

# CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE CRIER

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Monday, February 9 at 7:30 p.m.**  
Board of Managers' Meeting  
*Chevy Chase Village Hall*

**February 16:** Presidents' Day - Village Offices, Public Works Dept. Closed

**February 17:** Chevy Chase @ Home Event  
*(see page 6 of this issue for more information)*

**February 22:** Chevy Chase @ Home Event  
*(see page 6 of this issue for more information)*

**February 22:** Family Movie Event  
*(see enclosed flyer for more information)*

**February 26:** Sustainable Living Lecture  
*(see enclosed flyer for more information)*

**March 9:** Board of Managers' Meeting

**March Appeal/Variance Deadline  
2/17 at 5:00 p.m.**

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## NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Managers has scheduled a public hearing regarding a potential **food waste and recycling program**, which will be held during the Board's regular meeting on Monday, February 9, 2015. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. If you are unable to attend the Public Hearing on February 9, you may submit written testimony for the record either by e-mail to [ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov) or directly to the Village office at 5906 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

## BOARD OF MANAGERS ELECTION

Four Board seats will be up for election this spring. The current board members whose terms are expiring in May are Patricia Baptiste, Gary Crockett, Richard Ruda and David Winstead.

Any Village resident may run for a seat on the Board provided he/she is a qualified voter in Montgomery County, has resided in Chevy Chase Village for thirty days prior to the election and files the required Certificate of Candidacy and Financial Disclosure Statement in proper form. Note that the Certificate of Candidacy is a new form. Board members serve two-year, staggered terms. If the number of qualified candidates equals the number of available seats, the candidates will be declared elected at the Annual Meeting on Monday, April 20, 2015 (the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.). If the number of candidates exceeds the number of available seats, a contested election will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2015.

The Village Election Supervisors oversee Village elections, including receiving nominations to the Board of Managers. Residents interested in running for a seat should please contact Election Supervisors Chair Charlotte Jones-Carroll by email at [cjonescarroll@aol.com](mailto:cjonescarroll@aol.com) so that the Elections Supervisors can begin to plan for the election.

To qualify as a candidate, an individual, including sitting Board members, must submit to the Village office a completed Certificate of Candidacy along with a Financial Disclosure Statement, by no later than April 2. Upon receiving both completed forms, Village staff will submit the Financial Disclosure Statement to the Village Ethics Commission, which will review the form within ten days of filing for compliance with the provisions of the Public Ethics Code. Please note, however, that candidates are not certified to appear on the ballot until the Certificate of Candidacy and Financial Disclosure Statement have been reviewed and determined to be filed in proper form. Forms are available in the Village office or by email request to Village Manager Ms. Shana Davis-Cook at [shana.davis-cook@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:shana.davis-cook@montgomerycountymd.gov).

## SPRING PROJECTS AROUND THE YARD

Do the cold days of winter have you dreaming of sunnier days to come, inspiring thoughts of outdoor living and projects around your yard? **Please keep in mind that some outdoor projects may require building permits.** Some may require both County and Village permits, some require just Village permits and some projects may not require any permits at all. Here is a breakdown of some common outdoor projects, but please **check the Village's Building Code or contact Permitting & Code Enforcement Coordinator Ms. Ellen Sands at 301-654-7300 or by email to [ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov) to verify permitting requirements:**

### County and Village permits are required for:

- Alterations to the footprint of the main house or accessory buildings
- A raised deck
- Sheds or accessory buildings of any size
- Installation of a new fence or the replacement of a fence for which no County permit was issued for the original
- Retaining walls
- Pergolas or sunscreens attached to the main house or a detached garage
- Installation of new or replacement external air conditioners (commonly referred to as "condensers")
- Swimming pools
- Permanently anchored play equipment.

