

CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE CRIER

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Monday, April 11, 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

Week of April 4: Spring Class Session Begins
(See enclosed flyer)

Monday, April 18: Village's Annual Meeting

SUNDAY, May 8: Community Shredding Event
(10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

Monday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. Board of Managers' Meeting

Saturday, May 14: The Garden Club of Chevy Chase's Village Garden Tour
(See enclosed flyer for more information)

**May Appeal/Variance Deadline:
4/18 by 5:00 p.m.**

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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., with light refreshments served at 7:00 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 Elections Committee, in addition to nominations which may be received from the floor.

All residents are invited to join the Board in recapping the past year's events and accomplishments and to look to the goals of the upcoming year.

BOARD APPROVES "HOUSEKEEPING" AMENDMENTS TO THE BUILDING CODE & PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY ORDINANCE

At its meeting on March 14, the Village Board approved Resolution No. 03-01-16, which makes various clarifying amendments to the Building Code and Public Rights-of-Way Ordinance:

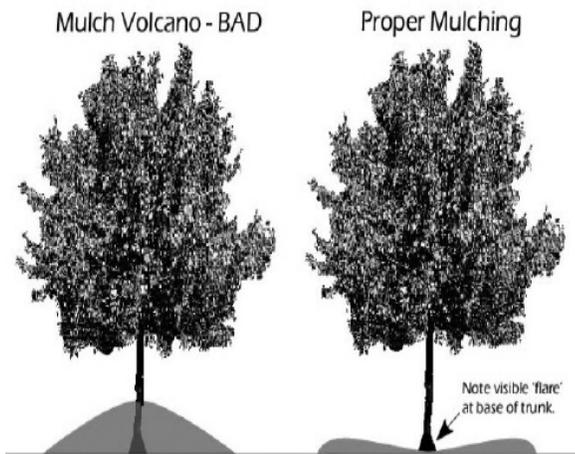
- **Walls**—The Board approved a comprehensive re-write of the Village's Building Code in 2014, which contained a change to eliminate the need for a Building Permit for low walls. These low walls are typically installed either as landscape features or alongside driveways as a curb to delineate the edge of the paved surface. The Building Code and Public Rights-of-Way Ordinance were modified to define a "wall" as being a minimum of twelve (12) inches in height.

Although this change worked well when applied to installations proposed for private property, the effect of this change meant that walls measuring

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BEWARE OF MULCH VOLCANOES

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



Visit the following website for tree care tips, including an article detailing proper mulching technique:

<http://www.treesaregood.com/treecare/mulching.aspx>

MAINTAINING RIGHTS-OF-WAYS

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

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

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less than twelve (12) inches in height were classified as a "structure" when proposed for installation within the public right-of-way, which is prohibited unless the owner obtains a Special Permit from the Board of Managers.

Change: The Board's approved Ordinance deletes the definition for walls in its entirety and requires a Building Permit for: 1) all walls located in the public right-of-way (in addition to a License to Use the Public Right-of-Way), and 2) for walls measuring twelve inches in height or higher when located on private property.

- **Arbors**—Sec. 8-21 of the Building Code included erroneous text within sub-section (g), which pertains to arbors. This sub-section refers to "accessory structures", however, we have neither a definition nor a category pertaining to "accessory" structures. The applicable reference here is to the definition for "structures".

Change: The word "accessory" was deleted to eliminate any confusion.

- **Sump Pump Discharge Pipes**—For over 15 years, the Village has prohibited any new sump pump systems from discharging into the public right-of-way (or directly onto neighboring properties) under our existing Section 8-25 of the Building Code, entitled "Alteration of water flow or drainage". This section provides that a Building Permit is required for any alteration of water flow which will alter the existing or natural flow onto neighboring properties, including the public right-of-way. Further, this section states that no Building Permit will be issued for any alteration that will adversely affect abutting, nearby or public properties. Sump pump systems discharge water regardless of the air temperatures, therefore, when they outlet into the public right-of-way they create icing conditions in the winter months.

Change: The Code was revised to reflect the Village's long-standing policy requiring a Building Permit for any sump pump system discharge pipes and prohibits any sump pump discharge pipes from directing water into the public right-of-way.

The approved Resolution can be viewed on the Village website under Governance, Our Regulations and Policies. For more information, please contact Permitting & Code Enforcement Coordinator Ms. Ellen Sands at 301-654-7300 or ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov.

BOARD APPROVES CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AROUND THE VILLAGE HALL

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

At its March 14 regular meeting, the Board formally approved the construction contract to implement the improvements plan.

