



CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE CRIER

BUDGET AND TAX MATTERS: PUBLIC COMMENTS WELCOMED ON THE DRAFT FY 2017 BUDGET

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The Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers held a budget work session on February 22 to review the proposed operating and capital budgets for the fiscal year that will begin on July 1, 2016 and end on June 30, 2017, as prepared by the Village Manager and staff. The Board will invite public comments on the draft budget and tax rate during its regular meeting on **Monday, March 14**. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Copies of the budget summary and details are available on the Village website and hard copies can be obtained at the Village office. Residents can submit written comments in advance (c/o the Village office) of the March 14 discussion.

A report from Board Treasurer Mr. Gary Crockett along with a summary of the proposed budget will be included in the April issue of the *Crier* in advance of the Board's **Public Hearing** on the budget scheduled for **Monday, April 11**. Adoption of the FY2017 budget and tax rates will take place during the Village's Annual Meeting on **Monday, April 18**.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.
Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall

Now – April 7: Candidacy Filing Window for the Board of Managers Election

Tuesday, March 15: Chevy Chase @ Home Event
(please see page 6 of this issue for more information)

Monday, April 11: Board of Managers' Meeting

Monday, April 18: Village's Annual Meeting
(see article featured on page 2 of this issue)

Saturday, May 7: Community Shredding Event
(10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

Saturday, May 14: The Garden Club of Chevy Chase's Village Garden Tour
(More details in the April issue of the Crier)

**April Appeal/Variance Deadline:
3/21 by 5:00 p.m.**

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fax: 301.907.9721
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website: www.chevychasevillagemd.gov

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND VILLAGE PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS

Managing stormwater runoff--whether from natural topography; gutters and downspouts on your home or as a result of construction--is an escalating concern in the Village. As we learned from last year's stormwater management presentation by County officials (<http://www.chevychasevillagemd.gov/c/677/stormwater-management-watershed-restoration>), while overall rainfall has not increased significantly, storms are intensifying in output, causing stormwater runoff problems in the more densely built, close-in suburbs--of which Chevy Chase Village is one.

Village regulations prohibit the alteration of the natural flow of water onto a neighboring property. Even if the County does not require a stormwater management plan associated with your County building permit, the Village reviews all plans accompanying building permit applications to evaluate for possible alteration of existing stormwater runoff.

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ANNUAL MEETING: MONDAY, APRIL 18 AT 7:30 P.M.

The Chevy Chase Village Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, April 18 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.

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 2017 (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017) 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 Election Supervisors, 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 discuss the Village's goals in the upcoming year.

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Additionally, any work that will alter the existing flow of water requires a Building Permit from the Village. This includes, but is not limited to, regrading, new or alterations to existing downspouts, drywells, rain gardens, outflow and French drains, etc. Refer to Sec. 8-25 of the Village Code for the specific regulations pertaining to water flow and drainage (available on the Village website under Governance, Our Regulations and Policies).

The Village's Permitting & Code Enforcement Coordinator, Ms. Ellen Sands, is available to advise residents who are contemplating work on their property. Please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Sands by phone (301-654-7300) or e-mail (ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov) to discuss questions you may have. By working together at the start of a proposed project, stormwater runoff concerns can be mitigated and managed before they create a problem for you and your neighbors.

BOARD OF MANAGERS ELECTION

Three Board seats will be up for election this spring. The current Board members whose terms are expiring in June are Michael Denger, Robert Goodwin, Jr. and Elissa Leonard. All three incumbents have expressed their intention to run again.

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 one year prior to the election and files the required Certificate of Candidacy and Financial Disclosure Statement in proper form. Please note that the Certificate of Candidacy was only introduced last year. 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 18, 2016 (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 7.

The Village's Election Supervisors oversee Village elections, including receiving nominations to serve on 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 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 at any time after February 6 (90 days prior to Election Day), but by no later than COB on April 7 (30 days prior to Election Day). Upon receiving both completed forms, the Village Manager 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.

For more information regarding Board elections and to access these forms, please visit the dedicated page on the Village's website at www.chevychasevillagemd.gov by clicking on "Board of Managers Elections" under *Quick Links* on the homepage.

