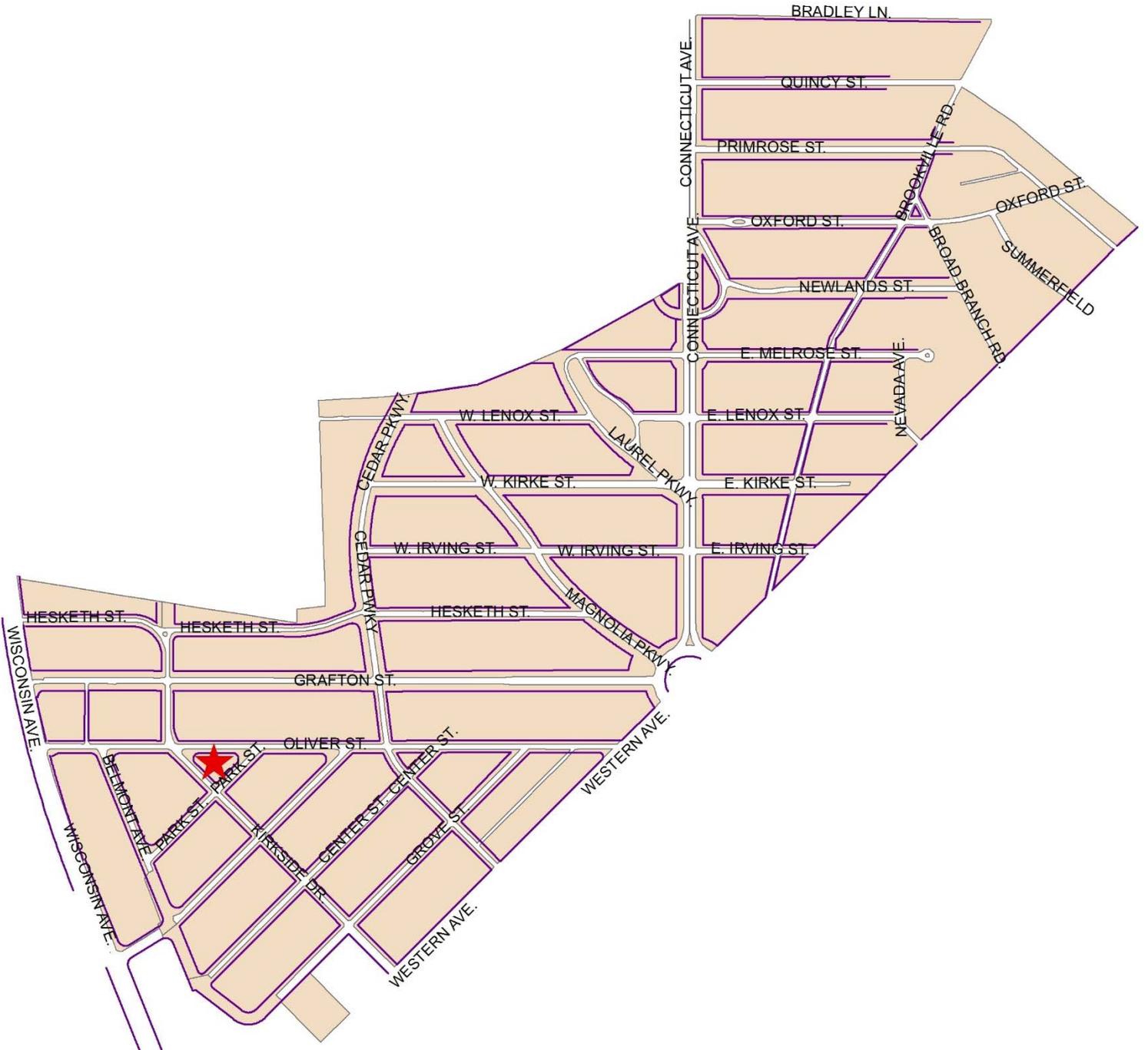
The Memorial Garden is proposed to be located in the west corner of the large Oliver Street Park (located between Kirkside Drive and Oliver and Park Streets where the annual July 4 Party is held). *See reverse side for park location.* A full scale version of the drawing for the Memorial Garden along with all of the concept materials can be found by visiting the Village website at www.chevychasevillagemd.gov by clicking on the "Proposed Robert Elliott Memorial Garden" under Quick Links located on the left side of the homepage.



If you are unable to attend the Public Hearing on June 8, you may submit written testimony for the record either by e-mail to ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov or directly to the Village office at 5906 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE

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Parade to the Park

Saturday, July 4th, 2015

Assemble at the Village Hall at 10:15 a.m.

Parade leaves the Village Hall at 10:30 a.m.

Refreshments at the Park until 12:30 p.m.

**Dress up your bikes, strollers and wagons.
Bring the whole family!**

**In the event of rain, party will be
held in the Village Hall.**





Restoring the Chesapeake Bay through citizen action: from small streams to tributaries, breathing life back into the Chesapeake Bay

Chevy Chase Village's *Environment & Energy Committee* is offering the third in a series of lectures regarding sustainable communities and sustainable living.

Tuesday, June 30, 2015

at 7:30 p.m.

Chevy Chase Village Hall, 5906 Connecticut Avenue

The lecture will be presented by Diane Cameron, Conservation Program Director at the Audubon Naturalist Society (ANS). Ms. Cameron will focus on citizen action to help restore the health of the bay—the world's third largest estuary and once home to thriving oyster and crab populations. A combination of rapid urban development and intensive agriculture in the watersheds draining the Bay have diminished water quality and decimated its productivity. Ms. Cameron will focus on how residents can monitor the health of local streams which flow into the Bay via a new ANS smart phone App called "Creek Critters." She will also describe a cash rebate program from the County which encourages people to plant trees and native plants in their own yards and in other neighborhood locales, including school grounds, congregations' and commercial properties. Native trees and ground cover can trap nutrients and sediment from storm-run off that would otherwise flow into local streams, thus helping improve water quality and the health of the Bay.

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

Mark your calendars for this event, and RSVP no later than **Friday, June 26th** to the Village office at 301-654-7300 or ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov.