Construction is slated to begin in mid-April with an anticipated completion date of early June, weather permitting. All work will be conducted Monday through Friday only during the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The project includes the following improvements:

- Extending the north curb radius and greenspace along West Kirke Street between Connecticut Avenue and the Police parking lot. This will narrow the travel lane on West Kirke Street and slow the speed of traffic turning off Connecticut Avenue to go west on West Kirke Street by removing the sweeping curb radius. In addition, the curb radius at the southeast corner of the West Kirke Street/Laurel Parkway combined rights-of-way will be pulled back to increase sight lines and better align traffic turning onto West Kirke Street from Laurel Parkway.
- Installation of a traffic island/pedestrian refuge on West Kirke Street at its intersection with Connecticut Avenue. The island will serve two (2) purposes: 1) create separation between opposing traffic on West Kirke Street, and 2) provide a refuge for pedestrians crossing West Kirke Street along Connecticut Avenue by reducing the wide crossing distance.
- Extension of the curb radius on the south side of West Kirke Street at Connecticut Avenue. This will further narrow the width of West Kirke Street at Connecticut Avenue.
- Reconfigure/realign the sidewalks within the West Kirke Street/Laurel Parkway combined right-of-way (the triangle greenspace located across from the Village Hall), which were installed with test brick sections during the evaluation phase of the sidewalk replacement project. The realigned sidewalk will be installed using the Village's approved brick paver for consistency with the Village's sidewalk network. Additionally, two new ADA-compliant handicap ramps will

be installed to facilitate access by all pedestrians.

- Extension of the curb at the southeast corner of Laurel Park into Laurel Parkway where it intersects with the eastern span of West Lenox Street. The extension will modify the existing two-way traffic flow behind the Public Works yard to one-way (toward the Post Office only). Currently two-way traffic is allowed on Laurel Parkway behind the Public Works yard. This section of roadway is narrow and two-way traffic is unsafe.
- Installation of a sliding gate at the roadway entrance to the Public Works yard and "Municipal Vehicle Parking Only" designation during work hours, behind the Public Works Yard. The slide gate will improve driver sightlines by eliminating the swinging gate doors, which currently swing out toward the roadway. Signage will also be installed formally designating the parking spaces along the Laurel Parkway curb behind the Public Works yard as "Municipal Vehicle Parking Only" during work hours (Monday to Friday between 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.).

In an effort to provide timely and accurate information regarding the progress of this project, a dedicated page has been created on the Village's website for project updates, including a more detailed construction schedule and a rendering of the approved plan. Residents can access the page from the Village's website at www.chevyCHASEvillagemd.gov by clicking on the "Capital Improvements and Utility Upgrade Projects" link under the "News" tab.

If you have any questions regarding the project, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Younes, in the Village office at (301) 654-7300 or via e-mail to michael.younes@montgomerycountymd.gov.

SPRINGTIME REMINDER: NOISE REGULATIONS

The Village reminds residents that use of lawn mowers, leaf blowers and other power landscape equipment 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: MARCH 14, 2016 BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING

Approval of Previous Meetings' Minutes

February 8, 2016 Regular Meeting - *approved*

February 22, 2016 Budget Work Session - *approved*

Consent Agenda: Tree Removal Consent Agreement:

- **A-2216: 117 Grafton Street**

Removal of one thirty (30)-inch diameter Oak tree located in the rear yard of the property - *approved*

Variance and Special Permit Requests:

- **Continuance of 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 April 11, Board Meeting*

- **A-6893 (Variance Request): 5500 Park Street**

Construct a portico over an existing front stoop. The proposed portico would encroach four feet, eight inches (4'-8") forward of the twenty-five (25) foot front (Park Street) building restriction line - *approved*

- **A-6895 (Appeal of the Manager's Decision): Regarding work at 5502 Grove St.**

Appeal of the Village Manager's issuance of Building Permit #6879 to 5502 Grove Street to construct a fence measuring six feet, six inches (6'-6") in height and a retaining wall measuring a maximum of three (3) feet in height abutting the rear property line of 5503 Center Street- *continued*

Matters Presented for Board Discussion and Possible Action:

- **Donation Request: Somerset Elementary School Turf Field** - \$5,000 donation - *approved*

- **Resolution No. 03-01-16:** An Ordinance to amend Chapter 8, "Buildings and Building Regulations", Sec. 8-1 "Definitions", Sec. 8-5, "Building Permits", Sec. 8-21, "Installation and maintenance of fences, walls, trees, hedges, shrubbery, lamp posts, hand rails and arbors" and Sec. 8-25, "Alteration of water flow or drainage" and Chapter 25, Public Rights-of-Way, Sec. 25-1, "Definitions" and Sec. 25-6, "Structures, fences, walls, lamp posts, hand rails, trees, hedges, and shrubbery in public right-of-way" to clarify that walls of less than twelve inches in height on private property do not require a Building Permit, that certain construction in the rights-of-way does not require a Special Permit, that setback requirements for arbors are the same as for structures, and to further regulate discharge of water onto abutting properties and the rights-of-way, and to adopt conforming changes - *approved*

