

CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE CRIER

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Monday, May 11, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Managers' Meeting
 Chevy Chase Village Hall

Throughout the Month of May:

Business Attire Drive at the Village Hall to benefit A Wider Circle

May 3: The Red Cross Babysitters' Training Course

May 5, 6, 13, 16, 19, 20, June 9:

Chevy Chase @ Home Events
 (See page 6 of this issue for more information)

May 25: Memorial Day

(Village Office and Public Works Closed; see trash/recycling collection changes on back cover)

Every Monday from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Toddler Play Group

**June Appeal/Variance Deadline
 5/18 at 5:00 p.m.**

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ANNUAL MEETING NOTES

The 101st Chevy Chase Village Annual Meeting was held on Monday, April 20. The evening began with light refreshments and an opportunity for attending residents, including Board Members and Village Commission and Committee members, to socialize.

Board Chair Mr. Michael Denger began the Annual Meeting by presenting his State of the Village report (see below).

Village Manager Ms. Shana Davis-Cook presented a summary of the staff's work over the past year, including:

- 11 variances and 1 special permit case prepared by Permitting & Code Enforcement Coordinator, Ms. Ellen Sands, for Board consideration
- 9 administrative appeals and 22 licenses for private improvements in Village public rights-of-way were considered and approved by the Building Officer, Ms. Patricia Baptiste, and the Village Manager
- 122 administrative Building Permits were reviewed and approved including one for the construction of a new home on the east side of the Village
- Tree Removal permits for 103 dead, sick, declining or hazardous trees were issued administratively

The Board adopted the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 and levied a tax on real property at a rate of \$.0828 per \$100 of assessed value (fair market value), and at a rate of \$.66 per \$100 of assessed value on personal property.

The Village wishes to extend a special thanks to West Irving Street resident Judy Elliott co-chair of the Village's Parks & Greenspaces Committee, for providing beautiful floral arrangements for the evening.

STATE OF THE VILLAGE REPORT

Mr. Michael Denger, Chair of the Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers, presented the **State of the Village** report during the 101st Annual Meeting held on April 20, 2015. Below is a summary of Mr. Denger's report:

- New Board Meeting Procedures; announced in March, these new procedures ensure matters of primary interest to residents in attendance are considered as promptly and effectively as possible.
- Revised Monthly Treasurer's Report; now "reflects" the Village's best projections of revenues expected, although possibly not yet received as well as expenses that have been incurred but not yet paid.

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- Revised Process for Electing Board Members; to improve the efficiency and public understanding of the local election process.
- Revised the Village's Public Ethics Ordinance; as allowed under a revision in State law, mutual funds publicly traded in a national scale (unless composed primarily of stocks and interests in a sector/area regulated by the Village) were exempted from inclusion in the annual Financial Disclosure Statement filing.
- Simplified Village's Alarms Ordinance; comprehensive re-write resulted in a streamlined, zero-cost registration process for residential alarm systems.
- Declared steps and stoops not to be structures for the purposes of compliance with property covenants.
- Robust tree planting program with the planting of 45 new trees along the public rights-of-way and in Village parks and the Buffer area.
- Development of Newlands Park to increase the use and enjoyment of this unique park located on the east side of the Village along Connecticut Avenue.
- Creation of the Bob Elliott Memorial Garden at the northwest corner of the large Oliver Street Park in memory of the long-time former Chair of the Tree Committee.
- Establishment of a Private Property Tree Reforestation Incentive Program, which provides up to a \$175 subsidy to residents for the planting of qualifying canopy-trees on private property.
- Refund of paid Tree Removal Permit fees upon prompt compliant reforestation.
- The Board established a listing of "undesirable trees", a listing of certain tree species that can be removed, with a Village-issued permit, without the requirement that these trees meet the normal removal criteria stipulated in the Village Code.
- Established a revised committee structure, including the elimination of some and the creation of other new committees.
- Created a new Community Relations Committee, which has been charged with welcoming new residents moving into the community, including an annual New Resident Social; and the committee will seek to provide various social events and activities throughout the year.
- Completed replacement of most of the Village's water, sewer and gas line infrastructure.
- Completed repaving of 85% of the Village roadways.
- The Village was active in the State's completion of a new sidewalk along the east side of Wisconsin Avenue.
- Comprehensively revised Village traffic-control signage, which resulted in the removal of unnecessary and redundant signage and the installation of new signage to improve driver awareness and safety.
- Approved new traffic plan to improve vehicular and pedestrian traffic access to and around the Village Hall.
- Completed major maintenance and repairs to the Village Hall.
- Completed the purchase of two police cruisers in FY2014 and one cruiser and one administration vehicle in FY2015.
- Launched newly designed Village newsletter.
- Disseminated new 54-gallon recycling totes to Village residents.
- Launched new monthly street sweeping service.
- Revitalized staff-organized informational meetings.
- Approved the establishment of a Little Free Library at the Village Hall (which will be available later this year).