### Village permits are required for:

- Removal of any tree with a trunk measuring twenty-four (24) inches or greater in circumference at a height of four and one-half (4-1/2) feet above grade
- Installation or replacement of patios, driveways and walkways
- Installation or replacement of fences and walls
- Accessory structures such as built-in grills or arbors
- Outdoor therapeutic baths (hot tubs)
- Installation of lamp posts or handrails either on private property or in the abutting public right-of-way
- Private improvements in the public right-of-way abutting private property such as irrigation systems, electronic pet fencing, fences, walls or lighting
- Installation of trees or shrubs in the public right-of-way abutting private property.
- For the use of all dumpsters and portable storage pods.

### No permits are required for:

- Normal and reasonable tree pruning
- Routine maintenance or in-kind replacement of some features- please check with Village staff to confirm
- Temporary" play equipment such as portable basketball hoops and trampolines
- Installation of irrigation systems or electronic pet fences located entirely on private property.

## MANNA FOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS!

Thanks to the generosity of so many Chevy Chase Village residents, 25 lbs of food was collected for Montgomery County's Manna Food Center in Gaithersburg. The food collected went toward feeding more than 3,300 Montgomery County families a month. At least half those who benefited were children.

Since the drive was so successful, Chevy Chase Village will be participating again at the end of this year so please keep a look out for information as we near October.

Give yourselves a big pat on the back. You deserve it! Again, thank you for all your generosity and we look forward to participating in another successful drive in the Fall of 2015



## 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.

## TAX RETURN REMINDER

When preparing your State of Maryland tax return for 2014, please remember to enter Chevy Chase Village in the proper block of Form 502/503 as shown here:

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	City, Town or Taxing Area <b>Chevy Chase Village</b>

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## 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 BLAST(S)

Sign-up for the Village 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](http://www.chevychasevillagemd.gov) and click on the "white envelope" located under the Village logo.

**Note:** In order to sign-up for the email services you must be a Village resident and have registered for access to the website.

### BUDGET WORK SESSION

The Board of Managers will hold a budget work session to review the Village Manager's draft budget for the fiscal year that will begin on July 1, 2015 and end on June 30, 2016.

**Monday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m.**

The work session will be open to the public, although public comment will not be permitted until the public hearing on the budget in April. Additional work sessions may be scheduled as deemed necessary by the Board.

### 2014 RESIDENT DIRECTORY

Copies of 2014 Resident Directory are still available. Residents can pick up one copy, per household from the Village Hall.

## IN MEMORIAM...

### ROBERT H. ELLIOTT 1934 TO 2014

Come May each year, you can look up 50 feet, 60 feet, higher still, for Bob Elliott's great legacy in green. Robert Harold Elliott, who died at 80 in December, bequeathed us the leaves that wave across the Village sky. For 30 years, until 2012, he ran the Village Tree Committee. He planted more than 1,000 trees.

Bob grew up in Kansas City, Kansas. At 12, Judy Elliott his wife of 57 years says he decided to become a tax lawyer. He went to Kansas University, majoring in accounting, and to law school at the University of Michigan. Soon after settling in Washington and a stint at the Treasury Department, he co-founded the Caplin & Drysdale law firm.

In 1975, the Elliotts left the District for West Irving Street where they bought a crumbling old house that was painted turquoise blue. They had the vision to take on a fast up-and-coming modernist architect Hugh Newell Jacobsen. From the bones of an outbuilding, Jacobsen fashioned a Queen Anne-derived masterpiece of sharp-peaked roofs and cantilevered, soaring bay windows. It would soon join the ranks of works that put Jacobsen among Architectural Digest magazine's top 100 architects in the world.

Bob carried his cash in a money clip and did his own tax returns. Judy says he was a serial hobbyist. He took up artistic welding, then sailboat racing. But he was most hooked on trees. He went to the nurseries himself to select the trees for our parks and roads and supervised the planting crews. He liked willow oaks in particular and tupelos, or black gums.

A tenacious, self-effacing volunteer and public servant, Bob led a sometimes fractious committee, yet one bound by his veneration of the urban forest. Two years ago, upon his resignation in waning health, the Village honored him with a rare tribute, a 15-foot willow oak in the Oliver Street Park along Kirkside Drive. The bronze plaque there proclaims "grateful appreciation for his work with the Chevy Chase Village Tree Committee."