- **Resolution No. 03-02-16:** An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 3. "Personnel Code", Sec. 3-6, "Village Manager" and Sec. 3-7, "Duties of the Village Manager", to Conform to the Village Charter and Make Clarifying Changes - *approved*

- **Comcast Franchise Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding with Montgomery County for the Administration of the Franchise Agreement** - *approved in substantive form pending final approval by Village Counsel*

Contract Authorization Requests:

- Audit Contract Extension (first of two contract extension options): *Lindsey & Associates, LLC* - *approved*

- Tree Maintenance Contract Extension (first of two contract extension options): *The Care of Trees* - *approved*

- Streets Maintenance Contract Award: *A. B. Veirs & Sons, Inc.* - *approved*

- West Kirke Street/Laurel Parkway (Village Hall) Intersection Improvements Project - *approved* (see article on page 3)

Purchase/Funding Authorization Requests:

- Spring Tree Plantings from Stadler Nursery - *approved*

- Funding Authorization for the Village's Contribution Toward the Development of Western Grove Park (payable to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission) - *approved \$300,000 total*

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, April 11, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

THE POLICE BEAT

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

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month

DISTRACTED DRIVING IS DANGEROUS: PUT IT DOWN AND *DRIVE!*

What is distracted driving?

Anything that diverts a motorist's attention away from the primary task of driving results in distracted driving. There are 3 basic forms of distraction: visual (taking your eyes off the road), manual (taking your hands off the wheel) and cognitive (taking your mind off of driving). While all distracted driving is dangerous, those activities that involve all three forms of distraction are the worst such as:



- Texting (reading, writing and sending a text)
- Using a cell phone or smart phone
- Eating or drinking
- Reading, including maps
- Manipulating GPS, radio, CD player or other device

How bad is the problem?

Here is what we know: distracted driving **kills 9** people and **injures 1,060 every day** in the U.S. (NHTSA). As



grim as these numbers are, the scope of the problem is likely much larger. The National Safety Council has completed at least one study which shows that

distracted driving is woefully underreported. Motorists are texting (reading, sending), emailing, and talking on the phone while driving at alarming rates. We see it everywhere every day. Some people appear to be nearly addicted to their electronic devices. Don't be one of them. Stop it. Just drive. Put the phone in the trunk of your car if you can't trust yourself to ignore your device. You will hurt yourself or someone else sooner or later. It is not worth it.

**ONE TEXT OR CALL COULD
WRECK
IT ALL**

2015 ANNUAL SUMMARY OF POLICE ACTIVITY

The below tables provide a quick glance at some of the things the Village Police Department has handled over the past two years.

	2014 TOTALS	2015 TOTALS
Incident Reports	1,477	1,485
Auto Collisions	94	89
Residential Alarms	275	237
Code Enforcement Checks	84	64
Code Enforcement Violations	3	1
Adult Arrests	17	12
Juvenile Arrests	0	0
Homicides	0	0
Sexual Offenses	0	0
Robberies	1	0
Assaults	0	1
Burglaries	8	9
Larcenies	38	75
Auto Thefts	0	3
Vandalism	6	8
Traffic Citations, Warnings, & Equipment Repair Orders	1,331	969

2015 Communications Center Activity

	2014 TOTALS	2015 TOTALS
Front Office Calls	14,706	12,862
Police Department Calls	4,112	3,906
House Checks	47,787	34,628
Mail Pick Up	1,037	1,087
Key Pick Up/Drop Off	700	692
Walk In	1,947	2,014
House Check Requests	2,111	2,161
Trash and Recycle Complaints	57	32
Special Pick Up Requests	1,127	1,055

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

Spring arrived, bringing forth the buds for the blossoms that we love so much. March also brought several days of snow – delaying those beautiful blossoms. Due to the death of my wonderful husband, Jack O'Connor on March 11th, our Annual St. Patrick's Day Party was canceled. We will resume our programs in April:

Monday, April 4 –2:00-4:00 p.m.: Making Jewelry, with Mary Gorman. The group is currently making jewelry for young boys to give to their mothers on Mother's Day. Come and join them.

