

# CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE CRIER

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Monday, July 11 at 7:30 p.m.**

Board of Managers' Meeting  
*Chevy Chase Village Hall*

**Monday, July 4:** Annual Parade & Party

*Parade leaves the Village Hall at 10:30 a.m. en route to the large Oliver Street Park. Party continues at the Park until 12:30 p.m.*

**Tuesday, August 2 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

National Night Out at *Newlands Park*  
*(see enclosed flyer for more information)*

**There is NO Village Board Meeting in August**

**Monday, September 5:** Labor Day  
*Village Offices and Public Works Closed*

**Monday, September 12 at 7:30 p.m.**

Board of Managers' Meeting at *the Village Hall*

**September Appeal/Variance  
Deadline: 8/22 by 5:00 p.m.**

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## CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE BOARD OF MANAGERS REELECTED; MEMBERS SWORN IN AND OFFICERS SELECTED

At the start of the Village Board's June 13 regular meeting, the Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court, Ms. Karen Bushell, conducted the Oath of Office ceremony, swearing into office reelected members Mr. Michael Denger (Kirkside Drive), Ms. Elissa Leonard (West Lenox Street), and Mr. Robert Goodwin Jr. (Bradley Lane). Members serve for two-year, staggered terms.

Following the Oath of Office Ceremony, the Board elected from amongst its members six individuals to serve in the officer positions established in the Village's Charter. The full listing of the Board, including the officer positions, is:

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

## PEDESTRIAN CROSSING BEACON ACTIVATED ON CONNECTICUT AVENUE—PEDESTRIANS SHOULD CROSS WITH CAUTION

The new pedestrian crosswalk and flashing warning beacons are now active on Connecticut Avenue at West Lenox Street. Pedestrians must CROSS WITH CAUTION as this is NOT A FULLY ACTUATED SIGNAL, therefore, THERE IS NO RED LIGHT that will signal drivers along Connecticut Avenue to stop.

When using the crosswalk, please remember the following:

- Press the button to activate the yellow flashing beacons.
- An audible message will play alerting you that the flashing beacons have been activated (please remove earbuds and headphones so you can hear this message) and will continue for the duration of the flashers' activation: "Yellow flashers activated for Connecticut; cross with caution".

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## DONATIONS NEEDED TO ENSURE FULL COMPLETION OF WESTERN GROVE PARK

The fencing is in and the stakes have been placed. Construction is beginning on a completely revitalized Western Grove Urban Park, at the edge of Grove Street and Western Avenue. The new park will have lighted pathways, a water feature and seating plaza with Wi-Fi as well as a natural playspace and human sundial. Most of all, it preserves nearly two acres of rare, tranquil greenspace at the edge of the Village.

**But the park has one more hurdle to cross.** Due to a construction cost projection shortfall afflicting some Montgomery County building projects, the final bid cost was \$200,000 over the Park's Department's estimates. (The county generally uses five year rolling averages to estimate costs, and one of the years had artificially low building costs due to lingering effects of the 2008-2009 recession.) In just one month, the Friends of Western Grove Park, aided by a generous matching donation of \$50,000 approved by the Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers, has raised \$144,845 to cover this shortfall and complete the park according to the final, full plans. Fifty-three Village families have generously given to support the park, and the Chevy Chase Garden Club has also donated funds that it raised during its recent garden tour.

Every donation makes a difference. The Friends of Western Grove Park Committee, appointed by the Village Board of Managers and chaired by long-time Village resident Meredith Wellington, is **working hard to raise the remaining \$54,000 by late July.** If you are considering donating, now is the time. This park will be a model for future Montgomery County Park efforts and will be a special place for the entire community to enjoy.

For more information and to see drawings and designs of the park, please visit: [www.chevychasevillagemd.gov/c/266/westerngrovepark](http://www.chevychasevillagemd.gov/c/266/westerngrovepark).