Besides Judy, Bob leaves two daughters, Kacey Elliott and Meg Elliott Smith, son-in-law Keith D. Smith, three grandchildren, Austin, Ryan and Gavin Smith, and six old men he joined for lunch on Wednesdays.

*Peter Kilborn, Oliver Street*

# BOARD ACTIONS

JANUARY 12, 2015 BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING

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## Approval of Previous Meetings' Minutes

December 8, 2014 Regular Meeting - *approved*

## Consent Agenda -Tree Ordinance Board Consent Agreement:

**A-2168 (Tree Removal Appeal): Ms. Bernice P. & Mr. James M. Todaro, 104 Newlands Street**

Remove one twenty-two (22)-inch diameter Silver Maple and one twenty-two (22)-inch diameter White Pine tree located in the center of the property to accommodate the construction of a new house - *approved*

## New Business:

**Resolution No. 01-01-15:** An Ordinance to amend Chapter 3, "Personnel Code", Sec. 3-9, "Compensation" to include approved leave as actual hours worked for the calculation of overtime - *approved*

**Proposal for an ad hoc committee to work with Lila Fendrick Landscape Architecture to design a memorial garden in the Large Oliver Street Triangle Park in honor of former Village Tree Committee Chair, Mr. Robert Elliott - *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, March 9, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.**

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## NEW COMMITTEE BEGINS COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE VILLAGE CHARTER

In late January, the ad hoc Charter Revision Committee began its review of the Village's Charter. The Village Charter provides the basic structure of the Village government (together with various provisions of Maryland State law) and outlines the basic powers that the Village, as a municipal corporation, may exercise. This committee—consisting of current Board Vice Chairman Ms. Patricia Baptiste (Committee Chair), Robert Goodwin (Board Assistant Treasurer), Mary Sheehan and Peter Yeo (former Board Member)—will hold a series of meetings over the coming months to thoroughly review the Charter and will make recommendations that ensure it is clearly and logically laid out. The Charter Revision Committee will also assess where substantive changes may be warranted to improve government operations.

All committee meetings are open to the public. Meeting dates and times will be posted to the Village website at least one week in advance. For more information, please visit the Village website or contact Village Manager Ms. Shana Davis-Cook at [shana.davis-cook@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:shana.davis-cook@montgomerycountymd.gov).

# THE POLICE BEAT

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

## CAR SEAT INSPECTION INFORMATION

It can be a challenge to install a child car seat correctly, and if it is not done right, your child could be at risk of injury in a collision. If you could use some help to make sure you've installed the seat correctly, the specially-trained technicians at Fitzgerald Auto Mall will inspect your child safety seat for free.



From March through December, on the third Thursday of each month, Fitzgerald Auto Mall conducts free inspections from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on a first-come first-served basis at one of their stores; check their website (<http://www.fitzmall.com/Community/ChildCarSeat>) or call 301-548-4847 for the specific location.

If you are unable to attend one of the monthly inspection events, you can schedule a one-on-one appointment via the Fitzmall website (above). Individual appointments are scheduled Tuesday through Thursday at the Gaithersburg, White Flint, Wheaton, and Annapolis locations. The inspection is always free, though there may be a small charge for tether installation.

The next scheduled Child Seat Inspection Event will be on Thursday, March 19, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Fitzgerald Auto Mall—White Flint. The address is 5501 Nicholson Lane, Rockville, Maryland.

Cancellation Policy: When school is in session, if Montgomery County Schools are either delayed or cancelled, the event will be cancelled.

## HOME SECURITY SURVEYS

The Village Police Department offers free confidential home security surveys. These surveys are used as a tool to identify weak areas of your home's security. Simple remedies can make your home safer and more secure.