Tuesday, April 12 – 2:00-4:00 p.m.: "From Gutenberg to Twitter: My 45 Years at the Library of Congress, A Personal Memoir", a presentation by Mary Levering, who holds a JD from Georgetown as well as a Masters in Library and Information Science. Ms. Levering retired from the Library after her long career, heading up almost every department, ending with the U. S. Copyright Office and the Law Library of Congress. She traveled throughout the country, speaking on specialized topics affecting the Library. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us as Ms. Levering shares her fascinating career with us. Of course, we will have refreshments.

Thursday, April 28 –7:30-9:00 p.m.: "Life at NPR". This interesting program will feature John Ydstie, NPR's long-time Economics Correspondent and frequent guest host on NPR news programs Morning Edition, All Things Considered, Weekend Edition and Talk of the Nation. He will talk about his two decades at NPR, and perhaps give the audience some insights into the current economic climate for seniors. Again, invite your friends and neighbors to join us.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

Tuesday, May 10 –2:00-4:00 p.m.: "Fire Prevention in Your Home", a presentation by Jim Resnick.

Monday, June 6– 7:00 p.m.: Geraldine Brooks, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "The Secret Chord" in conversation with Guy Raz, host and editorial director of NPR's "TED Radio Hour" to be held at the Chevy Chase Methodist Church. For more information, please call 301-657-3115.

These events are co-sponsored by Chevy Case Village and Chevy Chase at Home. We welcome suggestions and ideas for

future programs on art, music, current events, entertainment, medicine, etc. If you have information to share with us, please contact me at 301-656-0597 or send an e-mail: bettyconnor2@verizon.net. Finally, thank you for the many condolences and prayers that you sent. They have meant so much to me.

Betty O'Connor

Chair, Village Committee for Seniors

THE COMMUNITY CORNER

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! We need your babysitting skills for Parents Night Out! Come help us supervise and entertain the kids while their parents go out for the evening. Earn some cash and have some fun. Please contact Karen Spangler if you are interested or have questions at karen.e.spangler@gmail.com or call 202-255-6040.

The children's section of our Village Hall Little Lending Library is so popular that we are running low on books. We would appreciate any donations you may have. You can add them to the lowest shelf on either the inside or outside library. Need some reading material for Spring Break? Try one of the great reads on the Tween/Teen shelf.

The next Community Relations Committee Meeting will be held on **Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Village Hall. Would you like to have more organized events and activities in the Village? Do you have an idea for a fun neighborhood event? Please join us!

Karen Spangler

Chair, Community Relations Committee

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
The Annual Village Shredding Event:
SUNDAY, May 8, 2016
from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
in the Village Hall Driveway

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.

MARYLAND FORM 502		RESIDENT INCOME TAX RETURN	2015
OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING _____, 2015, ENDING _____			
Your Social Security Number _____		Spouse's Social Security Number _____	
Your First Name _____		Initial _____	
Your Last Name _____			
Spouse's First Name _____		Initial _____	
Spouse's Last Name _____			
Current Mailing Address (PO Box, number, street and apt. no.) _____			
City or Town _____		State _____ ZIP Code _____	

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Maryland County
Chevy Chase Village
City, Town or Taxing Area
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.)

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REMINDER: ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m.
(Refreshments served at 7:00)

BOARD OF MANAGERS

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

VILLAGE MANAGER

Shana R. Davis-Cook

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED MARCH 2016

5419 Center Street	Rebuild existing front stoop
6131 Nevada Avenue	Construct fence in the south side & front yard
19 Grafton Street	Modify existing deck and construct new roof
3 East Kirke Street	Upgrade existing water service
35 West Irving Street	Construct patio in the rear yard
6403 Conn. Avenue	Install two new air conditioners in rear yard
17 West Irving Street	Install three foot fence in the front yard of the property
205 Primrose Street	Replace brick patio with slate in same location; add 18" seat wall
33 Oxford Street	Install two handrails, one in the Oxford St. ROW
33 Quincy Street	Construct a patio and walkway in the rear yard
33 Quincy Street	Construct steps, fireplace and water feature in the rear yard
5604 Kirkside Drive	In-kind replacement of a fence

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, April 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** For more information, call (301)-656-2797 or visit www.FriendshipHeightsmd.gov.

Budget and Tax Matters

Notice of a **Public Discussion** on the Proposed Budget and Tax Rates for FY2017

The Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers will convene on **Monday, April 11, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.** to hold a **public hearing** to consider residents' comments on the **proposed operating and capital budget and real and personal property tax rates** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending on June 30, 2017 (FY2017).

The detailed proposed budget and Capital Improvements Program (CIP) plan are available at the Chevy Chase Village Office between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. This information can also be accessed on the Village's website at www.chevychasevillagemd.gov (under "About", "Budget and Tax Information", "Proposed FY2017 Budget & CIP") or you may submit a request for this information to be mailed to you by calling (301) 654-7300.