*-Western Grove Park Friends Group*

## 2016 RESIDENT DIRECTORY

The NEW 2016 Resident Directories will be made available at this year's July 4th Celebration at the large Oliver Street Park. After July 4th, directories will be available for pick-up at the Village office, limit one per household.

*Continued from Cover Article, "Pedestrian Beacon Activated..."*

- TRAFFIC IS NOT REQUIRED TO STOP unless a pedestrian is within the crosswalk.
- DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CROSS UNLESS YOU ARE SURE THAT IT IS SAFE TO DO SO.
- The flashing beacons may stop flashing before you are able to completely cross Connecticut Avenue. The beacons are programmed to flash for 32 seconds, which may not provide sufficient time for pedestrians to wait until it is safe to cross and safely do so.

Village Police will be out periodically to enforce driver compliance with the new crosswalk. Residents are reminded that it will take some time for drivers to become acclimated to the new configuration and so it is abundantly important that pedestrians use the new crosswalk with utmost care and caution.

The Village office is currently working with the State Highway Administration to erect additional signage to warn pedestrians that drivers are not required to stop unless a pedestrian is present in the crosswalk.

Should you have any questions regarding the new crosswalk and flashing warning beacons, please contact the Village Communications Center at 301-654-7300.

## MAINTAINING VILLAGE RIGHTS-OF-WAY

Residents and property owners are reminded that **you are responsible for maintaining the green strip area abutting your property**, except for the area along Connecticut Avenue (which is a State right-of-way, including a large area with double sidewalks along part of Connecticut Avenue).

Take a walk around your property. Are all of the public sidewalks surrounding your property clear of low-hanging branches, overgrown bushes and vines? Is the grass in the right-of-way and tree box area mowed and maintained at less than ten inches in height? Does any shrubbery block sight lines for vehicles?

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

## SUMMER REMINDER: NOISE REGULATIONS

The Village reminds residents that use of lawn mowers, leaf blowers and other power landscape is **prohibited** between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. weekdays, and between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. on holidays and weekends.

Please advise your landscape crews of these noise regulations, which are strongly enforced by the Village Police and Code Enforcement Coordinator.

### BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED

JUNE 2016

15 Hesketh Street	Install new air conditioner in the rear yard
10 Oxford Street	Install new fence in the east side yard and new driveway gates
5509 Montgomery St.	Install an air conditioner in the rear yard
5620 Grove Street	Extend existing drain pipe through the curb in the Oliver Street public ROW
3704 Bradley Lane	Replace air conditioner in the east side yard
104 Primrose Street	In-kind replacement of the front walkway
5503 Center Street	Replace a portion of the driveway
5503 Center Street	Construct new retaining wall
5503 Center Street	Install one new and maintain one existing drain pipe in the Center Street public ROW
3927 Oliver Street	Construct new walkway; replace apron and driveway
4017 Oliver Street	Construct rear landing and walkway
4017 Oliver Street	Construct one-story rear addition
5902 Kirkside Drive	Install new air conditioner in the rear yard
20 Magnolia Parkway	Construct new roof over existing deck
6318 Western Avenue	Modify existing patio and construct additional new walkway
6403 Connecticut Ave	Re-grade and restore rear brick patio; grade water to front yard
5507 Center Street	Replace fence and gates in the rear yard

## 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.chevy Chase Village MD.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 will review all plans accompanying building permit applications to evaluate for possible alteration of existing stormwater runoff. 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](mailto: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.

### SAVE THE DATE!

### "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT"



The Chevy Chase Village community and Police Department will be participating in National Night Out the evening of **Tuesday, August 2, 2016.**

This is a great time to meet your fellow residents, police department personnel, and other first responders. Please join us in Newlands Park from **6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** for food, fun and giveaways!