Interested residents should contact the Village Communications Center at (301) 654-7300 to request a Home Security Survey. A police officer will contact you to arrange a convenient time to conduct the survey.

## HEADLIGHTS ON FOR SAFETY. EVEN WHEN IT ISN'T DARK OUTSIDE *IT'S THE LAW*

Many motorists mistakenly believe that they must turn on their headlights only during darkness hours. While it is certainly true that headlights must be on when it's dark, the law also requires motorists to turn on their headlights whenever visibility is diminished. The relevant portion of the law (§22-201.1 of the Maryland Transportation Article) is below:

### *When lighted lamps are required.*

Every vehicle on a highway in this State, at any time when, due to insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, persons and vehicles on the highway are not clearly discernible at a distance of 1,000 feet ahead, shall display lighted lamps and illuminating devices....

To bring the above into focus for you, consider that 1,000 feet is longer than 3 football fields laid end to end. Consider that any time you cannot clearly see persons or vehicles 1,000 feet away, others cannot clearly see you! The primary reason that the law requires your lights to be on is so that other motorists will see your vehicle. This keeps you and your passengers safe. And when your headlights are required, use your real headlights—not your daytime running lights—so that your tail lights will be on, also.

### *So, when do you have to turn on your vehicle's lights according to the law?*

- In the pre-dawn or pre-dusk grey light of the day
- Whenever it is raining, snowing or foggy
- Even after any precipitation has ended, whenever vehicles kicking up road spray from the wet road
- Of course, whenever it is dark

Frankly, drivers who make safety a priority use their headlights at all times—rain or shine—to make themselves seen. Consider doing it yourself. And if your children drive, demand that they turn on the headlights every time they get behind the wheel. It can only help.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## THE SENIOR CORNER

During February, we may be singing “Baby it’s cold outside,” but in our Village Hall we will be serving hot tea. Bring your friends and neighbors.

February 17 - Tuesday from 2:00-4:00 – We invite you to “Take Tea with the Ambassador.” William Bodde, Jr. is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service who served in various diplomatic posts in Austria, Sweden and Germany, as well as several posts within the State Department. He was appointed United States Ambassador to Fiji, Tonga, Tuvalu and Kinbati in 1980, and in 1990 to Ambassador to the Marshall Islands. Join Mr. Bodde for tea and an informal chat about the day-to-day realities of an ambassador’s life – travel, adjusting to new cultures, entertaining, forging friendships and engaging trust.

February 22 - Sunday from 1:00-4:00 – We are privileged again to have Pepe Romero, a world renowned, exceptional musician, conduct his Masters Class in our Village Hall. Mr. Romero is one of the few living legends in the classical guitar world. He has been honored by kings, heads of state and major institutions. Besides devoting his life to communicating the richness and beauty of the classical guitar, Pepe offers a high level of instruction to good young players, giving them the opportunity to become great. Come, and like the performers, you will leave with a broader understanding of the art of music, the art of guitar and maybe even the art of life.

Mark your calendars ---- Three important dates in March --

March 17 - Tuesday from 2:00-4:00 -- Our annual St. Patrick’s Day Party. Come one, come all to celebrate! We will have Irish music and songs and delicious Irish treats, including soda bread and Irish Coffee. Don’t miss it and be sure to be seen “Wear’n the Green”.

March 21 - Saturday 11:00 A. M. Alan Fern will present a program entitled “The Many Faces of Portraiture”. As the Director of the National Portrait Gallery for many years, he will have many stories and visuals to share with us. This will be a very enjoyable as well as educational event.

March 22 - Sunday from 1:00-4:00 – Another Master Class with another internationally famous guitarist. Berta Rojas is a “guitarist extraordinaire”, renowned for her flawless technique and innate musicality. She ranks among today’s foremost classical guitarists. She, too, will give her expertize and guidance to several young players and leave us with a love of her music.

All of the programs that we offer here are in cooperation with the Village and Chevy Chase @ Home. I welcome your comments and suggestions for topics that would interest you. Please bring your friends and neighbors to enjoy the events and the refreshments.