Board Action to Adopt: Proposed Budget and Tax Rates for FY2017

In accordance with the Charter for Chevy Chase Village, during the Village's **Annual Meeting** scheduled for **Monday, April 18, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Village Hall, the Board of Managers will take **action to adopt the proposed operating and capital budget and real and personal property tax rates** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending on June 30, 2017 (FY2017).

Enclosed in this insert you will find the following:

- Budget Overview *Page 3*
- FY2017 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget Summary *Page 4*
- FY2017 Proposed Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Summary *Page 5*

Treasurer's Comments on the Proposed FY 2017 Budget

This insert contains a summary of the proposed operating and capital budgets for the fiscal year that will begin on July 1, 2016 and end on June 30, 2017 (FY 2017). At the Village's Annual Meeting on Monday, April 18, the Board of Managers will enact the operating budget, the capital budget, and the property tax rate for FY2017. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

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

In addition to the full operating budget and capital expenditure presentations, we are providing a one-page **Budget Overview**. The overview shows where we expect to get our money and how we plan to spend it. In that overview the *SafeSpeed* revenue shown is the "net" that remains after we pay the company that provides the *SafeSpeed* cameras and pay the expenses of the police officer dedicated to reviewing the camera citations. However, even after those fixed expenses are deducted, not all of the remainder is available for discretionary spending. We have additional internal expenses for the *SafeSpeed* program, mostly for the cost of police and administration people who spend part of their time administering the program. To make this easier to see we have provided a single line for *SafeSpeed* operating expenses, then on the lines for Police and for General Administration we have shown only the amounts beyond what was allocated to *SafeSpeed*.

For every revenue or expense item in the **Budget Overview** we have shown the proposed amount for FY 2017, the percentage change from our current projections for FY 2016, and in some cases a comment about the reason for the change from 2016.

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

We try to be conservative in expense budgeting. In particular, the budget overview notes mention "Normal personnel increases" on several items. These amounts assume that all current staff will continue to work for us through the year. Any turnover, especially from retirement, usually results in some reduction in average seniority and lower expenses.

We project an approximately balanced budget for FY 2017. The budgeted deficit of roughly \$46,000 (about 1% of the total budget) is well within the expected margin of error for revenue forecasts. We are fortunate enough to have a substantial reserve to absorb any unforeseen revenue shortfalls or emergency expenses. Our financial position is healthy and stable.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Crockett
Board Member and Treasurer

Budget Overview

	Proposed FY 2017 Budget	Difference from Projected FY 2016	
PROJECTED SOURCES OF FUNDS			COMMENTS
Income Tax	2,200,000	-11%	A moderate decrease from this year. We will start seeing the effects of the Wynne case and the payback period to the State begins.
Property Tax	955,500	0%	The Board is keeping the constant yield tax rate.
<i>SafeSpeed</i> (net of direct costs)	678,500	+11%	A continued small reduction in the vendor contract; issued citations, which had stabilized, but were suppressed by construction work, should have a slight rebound.
Other	455,007	-3%	
Total Projected Funds (net)	4,289,007	-8%	
PLANNED USES OF FUNDS			
<i>SafeSpeed</i> Operating Expenses (net of direct costs)	384,800	+6%	
Police (net of <i>SafeSpeed</i>)	1,073,095	+6%	Normal personnel cost increases, new insured family members.
Communications	401,951	+6%	Normal personnel cost increases.
Public Works	984,564	+4%	Normal personnel cost increases, age specific health insurance; reduced by eliminating street sweeping.
General Government (net of <i>SafeSpeed</i>)	816,251	+4%	Normal personnel cost increases.
Village Hall	97,125	+7%	We are under budget by 10% this year so this is a return to FY 2016 budget amount.
Parks, Trees, and Greenspace	207,338	+1%	A slight increase for inflation.
Street Light Operating Expenses	42,500	0%	
Legal Services	100,000	0%	
Police Radios	32,000	N/A	Necessary upgrades to all our police radios.
Street Maintenance	111,000	+5%	Routine street maintenance with a slight increase for associated costs.
Misc Capital Projects	84,500	-84%	Due to completion of Capital Projects in FY 2016, including the development of Wetern Grove Park and the Laurel Parkway intersection project.
Total Planned Expenditures (net)	4,335,124	-5%	
Planned Draw on Reserves:	(46,117)		
Planned Reserves Remaining:	7,142,376		

General Funds and SafeSpeed Budgets

Proposed

FY2017

I. Revenue

Income Tax	\$2,200,000
Property Tax	955,500
Investments & Misc. Income	43,000
Cost Recoveries/Grants	412,007
Citation Revenue	<u>1,392,500</u>
Total Revenue	\$5,003,007