Looking into next year, the Board's priorities will include:

- Completion of the Village's brick sidewalk replacement project, including a new sidewalk along the south side of the 5500 block of Grove Street (located between Cedar Parkway and Kirkside Drive).
- Ongoing comprehensive review of the Village Charter.
- Consideration of a body-worn camera program for Village Police Department.
- Ongoing consideration of a potential composting program.
- Potential liberalization of criteria for classes held in the Village Hall.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS

During the Village's Annual Meeting held the evening of April 20, eleven commissions/committees presented reports outlining their activities over the past year and their goals for the coming year. Below is a synopsis of each presentation:

- **Community Relations Committee:** Co-Chairs Minh Le and Karen Spangler stated that the purpose of the committee is to welcome new residents to the Village. The Committee hosted a New Resident Social in October, a Family Movie Night in February, resurrected the weekly Toddler Play Group on Monday mornings and is currently sponsoring a "Dress for Success" clothing drive in the Village Hall. At its March meeting, the Board approved a "Little Lending Library", which will be available in late spring. The Committee plans to host a game night, a Red Cross Babysitting training course next month, sandwich making for Martha's Table, an ice cream social and a coat and backpack drive in the winter.
- **Ethics Commission:** Chair Frank (Scot) McCulloch reported that the Village had no ethical misconduct investigations over the past year. Mr. McCulloch stated that the Commission reviewed four financial disclosure statements submitted by candidates for the Board of Managers and from required appointed officials.
- **Financial Review Committee:** Chair Louis Morsberger stated that the Committee will be addressing the budget, investment of Village funds and the audit of Village finances over the course of the year.
- **Public Safety Committee:** Chair Saul Goodman reported that the Committee continues to work with the Board of Managers and police department on public safety matters and initiatives.
- **Traffic Committee:** Chair Porter Wheeler reiterated the Committee's focus on obtaining a pedestrian activated signal at the intersection of Connecticut Avenue and Lenox Street. He stated that the State Highway Administration plans to install a yellow crossing beacon at this intersection this summer. He commended the installation of the Wisconsin Avenue sidewalk.
- **Tree Committee:** Chair Samuel Lawrence stated the Village planted roughly 300 trees over the past 3 years. He asserted that the Village plans to plant more trees along Village rights-of-way and encouraged residents to participate in the Tree Reforestation Incentive Program.
- **Western Grove Park Committee:** Chair Meredith Wellington reported that the details for the park have been finalized. The Committee will be looking for bids in October, with projected completion of the park in 2016.
- **Environment & Energy Committee:** Co-Chair Dr. Marilyn Bracken indicated that the Committee successfully launched a Sustainable Living Lecture Series. Representative Chris Van Hollen delivered the inaugural lecture on climate change. The Committee hosted an electronics recycling event at the Village Hall in March, and noted its support for the Village's composting initiatives and Montgomery County Bill 52-14, which seeks to restrict the use of pesticides on lawns.
- **Parks and Greenspaces Committee:** Co-Chair Judy Elliott provided an update on the establishments of developments plans for various Village parks in consultation with the Village's contracted landscape architect Ms. Lila Fendrick.
- **Seniors Committee:** Chair Betty O'Connor stated that the Committee hosted 50 programs throughout 2014 in conjunction with the local area aging in place organization, *Chevy Chase@Home*, including its annual St. Patrick's Day Party, an ice cream social and Holiday Party. This past fall, the Committee successfully launched a Zumba Gold exercise class, and is currently offering a technology class on how to use i-phones and i-pads.
- **Elections Supervisors:** Chair Charlotte Jones Carroll reported that a new procedure requiring a certificate of candidacy and completion of a financial disclosure statement are required for all candidates running for the Board of Managers. She declared that there were four candidates for four vacancies on the Board.

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.