TAX RETURN REMINDER

Revenues received through our residents' paid income taxes remain the most significant source of Village revenues. 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.

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

FILING DEADLINE FOR COUNTY TAX CREDITS FOR HISTORIC PROPERTIES IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN 2015 IS APRIL 1

Owners of homes in the Village's Historic District can apply for both County property tax credits (25%) and State income tax credits (20%) for eligible home improvements. The County program is limited to exterior features of the property and the State program includes both interior and exterior features. Some examples of potentially eligible improvements include painting; window and siding restoration; and professional service fees such as design fees and structural evaluations.

In order to be eligible for tax credits, before beginning any physical improvements, residents should check with the County's Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to find out whether the HPC requires a permit and they should seek approval from the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT). After the work is complete, the deadline for County tax credit applications is April 1 of the following year.

The schedule for state tax credit applications is explained on the MHT website at <http://mht.maryland.gov/taxCredits.shtml>. More information on both programs can be found by visiting the Village web site at http://www.chevychasevillagemd.gov/assets/LAP/Tax%20Credits_CCV.pdf or the HPC website at <http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/historic>. Residents can also call the HPC offices at 301-563-3400 or the MHT offices at 410-514-7628.

REMEMBER THE MIDDLE "R" IN REUSE, REDUCE AND RECYCLE

While as a community we have made great strides in recycling our waste, with our new, oversized recycling bins overflowing with paper, plastic, bottles and cans, tossing something into the recycling bin, as gratifying as it feels, shouldn't give us a free pass in terms of our responsibility to act more sustainably. It is worth remembering that the second R in the waste management trio is "Reduce." A recent article in the *New York Times* about the growing mountains of cardboard waste generated by skyrocketing shipments to Amazon Prime users and others addicted to the convenience of shopping from home is creating an environmental fallout all its own. http://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/16/science/recycling-cardboard-online-shopping-environment.html?emc=eta1&_r=0.

"There's a whole fleet of trucks circulating through neighborhoods nonstop," Dan Sperling, the founding director of the Institute of Transportation Studies at the University of California, Davis, is quoted in the article as saying, "From a sustainability perspective, we're heading in the wrong direction." In addition to the waste generated from packaging materials which often outweigh the product, emissions from vehicles transporting goods is mounting—polluting the air we breathe and contributing to climate change.

Passing on this environmental cost to companies and consumers of instant on-line shopping in the form of fees could, in theory, help offset recycling costs and cut back on volume. But evidence suggests there is a very high willingness to pay for convenience in our society. A far more efficient way to deal with the problem is to avoid generating the waste in the first place. Keeping in mind that the first order of business is to reduce waste whenever possible and that even recycling has a cost is an important first step to managing our waste efficiently and sustainably.

For more tips on sustainable living and going green at home, check out Greenily, a Washington homemaker's guide to greener living in the DC area: <http://greenily.co/going-green/>. Another is Bethesda Green, a local non-profit that advocates on behalf of the environment with information on sustainable practices for business and communities: www.bethesdagreen.org.

The Environment & Energy Committee

BOARD ACTIONS

FEBRUARY 8, 2016 BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING

Approval of Previous Meetings' Minutes

January 11, 2016 Regular Meeting - *approved*

Variance and Special Permit Requests:

- **A-6887 (Variance Request): 5 Chevy Chase Circle**

Maintain a structure which was installed in the front yard of the property and which encroaches nineteen feet, six inches (19'-6") feet forward of the twenty-five (25) front (Grafton Street) building restriction line - *continued to the March 14 Board Meeting.*

- **A-6889 (Special Permit): 5910 Cedar Parkway**

Expand an existing gravel driveway. The proposed driveway would be:

- a) expanded from its existing width of sixteen (16) feet, to a maximum width of nineteen feet, eleven inches (19'-11") on private property - *approved*
- b) expanded from its existing width of ten (10) feet, to a maximum width of twelve feet, eight inches (12'-8") in the Cedar Parkway public right-of-way - *approved*

Matters Presented for Board Discussion and Possible Action:

- **Resolution No. 02-01-16: FY2016 Budget Amendment No. 3:** An Ordinance to amend the Fiscal Year 2016 budget to increase expenditures, to create a new capital projects line item for a new Park Development Project (in the Large Triangle Park, located at the corner of Oliver Street/Kirkside Drive/Park Street), and to transfer \$13,500 from General Fund Reserves to fund the expenditure - *approved*

Commission and Committee Matters:

Ethics Commission

- Reappoint Mr. Frank (Scot) McCulloch (Kirkside Drive) for another 3-year term ending February 2019 - *approved*

Financial Review Committee

- Draft Scope of Work - *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, March 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCING THE FREE LITTLE LENDING LIBRARIES

The Chevy Chase Village Community Relations Committee is excited to be the steward for the Village Hall's TWO Lending Libraries on behalf of our neighbors and community! The first free lending library is located on the porch as you enter the Hall's main entrance. With its three-tiers--designed and built by Village resident and Board Treasurer Mr. Gary Crockett--the outdoor library allows residents to have a separate section for Children (bottom), Adolescents (middle) and Adults (top).

For additional titles, residents can also visit the indoor free lending library, located in the Village Hall Reception Area next to the bulletin board.

The idea is to take a book that interests you and leave a book that you have completed and want to share with your neighbors. No library card needed.

THE POLICE BEAT

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

CONSTRUCTION AND LANDSCAPING NOISE: PLEASE ADHERE TO THE START/STOP TIMES IN THE VILLAGE CODE

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 during the day.

Residents are encouraged to remind their contractors and landscape crews that the Village Noise Ordinance prohibits construction noise and the use of power landscaping equipment prior to 8:00 a.m. on weekdays and prior to 9:00 a.m. on weekends and holidays and after 6:00 p.m. every day. The noise regulations are strictly enforced by citation and fine.

LEASH LAW REMINDER

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--no matter how well-controlled--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.

PLEASE LOCK YOUR VEHICLES



The vast majority of our thefts are those from unlocked cars. We make it far too easy (and inviting) for thieves. The Village Police Department urges you to lock your car doors every time you park.

And remove all valuables—or hide them at the very least. Please do your civic duty and reduce the opportunities for thieves and discourage them from taking things from your vehicle.

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 biography 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.chevychasevillagemd.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.

MOVING? EXPECTING A LARGE DELIVERY TRUCK?

Residents are encouraged to contact the Communications Center to have Temporary No Parking Signs installed in front of their home when moving out of the Village or when expecting a large truck delivery.

No Parking signs will be posted at least one day prior to the move out or delivery date as a courtesy to notify neighbors that the parking spaces are needed to accommodate a large truck for a specified period of time as posted on the signs.



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

Our Pizza Party was a great success. The big snow melted, the sun came out and sidewalks were cleared for all to come and enjoy a delightful afternoon. Those attending have asked for a repeat. Maybe we can make it an annual event, like our Holiday and St. Patrick's Day Parties.

We have two events planned each month in March and April:

Tuesday, March 1 – 2:00-4:00 p.m.: The history of the Peacock Room at the Freer Gallery, presented by Lee Glazer, the Curator of American Art at the Gallery. Please see the February issue of the *Crier* for more information.

Tuesday, March 15 – 2:00-4:00 p.m.: Our annual St. Patrick's Day Party. The Party begins two days early! We hope you all have marked your calendars for the big event, and will arrive "wearing" the green for the day". We will have our usual Irish Coffee, cheese, cakes, fruit and other drinks. The Village has just received a piano donated by Village resident Ms. Nancy Wilkinson, and if the piano has been tuned in time, we will have our first Irish Sing-a-Long with Ann Joseph as our pianist. Bring friends and neighbors to join us in toasting the day.

Tuesday, April 12 – 2:00-4:00 p.m.: "From Gutenberg to Twitter: My 45 Years at the Library of Congress, My Personal Memoir", a presentation by Mary Levering. Mary retired from the Library of Congress after a long career, heading up almost every department, ending with the United States Copyright Office and the Law Library of Congress. She traveled throughout the country, speaking on specialized topics affecting the Library. Invite your neighbors and friends to join us as Mary shares her experiences with us.

Wednesday April 27 or Thursday, April 28: --- Surprise! An evening of information and humor – more in our next issue.