II. Costs

A. On-going Programs

	Personnel	Operations	Total
<u>Department Services</u>			
Police	\$1,379,525	\$792,370	\$2,171,895
Communications	381,531	20,420	401,951
Public Works	623,420	361,144	984,564
General Government	660,211	156,040	816,251
Professional Services		100,000	100,000
<u>Facilities, Fleet, & Infrastructure</u>			
Village Hall		\$97,125	\$97,125
Parks, Trees, & Greenspace		207,338	207,338
Lights		42,500	42,500
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Subtotal	\$3,083,107	\$1,780,443	\$4,821,624

Surplus/Deficit \$181,383

B. Capital Projects

Equipment

Public Works Equipment	\$6,000
Crime Fighting Technology	20,000
Public Works Vehicle	45,000
Police Equipment	32,000

Projects

Sidewalk Maintenance	\$3,500
Street Maintenance	111,000
Street Light Upgrades	10,000

Subtotal \$227,500

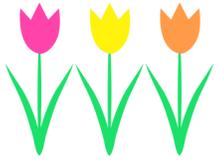
Total Costs \$5,049,124

III. Budgeted Deficit/Draw on Reserves (\$46,117)

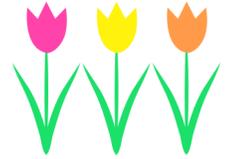
Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and Special Projects
(Shown in thousands)

Equipment	Proposed FY2017	Total 6 Yr. Cost	Equipment/Project Description
Replacement Police Radios (in-car)	\$32	\$32	Replacement is required due to technology advancements. Portable radios for Village Police officers were purchased in FY12, however purchase of in-car radios was deferred at that time pending build-out of the County's infrastructure to ensure equipment reliability.
Replacement Salt Spreader	6	6	Replacement is required due to increasing reliability issues.
Replacement Tractor/Loader	45	45	This is a normal program replacement for the loader. The the unit will be replaced with a skid-steer loader which is more ruggedized, has a larger carrying/lift capacity, and has a greater capability to serve the various Public Works functions.
Sub-Total	\$83	\$83	

Projects	Proposed FY2017	Total 6 Yr. Cost	Equipment/Project Description
Street Maintenance and Repair Program	\$111	\$681	This project provides for the ongoing maintenance and repair of the Village's roadways and curbs using concrete and hot mix asphalt. This funding level anticipates repaving each Village street every 20- years.
Sidewalk Maintenance Program	3.5	21	This amount will cover materials cost for ongoing sidewalk repair performed by Public Works personnel.
Village-wide Streetlight Upgrade	10	60	This program serves to enhance and upgrade exiting streetlights in addition to installing new streetlights in identified dark areas, where by creating safer pedestrian and vehicular access throughout the Village.
Public Safety Technology and Equipment	20	120	These amounts are included to permit exploration of options to introduce new public safety equipment as new technologies develop.
Sub-Total	\$144.5	\$882	
Grand Total	\$227.5	\$965	



Chevy Chase Village Announces Classes for Spring 2016



Chevy Chase Village is pleased to announce the following classes that will be held in the Village Hall this Spring. Please complete one registration form for each class and return with a **check** for the fee as noted under the class description **made payable to the instructor** to:

Chevy Chase Village, 5906 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

Children's Classes

Creative Movement (2 yrs) 4/7—5/12

Thursdays: 10:30—11:30 a.m.

\$72 per 6-week session—Residents

\$90 per 6-week session—Non-residents

Instructor: Paula Brassfield

Minimum enrollment: 6 students

*Make check payable to: **Paula's Fantasy Theater***

Pre-Ballet (3 yrs) 4/7—5/12

Thursdays: 12:30—1:30 p.m.

\$72 per 6-week session—Residents

\$90 per 6-week session—Non-residents

Instructor: Paula Brassfield

Minimum enrollment: 6 students

*Make check payable to: **Paula's Fantasy Theater***

Pre-Ballet (4-5 yrs) 4/7—5/12

Thursdays: 3:00—4:00 p.m.

\$72 per 6-week session—Residents

\$90 per 6-week session—Non-residents

Instructor: Paula Brassfield

Minimum enrollment: 6 students

*Make check payable to: **Paula's Fantasy Theater***

Drama & Dance (5-7 yrs) 4/7—5/12

Thursdays: 4:00—5:00 p.m.

\$72 per 6-week session—Residents

\$90 per 6-week session—Non-residents

Instructor: Paula Brassfield

Minimum enrollment: 6 students

*Make check payable to: **Paula's Fantasy Theater***

NEW CLASS

Music for Toddlers (1-4 years) 4/8—6/10

Fridays: 9:30-10:30 a.m. **OR** 10:30-11:30 a.m.