BOARD ACTIONS

APRIL 13, 2015 BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING

Approval of Previous Meetings' Minutes: March 9, 2015 Regular Meeting - *approved*

Board Appointments

- **Building Facilities Commission**

Jane Maruszewski (Grafton St.) & Paloma Zuleta (Summerfield Rd.) as alternate members - *approved*

- **Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights**

Michael Marsh (Grafton St.) as the Village's representative - *approved*

Matters Presented for Board Discussion and Possible Action

- **Resolution No. 04-01-15: FY2015 Budget Amendment:** Rename "Newlands Park Development" line item in the capital budget "Park Development Projects"; reallocate \$6,000 from the operating budget line item, "Parks, Trees & Greenspace" to the capital budget line item, "Park Development Projects" to be used for the development of the Bob Elliott Memorial Garden - *approved*

Commission/Committee Reports

- Community Relations Committee--Proposal for a "Little Free Library" at the Village Hall - *approved*

Contract Authorization Requests

- Village Hall Janitorial Contract: *P&R Enterprises, Inc.* - *approved*
- Brookville Road Sidewalk Maintenance: *Scango Consulting, LLC dba Capitol Hardscapes* - *approved*
- Electrical Work on the Pedestrian Light in the Boxwood Area off of Chevy Chase Circle - *approved*

This is a synopsis of the Board's actions. To view an archive of the approved minutes, please visit the Village website: www.chevychasevillagemd.gov by clicking 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: Monday, May 11, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY CORNER

The Community Relations Committee (CRC) is please to announce the creation of a "take a book, leave a book" library at the Village Hall. This is especially appropriate given that the Village Hall was built to house the newly established Chevy Chase Free Library. There will be a small, weather-proof book box on the front porch of the Hall as well as a standard bookcase inside. Board Member Gary Crockett has generously offered to build our outside library and we look forward to its unveiling. We welcome all members of the Chevy Chase Village community to help create and continue the library by taking what sparks their interest and/or sharing favorites of their own. Books for all ages are welcomed and encouraged.

Get ready for all those summer babysitting jobs! Sign up for the Red Cross Babysitting Course being offered at the Village Hall on Sunday, May 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (lunch included). Recommended for kids ages 11 to 15. The cost is \$76.50 per student, though the cost will decrease if we have more than 8 participants. See the Village website for more details.

Spring Cleaning? Please drop off your gently used men's and women's business attire and accessories in the collection bin at the Village Hall for donation to A Wider Circle. Take it one step further and join us from 1:00-2:00 pm on May 17th at the Village Hall to sort the clothes prior to the donation.

We are sad to announce Minh Le's resignation as Co-Chair of CRC; however, we are excited to welcome her as the newest Village Board Member! Fortunately, for CRC, Minh will act as the Board Liaison for the Committee and so we will continue to benefit from her advice and support. Congratulations, Minh!

Join Us! Are you interested in making the Village an even better place to live? Please consider joining our committee and help us enrich our connections as a community.

We welcome suggestions and especially volunteering efforts at an CRC events. Please feel free to get in touch with Co-Chair, Karen Spangler at Karen.e.spangler@gmail.com or YOUR NAME HERE.

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

NEW DISPATCHER JOINS THE VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ms. Mary Gilligan joined the staff of the Communications Center on March 30, 2015. She is a resident of Montgomery Village, Maryland. Mary is a former regional airline Captain, and comes to us with experience as a 9-1-1 call taker from Montgomery County's Department of Fire/Rescue Services. We're pleased to have Mary on our team, and we welcome her to the Village!



PET ID PROGRAM

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



The Pet ID Program only works if your pet's information is included in our pet album. If you have not already done so, please go to www.chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov and complete the Pet ID Program enrollment form provided under the "Forms" menu for ALL of the pets in your home (including dogs, cats, birds, ferrets, guinea pigs, hamsters, rabbits, etc.).

Pets that cannot be identified are turned over to the Montgomery County Animal Shelter. Digital photos can be emailed to ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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

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.

SAFETY WALKING HABITS: PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

We often see residents walking in the streets of the Village. In order to increase pedestrian safety, please familiarize yourself with the below 'rules of the road' for pedestrians:



State law requires pedestrians to use the sidewalk where one is provided and otherwise available. Please use our newly refurbished sidewalks whenever you can.

When a sidewalk is absent (or its use is impractical for any reason) and pedestrians must walk on the roadway, state law requires that pedestrians walk on the left side of the street—facing oncoming traffic. It is not only the law, but it is common sense for your safety. This is an especially important rule for those who listen to electronic devices as they walk; these devices reduce a walker's ability to hear and perceive approaching cars, trucks, bicycles, and the like.