### ••••• DID YOU KNOW? •••••

• Cereal bags are great for storing •  
• vegetables in the refrigerator. •  
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# BOARD ACTIONS:

JUNE 13, 2016 BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING

## Approval of Previous Meetings' Minutes

May 9, 2016 Executive Session Meeting - *approved*

May 9, 2016 Regular Meeting - *approved*

## Consent Agenda - Tree Removal Consent Agreements

### **A-2237: 15 East Lenox Street**

Removal of one 19-inch diameter Hickory tree located in the front (Brookville Road) yard of the property - *approved*

### **A-2238: 104 East Melrose Street**

Removal of one 11-inch diameter and one 14-inch diameter Walnut trees located in the rear yard of the property - *approved*

## Variance Requests:

### **A-6951: 5613 Montgomery Street**

Construct:

- a) an expanded portico, which would encroach a maximum of one foot, eight and one-half inches (1'-8 ½") forward of the twenty-five (25) foot front (Montgomery Street) building restriction line (BRL). The proposed portico would be three feet, six inches (3'-6") wider than the existing portico - *approved*
- b) an expanded front stoop and steps, which would encroach a maximum of three (3) feet forward of the twenty-five (25) foot front (Montgomery Street) building restriction line. The proposed stoop would be two feet, one inch (2'-1") wider than the existing stoop and the proposed steps would be eleven (11) inches wider than the existing front steps, which presently encroach a maximum of one foot, three inches (1'-3") forward of the twenty-five foot front BRL - *approved*

### **A-6944: 205 Primrose Street**

Maintain an outdoor gas fireplace that was constructed in the east (rear) yard and that encroaches one foot, two inches (1'- 2") into the rear yard setback - *approved*

## Presented for Board Consideration and Possible Adoption/Approval:

**Resolution No. 06-01-16:** An ordinance to grant a non-exclusive cable franchise upon certain conditions and authorizing a franchise agreement between Chevy Chase Village and Comcast of Potomac, LLC - *approved*

**Board Authorization for the Village Manager to Designate a Representative to Serve on the Montgomery Municipal Cable Board of Directors** - *approved*

**Improvements to signage at two intersections: Grafton/Kirkside and Oliver/Kirkside** - *approved*

## Contract Authorization Requests:

### **Staff Benefits Insurance Contracts**

Dental: *Met Life* - *approved*      Disability: *Reliance Standard Insurance Company* - *approved*

**Professional Services Contract for Consulting Landscape Architect:** *Lila Fendrick Landscape Architecture & Garden Design* - *approved*

**Appointment of Robert Goodwin Jr. to preside at the Board of Managers' General Meeting Scheduled for Monday, July 11, 2016** - *approved*

## Board Appointments

- **Board Appointment of Gary Crockett to Serve as Building Officer**- *approved*
- **Board Appointment of Representatives and Contacts to Village Committees**- *following approved*

### **Community Relations Committee**

Minh Le as Board Representative

### **Financial Review Committee**

Gary Crockett as Board Representative

### **Public Safety Committee**

Richard M. Ruda as Board Representative

### **Traffic Committee**

Robert C. Goodwin, Jr. as Board Representative

### **Tree Committee**

Michael L. Denger as Board Representative

### **Environment & Energy Committee**

Gary Crockett as Board Contact

### **Parks & Greenspaces Committee**

Elissa Leonard as Board Contact

### **Seniors Committee**

David Winstead as Board Contact

**Next Regular Board of Managers' Meeting:** Monday, July 11, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

# THE POLICE BEAT

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

## BEFORE YOU LEAVE FOR VACATION...



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

be submitted via the Village's website at [www.chevychasevillage.md.gov](http://www.chevychasevillage.md.gov). (click on "Police Services" under the "Police" tab). For added security, the Village Police Department recommends having mail held at the Post Office.

Also, due to the high number of house checks during the summer, the volume of packages and mail collected often exceeds the available space to store them. If you expect a package from either UPS or FedEx, please leave an alternative address (a trusted neighbor; your office) with the Communications Center so they may receive your packages. Your assistance is appreciated!

## OUR KEY PROGRAM ONLY WORKS IF WE HAVE YOUR KEY!

If you have not already done so, please consider participating by bringing in a copy of 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. The Key Program has proven helpful to many residents over the years.