\$185 per 10-week session—Residents

\$230 per 10-week session—Non-residents

Instructor: Amber Dutton-Hanlon

Minimum Enrollment: 5 students

*Make check payable to: **Meadowlark Music***

Twoosys: Doodlers (20 months-3 yrs) 4/8—6/10

Young artists get the chance to explore innovative, multi-cultural approaches to art in a full range of art materials. They will roll, scribble, shake and pound as they learn about color, shape, and form while building the hand-eye coordination, fine motor and verbal skills they'll need later in school.

Fridays: 12:30-1:15 p.m.

\$95 per 10-week session—Residents

\$118.75 per 10-week session—Non-residents

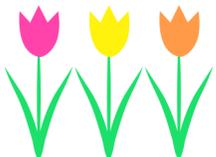
Price includes all materials

Instructor: Terri Romani

Minimum enrollment: 6 students

*Make Check Payable to: **AbraKadoodle***

****Parents or caregivers must be present to assist students with the projects****



Adult Classes

Qi-gong & Meditation 4/6—6/8

Using meditation techniques effective for releasing stress, relieving depression, and slowing down the aging process, Qigong loosens the joints, strengthens the spine, and improves overall health.

Wednesdays: 1:15—2:15 p.m.

\$188 per 10-week session—Residents

\$238 per 10-week session—Non-residents

Drop In: \$35—Residents; \$44—Non-residents

Instructor: Louise Liu

Minimum enrollment: 7 students

Make Check Payable to: Art de vie Tai Chi, LLC

Tai-Chi 4/6—6/8

This internal martial arts class consists of step-by-step instructions and therapeutic stretch exercises, which enhance internal health & unblock the meridians in the body.

Wednesdays: 2:15—3:15 p.m.

\$188 per 10-week session—Residents

\$238 per 10-week session—Non-residents

Drop In: \$35—Residents; \$44—Non-residents

Instructor: Louise Liu

Minimum enrollment: 7 students

Make Check Payable to: Art de vie Tai Chi, LLC

Chevy Chase Village
2016 Spring Class Registration Form

Student's Name _____

Name of Parent/Guardian (if child) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ *Email* _____

Class _____ *Payment* _____ *Village Resident? Yes ___ No ___*

Waiver of Liability and Release
Signature required for all classes!

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

I/my minor child, am participating in the course/activity upon the express agreement and understanding that I am hereby waiving and releasing Chevy Chase Village, its officers, managers, employees and agents from any and all claims, costs, liabilities, expenses or judgments including attorneys' fees and court costs (herein, collectively referred to as "claims") arising out of my or my child's participation in the aforesaid course/activity and any illness injury or death resulting therefrom, and hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless Chevy Chase Village, its officers, managers, employees and agents from and against all such claims except claims proximately caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of Chevy Chase Village

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

I am over the age of eighteen years and competent to enter into this waiver and release. I hereby execute and deliver this waiver and release voluntarily and with full understanding of the contents and consequences thereof and to induce Chevy Chase Village to permit me, or my minor child to participate in the program at Chevy Chase Village Hall.

Signature of Participant OR Participant's Parent/Guardian

Date



Zumba® Gold/Zumba Level One Class **Wednesdays, 11:45 am – 12:45 pm, Beginning April 6**

Zumba Gold/Zumba Level One is designed for the active older adult, the true beginner, and people who need or want Zumba at a much lower intensity. The same great Latin styles of music and dance are used and this class is just as fun as regular Zumba classes. Zumba Gold classes strive to improve balance, strength, flexibility and most importantly, the heart. We use “very easy to follow” steps, which includes Salsa, Cha Cha, Merengue, Cumbia, Salsa, Rock & Roll (including Twist and Charleston), Belly Dance, Flamenco, Folk Dance and Tango.

Instructor Sharon Gelboin-Katz

Sharon Gelboin-Katz is licensed to teach Zumba/Gold. She has a strong background in folk dancing and teaching Israeli/International folkdance and movement to children and older adults. Sharon loves incorporating some of the fantastic movements she has learned from Israeli/International folkdance into her Zumba/Gold classes.

NOTE: *Please consult your physician before registering for any exercise class.*

Interested participants may register and pay online for the class at <http://chevyCHASEATHOME.ORG>, OR complete and return the form on the reverse. Please make your **check payable to Chevy Chase At Home (CC@ H)**. Payment and registration may be returned to CCV Office or mailed to P.O. Box 15102, Chevy Chase, MD 20825.

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

Registration Information

Zumba® Gold

Class size limit: **10***.