Also, I remind you that CC@H welcomes you to join and reap the benefits of membership from their volunteers and participation in special events. (info, call 301-657-3115)

*Betty O’Connor*

*Chair, Village Committee for Seniors*

## TAX CREDIT FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Owners of homes in the Village’s historic district can apply for a 25% tax credit for properly documented expenses for the restoration and preservation of the exterior of an historic home located within a Master Plan for Historic Preservation-listed historic district through the Maryland Historic Trust Office.

The credits, which are applied to offset county property taxes, are often used in concert with state rehabilitation tax credits. Applications for work completed in calendar year 2014 will be due in April, 2015. For more information, visit <http://mht.maryland.gov/taxcredits.html>.

## WHEN THE POWER GOES OUT...

When a power outage occurs, it is important for all residents to call the following two phone numbers:

- 1. PEPCO at 1 (877) PEPCO62 [737-2332]**
- 2. Village Communications Center at (301) 654-7300**

If the power is restored and goes out again in a matter of minutes, the above two phone calls must be made again so the new outage is registered.



The mobile service bus will visit the Friendship Heights Village Center along Friendship Boulevard on

**Monday, February 23 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)*

## BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED JANUARY 2015

- 117 East Melrose Street - Replace the existing driveway apron in-kind  
4100 Oliver Street - Install a generator in the rear yard  
5505 Grove Street - Construct a second floor addition over an existing first floor addition  
3920 Oliver Street - Convert existing garage to new family room

### 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!

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VILLAGE**  
ESTABLISHED 1890

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#### BOARD OF MANAGERS

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Gary Crockett, *Treasurer*  
Robert C. Goodwin, Jr., *Assistant Treasurer*  
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#### VILLAGE MANAGER

Shana R. Davis-Cook

## 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.

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.

### SNOW REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS



Residents are responsible for clearing all snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of or abutting their property within the first forty-eight (48) hours after the cessation of falling snow. Residents who occupy corner lots are responsible for the sidewalk in front of and on the side of their property.

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Permit No. 7078  
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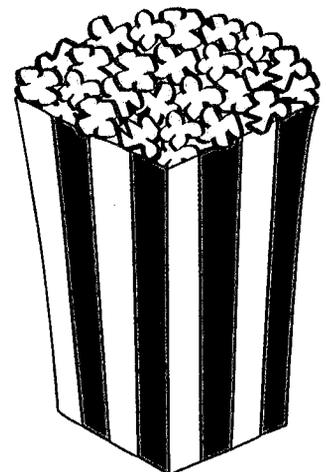
The Chevy Chase Village  
Community Relations Committee is  
pleased to announce a  
Family Movie Event!

**Showing:** The Animated Movie, "Madagascar", Rated PG

**When:** Sunday, February 22 from 3:30—5:30 p.m.

**Where:** The Village Hall—5906 Connecticut Avenue

Children are encouraged to bring their sleeping bags and favorite stuffed animals. Toys will be available as alternatives to watching the movie. Snacks and drinks will be provided for parents and children to enjoy.



Please RSVP by February 15:

[ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov) or 301-654-7300



## **New Lecture Series on Sustainable Living Launching this Month**

Chevy Chase Village's *Environment and Energy Committee* is organizing a new lecture series at the Village Hall designed to inform residents on current issues and topics of interest around the theme of sustainable communities and sustainable living.

**Thursday, February 26, 2015  
at 7:30 p.m.**

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

The inaugural lecture will be delivered by the Honorable Chris Van Hollen, our Representative from Maryland's 8th Congressional District. The topic will be *Congressional Update on Climate Change*. This topic is particularly timely, since 2014 was declared the hottest year on record for the planet, following a trend in overall global warming that scientists have unequivocally linked to human emissions of CO<sub>2</sub>.

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

Mark your calendars for this event, and RSVP no later than Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> to the Village office at 301-654-7300 or [ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov) as space is limited.