LEASH LAW ENFORCED

Many residents are enjoying the warmer weather by taking strolls through the neighborhood with their dogs. The Chevy Chase Village Police Department reminds residents that the law requires that all dogs be on a leash, otherwise they are classified as being "at-large." The law states that a dog must be leashed when outside the owner's premises unless it is a service dog, is in a place designated as a dog exercise area, or the dog is participating in a supervised dog activity such as a dog show. Fines for dogs off leash begin at \$100 for the first offense and go up to \$500. The law also requires all owners/handlers to clean up after their pet.

MEDICATION DROP BOX AVAILABLE AT THE VILLAGE HALL



The Village Police Department has a grant-funded steel drop box for the safe disposal of unwanted/unneeded prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) medication. The white mailbox-style receptacle is located in the hallway to the left of the lobby area in the Village Hall and it is available to residents 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Residents are welcome to drop off bagged prescription and OTC pills (if in their containers, obliterate names on the labels). No liquids, needles, or empty pill bottles please!

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE SENIOR CORNER

Our Safety Presentation by the Program Manager for the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service was filled with so much important information that we will have Jim Resnick repeat his program soon. Watch the *Crier* for this factual presentation on the up-coming legislation on new smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

For many of us, May brings invitations to graduations, weddings and various celebrations. It also brings us information on internet protection, an afternoon with one of our resident artists and another Trash and Treasure event. Be sure to mark your calendars. Remember, we have time for refreshments at all of our events.

Tuesday, May 5 – 2:00-4:00 P.M.: Pam Holland, founder of TechMoxie, will speak on “Staying Safe Online”, focusing on how to protect yourself from being scammed, what you need to know about “phishing”, e-mail scams, password best practices and identifying reliable information on the Internet.

Saturday, May 16 – 1:00-5:00 P.M.: Chevy Chase@Home will have the second “Trash and Treasure” event in the Village Hall. The enclosed flyer will give you all the details on how to preregister for best times for appraisals of your treasures. There will be refreshments and prizes. Be sure to come and bring your friends and neighbors for a fun afternoon.

Tuesday, May 19 – 2:00-4:00 P.M.: Millie Shott will offer us another of her creative art workshops. Millie will furnish all the materials and help us to create a “keepsake” to take home. Many of those we have made now hang on the walls of our homes. Millie encourages all to find talent within and put it on the boards. Come and bring a friend or neighbor.

Tuesday, June 9 – 2:00-4:00 P.M.: “Tea with the Ambassador”. This event was postponed from the snows of February. William Bodde, Jr., a retired U. S. career ambassador who lives in Friendship Heights, has often lectured about the history of American foreign policy. He will join us for an informal chat about something different – the day-to-day realities of an ambassador’s life – travel, adjusting to new cultures, entertaining, forging friendships and engaging trust. Join us for tea and refreshments, and hear about some of the little-known responsibilities and memorable anecdotes of ambassadorial service.

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.

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.

Rent the Village Hall for your Next Event!

MAINTAINING VILLAGE RIGHTS-OF-WAY

Residents and property owners are reminded that **you are responsible for maintaining the green strip area abutting your property**, except for the area along Connecticut Avenue (which is a State right-of-way, including a large area with double sidewalks along part of Connecticut Avenue). The Village staff will be sending reminders to households that have not yet mowed the green strip abutting their property to ensure they are aware of this requirement, established in spring of 2014. Residents who need assistance mowing the green strip can reference the Village’s Teen List (contained in the monthly hard-copy version of the Village newsletter, *The Crier*, or by contacting the Village office).

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 pedestrians’ 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.

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.

**BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED
APRIL 2015**

5514 Center Street Alterations to existing driveway
 205 Primrose Street Construct two-story addition
 32 West Irving Street Install replacement heat pump
 21 East Melrose Street Replace existing fence & construct
 new patio
 6 East Lenox Street Replace existing fence
 9 Oxford Street Extension of permits to construct new
 house
 5607 Belmont Avenue Alterations and repair of retaining
 wall
 132 Hesketh Street Install an air conditioner
 5419 Center Street Replace fence in the rear yard
 7 Newlands Street Construct new fence around the
 perimeter of the property

**HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE
FOR REFUSE AND RECYCLING
Week of Memorial Day: May 25, 2015**

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



The mobile service bus will visit the Friendship Heights
 Village Center along Friendship Boulevard on
Monday, May 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 For more information, call (301)-656-2797 or visit
www.FriendshipHeightsmd.gov.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT/
TRASH COLLECTION**



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.