Please check the price that applies:

___ CCV Resident, CC@H Member, or Friends of CC@H (\$80 for the 8 week session, from 11:45 am to 12:45 pm each Wednesday, beginning April 6, 2016). **OR**

___ Community Member (\$96 for the 8 week session, from 11:45 am to 12:45 pm each Wednesday, beginning April 6, 2016).

Questions? Send an e-mail to: info@chevyCHASEATHOME.ORG or call 301-657-3115

Drop-ins welcome as space allows. Please call CC@Home for drop-in pricing.

Registration on Reverse



Class Registration Form:
Zumba® Gold/Zumba Level One Class

 Participant: Please Print Full Name

 Street Address

 Email Address

 City, State, Zip Code

 Daytime Telephone Number(s)

Chevy Chase Village Waiver and Release

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

1. I recognize that Chevy Chase Village and CC@ H are not responsible for the content or teaching of this course/activity and makes no warranties, and specifically disclaims any warranties, with respect thereto.
2. I am participating in the course/activity upon the express agreement and understanding that I am hereby waiving and releasing Chevy Chase Village, its officers, managers, employees and agents and those of CC@ H from any and all claims, costs, liabilities, expenses or judgments including attorneys' fees and court costs (herein, collectively referred to as "claims") arising out of my participation in the aforesaid course/activity and any illness injury or death resulting therefrom, and hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless Chevy Chase Village, its officers, managers, employees and agents and those of CC@ H from and against all such claims except claims proximately caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of Chevy Chase Village or CC@ H.
3. As a participant in any program or class offered at Chevy Chase Village, I recognize and acknowledge that there are possible risks of physical injury, and I agree to assume the full risk of injuries, including death, damages or loss that I may sustain as a result of participating in any activities connected or associated with such program or class.
4. I am over the age of eighteen years and competent to enter into this waiver and release. I hereby execute and deliver this waiver and release voluntarily and with full understanding of the contents and consequences thereof and to induce Chevy Chase Village to permit me to participate in the program at Chevy Chase Village Hall.

 Signature of Participant

 Printed Name

 Date



Healthy and Safe Lawns

Chevy Chase Village's *Environment & Energy Committee* is pleased to present this Earth Day presentation, the fifth in a series of lectures regarding sustainable communities and sustainable living.

Thursday, April 21, 2016

at 7:30 p.m.

Chevy Chase Village Hall, 5906 Connecticut Avenue

The Montgomery County Council recently passed Bill-52-14 "Healthy Lawns", which restricts the use of certain pesticides on private laws, and at child care facilities and playgrounds. Passing of the legislation reflects growing concern about research linking cancer, particularly in children, with exposure to certain chemicals used in commercial pesticides and herbicides. The Environment and Energy Committee has invited two speakers to discuss the new law and its ramifications and alternatives to the use of pesticides.

The first speaker is Chris Gillis who serves as a Senior Legislative Aide to Montgomery County Councilmember George Leventhal, the chief sponsor of the "Healthy Lawns" legislation. Chris has worked at the County Council for nearly a decade and was the lead staff person on the Healthy Lawns legislation. He will give an overview of the Healthy Lawns legislation that was signed into law last year, with a special focus on how residents can get a head start on complying with the new law. He will also provide useful information on what consumers should look for when shopping for non-toxic lawn care products.

The second speaker is Zack Kline, an Accredited Organic Land Care Professional, and Founder of A.I.R., a Montgomery County green certified landscaping business. He will discuss alternatives to the use of pesticide including the use of a variety of natural organic lawn care products and fertilizers and the costs of these products. He will also address weed control products, correct mowing and watering procedures.

This is a great opportunity for Village residents to get educated in the new law and ask questions about how you can have a safe and great-looking non-toxic yard.

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 **Monday, April 18th** to the Village office at 301-654-7300 or ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov.



Chevy Chase Village Shredding Event



***Sunday, May 8
10 am - Noon
Chevy Chase Village Hall***

Bring your confidential documents* for shredding!

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

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

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



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



Garden Club of Chevy Chase

Invites you to



THE GARDEN CLUB of AMERICA

A GARDEN TOUR

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016

10:00 - 4:00
~RAIN OR SHINE~



VISIT SEVEN GARDENS IN HISTORIC CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE

A walking tour of private gardens with guides at each location

Tickets sold in advance ~ \$20

Tickets ~ \$25 on the day of tour available for purchase at the Chevy Chase Village Hall
5906 Connecticut Avenue

Herb Sale and Light Refreshments 12:00 - 4:00 at the Village Hall
Please email or call for more information and advance ticket sales

GardenClubofChevyChase@gmail.com
301-657-1278

Benefiting the Restoration of Chevy Chase Circle and the Development of Western Grove