These events are co-sponsored by Chevy Chase Village and Chevy Chase at Home. We welcome suggestions and ideas for future programs on art, music, current events, medicine, entertainment, etc. If you have information to share with us, please contact me at 301-656-0597 or send me an email: bettyoconnor2@verizon.net.

Betty O'Connor
Chair, Village Committee for Seniors

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Annual Village Shredding Event:
Saturday, May 7, 2016
from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
in the Village Hall Driveway

*Rent the Village Hall
For Your Next Event!*

THE COMMUNITY CORNER

Due to the snow storm in January, the Community Relations Committee's Parents' Night Out has been rescheduled for **Saturday, April 16 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.** in the Village Hall. This is an opportunity for your children to see and play with other kids in the Village and to be entertained by Village teens (under adult supervision) with crafts, games, cartoons and a pizza dinner.

Calling all Village Teens! Earn some money and have some fun babysitting neighborhood children on Saturday, April 16th. Recruit your friends and meet some new ones! If you are available, please contact Karen Spangler by email at karen.e.spangler@gmail.com to sign up.

Karen Spangler
Chair, Community Relations Committee

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 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.

**THE CHEVY CHASE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PRESENTS: “STREETCAR SUBURBS: HOW A
10-CENT RIDE CHANGED WASHINGTON”**

Local historian and author John DeFerrari will describe how the advent of the electric streetcar in the 1890s changed America by creating suburbs like Chevy Chase, when he presents the Chevy Chase Historical Society’s winter lecture on Sunday, March 20, at 4 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Village Hall, 5906 Connecticut Avenue. The public is welcome to the free program.

Projecting vintage photos from his recent book, *Capital Streetcars: Early Mass Transit in Washington, DC*, DeFerrari will recall how streetcar lines made it possible for city dwellers to escape to the “countryside” to live and commute to their jobs in downtown Washington. He will tell how paths of diverse citizens, ranging from day laborers to Supreme Court justices, intersected on the streetcars as they never had before.

Native Washingtonian John DeFerrari began a popular local

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history blog, *Streets of Washington*, in 2009.

He would go on to write two books, *Lost Washington, DC* (2011) and *Historic Restaurants of Washington, DC* (2103). Copies of his newest book, *Capital Streetcars*, will be available for sale and signing after his talk.

As a complement to the March 20 lecture, CCHS will host a special field trip to the National Capital Trolley Museum in Silver Spring on Saturday, April 9, beginning at 12 noon. Details are at www.chevychasehistory.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Garden Club of Chevy Chase will hold a Garden Tour in the Village on

Saturday, May 14

More Details in the April issue of the Crier.

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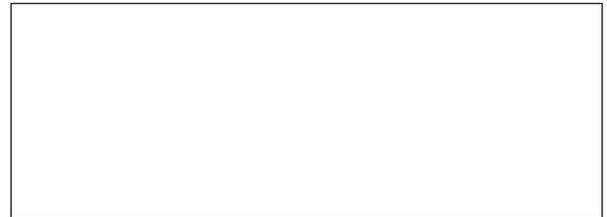
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VILLAGE MANAGER

Shana R. Davis-Cook



BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED

FEBRUARY 2016

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|------------------------|---|
| 5 Oxford Street | Install a drain pipe in the Oxford Street public right-of-way |
| 7 Oxford Street | Install a drain pipe in the Oxford Street public right-of-way |
| 5611 Montgomery Street | Install a replacement air conditioner in the rear yard |

2015 RESIDENT DIRECTORY

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



TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION; SPECIAL PICK-UPS



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

The Village provides rear door collection of refuse and recycling as a convenience to our residents. Please leave your gates unlocked to allow access to your receptacles and remember to contact the Communications Center if either your refuse or recycling were not collected.

Special Pickups of bulk items are collected on Wednesdays. Requests must be submitted either by phone or the Village website by 2:00 p.m. on the preceding Tuesday to ensure collection.



The mobile service bus will visit the Friendship Heights Village Center along Friendship Boulevard on **Monday, March 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** For more information, call (301)-656-2797 or visit www.FriendshipHeightsmd.gov.