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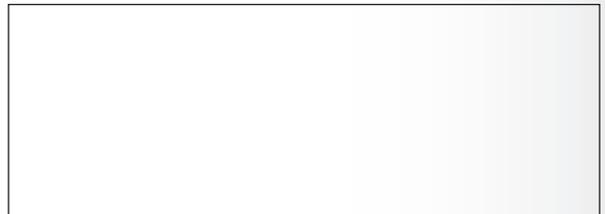
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BOARD OF MANAGERS

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VILLAGE MANAGER

Shana R. Davis-Cook



What's it worth?
Trash or Treasure?

APPRAISAL DAY IN CHEVY CHASE

TO BENEFIT
Chevy Chase At Home

APPRAISALS!
To secure your place
register today online at
www.chevychaathome.org
or complete & return
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**SATURDAY
MAY 16, 2015**

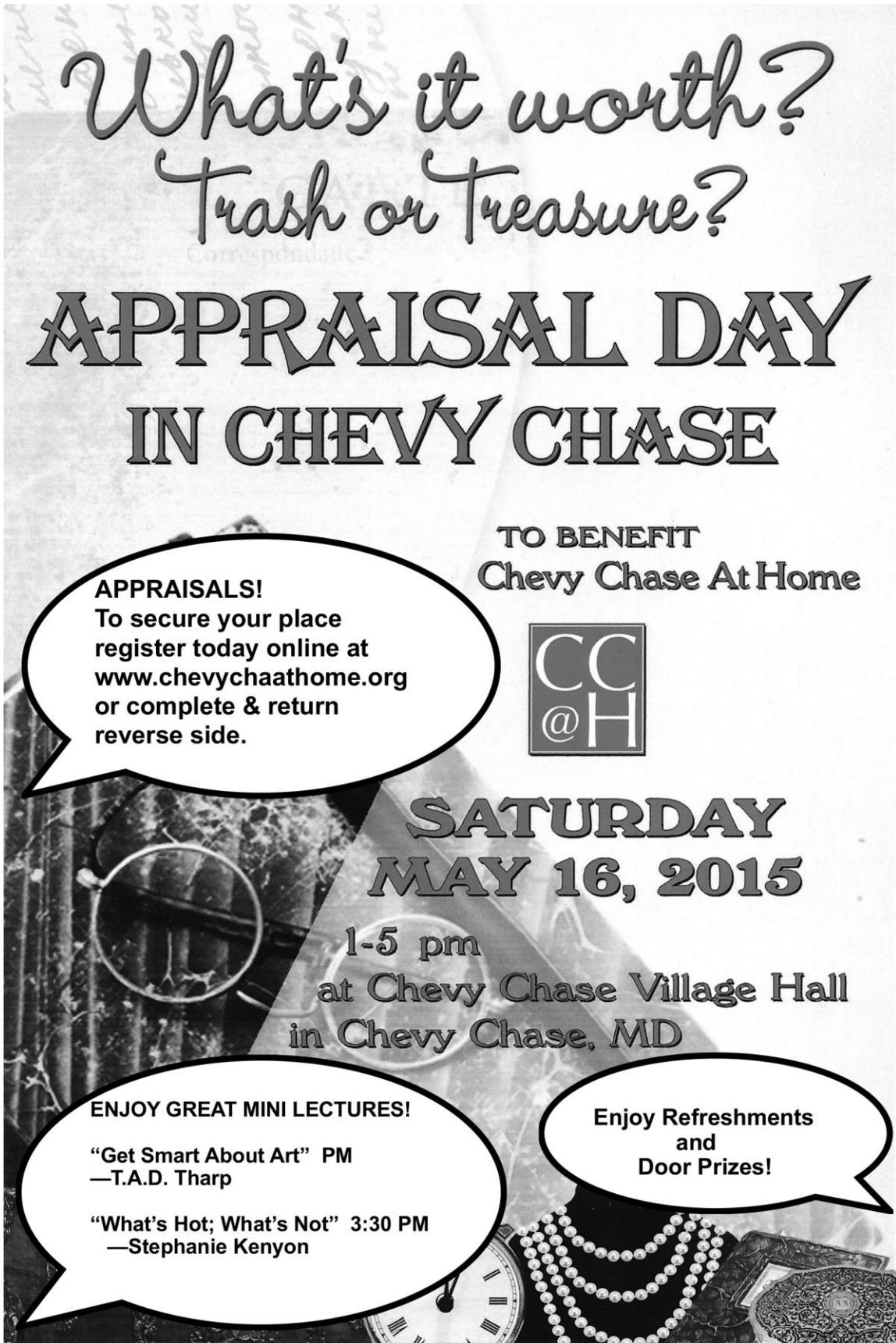
1-5 pm
at Chevy Chase Village Hall
in Chevy Chase, MD

ENJOY GREAT MINI LECTURES!

"Get Smart About Art" PM
—T.A.D. Tharp

"What's Hot; What's Not" 3:30 PM
—Stephanie Kenyon

Enjoy Refreshments
and
Door Prizes!





WHAT'S IT WORTH? TRASH OR TREASURE?
MAY 16, 2015, CC VILLAGE HALL
REGISTRATION FORM

Each person attending must register and pay \$45 per person in advance **before Tuesday, May 12** when late registration will be \$55 per person on-line or at the door. Each person registered may have a verbal appraisal of up to three (3) items by Sloans & Kenyon experts.

Please mark your first and second choices of session for the event with “#1” and “#2” in the space next to your two preferred times for your appraisal(s). We will notify you which session is yours.

1:00 pm 1:30 pm 2:00 pm 2:30 pm
 3:00 pm 3:30 pm 4:00 pm

Please also indicate (X) the broad categories into which your three items (per registrant) fall:

- Americana Antiquities & Tribal Art Arms & Armor Art Nouveau & Art Deco
 Asian Works of Art Books & Manuscripts Decorative Arts Fine & Period Jewelry
 English & Continental Furniture Native American Works of Art
 Paintings, Prints & Sculpture Rugs & Carpets Silver Other

 Name 1

 Name 2

 Street, City, State, Zip Code

 Phone

 E-mail Address

Please mail this form and your check, payable to Chevy Chase At Home,
before May 12, 2015 to:

Chevy Chase At Home
 PO Box 15102
 Chevy Chase, MD 20825

info@chevychaseathome.org

301-657-3115

www.chevychaseathome.org

Chevy Chase At Home is a tax-exempt organization created to assist neighbors who wish to age in place.



Village Food-Waste Recycling (Composting) Program

At the Board's February 9, 2015 meeting, a public hearing was held to consider the adoption of a new food-waste (composting) recycling program. In order to evaluate likely participation of the service, resident feedback was sought. In weighing the feedback received, the Board concluded that at this time a Village-funded program would not be offered; however, the Board opted to work with *The Compost Crew*—a local company that is currently operating programs in neighboring communities—to assist Village residents who wish to participate in a resident-funded program.

HOW WILL IT WORK? *The Compost Crew* will provide each participating household with an airtight bin and compostable bags. Each household only needs to separate organic waste, just as we already do with our plastics and paper, and to leave the composting bin by your refuse/recycling bins on the designated day of the week. The waste will be processed at a composting facility in Maryland. After six months of service, each household can request that a portion of its contributed waste be returned in the form of rich, finished compost or nutrient-rich soil if desired.

Pursuant to Section 10-6 of the Chevy Chase Village Code all receptacles for the disposal of household garbage, trash and recyclable materials must be left for collection at the rear of the dwelling unit (no curbside collection).

WHAT CAN BE COMPOSTED and WHY? As a rule of thumb, anything that grows or is made from the earth can be placed in a compost bin. This includes meat, dairy, vegetable and fruit scraps, coffee grounds and filters, tea and tea bags, egg shells, breads and other grains, napkins, paper towels, pizza boxes, dryer lint, etc. By diverting the compostable portion of our solid waste away from the landfill and returning nutrients to our soil and food system, we significantly reduce our carbon footprint and greenhouse gas emissions. For a full list of compostable materials please see *The Compost Crew's* website at www.compostcrew.com.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST? *The Compost Crew* is offering Village residents an introductory rate for the first 3 months of \$37.23/household (equivalent to \$12.41 per month) as long as a minimum of 15 Village households sign-up. The price for subscribing as an individual household is \$34.23/month. No long-term commitment is required; after the first three months, households may continue on a month-by-month basis, but *The Compost Crew* WILL offer a long-term discounted rate based on the results and participation rates. Going forward, and depending on the number of participating Village households, the per-household cost could range between \$18.23 - \$22.23/month. All services will be directly billed by *The Compost Crew* to the participating household.

INTERESTED IN SIGNING UP? Residents that are interested in signing up for participation in the composting collection service by *The Compost Crew* should contact the Village office via e-mail at ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov or by phone at (301) 654-7300, with your name, address and contact information. Once a minimum of 15 households have confirmed interest, Village staff will transmit the list to *The Compost Crew* to coordinate the start of the composting service.