## 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 in/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 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.

## 5 SAFETY TIPS FOR BICYCLISTS OF ALL AGES



1. The best and smartest bike riders always wear their helmets. By law, all cyclists under 18 must wear a helmet, but common sense tells us that adults should wear them, too.
2. Make sure that your helmet fits correctly. The helmet should fit low on your forehead so that it is only two finger widths above the line of your eyebrows.
3. Traffic laws—the rules of the road—apply to bicyclists and cars alike. Know them and obey them.
4. Being visible may save your life. Wear high-vis (fluorescent lime green) clothing with reflective piping to ensure that you'll be easy to see both day and night.
5. Riding at night can be dangerous. If you cycle when it's dark, the law (and your survival) requires that your bicycle be equipped with a white light on the front that can be seen from a distance of 500 feet, and a red light or red reflector on the rear of the bike.

*Ride safely!*

## DON'T FALL PREY TO PHONE SCAMMERS

Phone scams are rampant nationwide. The Chevy Chase Village Police Department urges everyone to use the following precautions whenever they are dealing with someone over the phone whose identity is uncertain:

- Consider ignoring calls from unfamiliar phone numbers. You don't have to answer the phone at all; let those calls go to voicemail and decide later whether or not you want to call back.
- Don't give out information. Period. If a caller asks you for any personal or financial information, assume that they are a crook.
- Never allow yourself to be pressured into making an immediate decision.
- Hang up. You don't have to be polite to a crook.

Report suspicious calls to the police. To learn more about avoiding phone fraud, go to [www.ftc.gov/phonefraud](http://www.ftc.gov/phonefraud).

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## THE SENIOR CORNER

Summertime! Summertime! It is here and after the celebrations of July 4th it is time for our July and August programs:

**Tuesday, July 12: 2:00-4:00 p.m.:** Our annual Ice Cream Social. Come and enjoy the ice cream and also the movies! Some of you may have seen the award-winning film “Brooklyn”, but this is one that you see and enjoy again and again. It is the charming story of a shy young girl who leaves her home in a small town in Ireland to start a new life in Brooklyn in the 50’s. The film was nominated for an Oscar, as was the luminous star Saoirse Ronan. We’ll show the movie in the Village Hall’s Humphrey Room.

**Tuesday, August 9: 2:00-4:00 p.m.:** Another award-winning film, “Alive Inside”, portrays the deep-seated effect that music can have on individuals, especially those with dementia. Ellen Lebedow, LCSW will discuss how this concept of music and memory has benefited many patients and their care-givers. As usual, we will have refreshments.

### SAVE THE DATES

**Saturday, September 17: 11:00-1:00 p.m.:** Our first piano concert will feature our own Ann Joseph who will present “An Interlude with Gershwin” and fill you in on some of the background behind his music.

**Saturday, October 8: 11:00-1:00 p.m.:** “Compassion & Choices”, a film on death and dying.

These events are co-sponsored by Chevy Chase Village and Chevy Chase @ Home. We welcome your ideas and suggestions for future programs on art, music, current events, entertainment, medicine, etc. E-mail or call me with the information - bettyoconnor2@verizon.net or 301-656-0597.

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

*Rent the Village Hall  
For Your Next Event!*

## THE COMMUNITY CORNER

We are pleased to welcome John (JP) and Brittney Klaffky who have recently moved into the Village at 3704 Bradley Lane. Please introduce yourself if you have the opportunity.

The Community Relations Committee is in search of Children’s books for the Village Little Library. This section is very popular and we are always in need of donations – toddler books, early readers, etc. You can leave them on the bottom shelf of the outdoor or indoor library. Thank you!!

Would you like to see more organized events and activities in the Village such as an Outdoor Movie Night, a Clothing Drive, Parents Night Out, Game Night, Sandwich Making for Martha’s Table, a Magic Show, a Community Picnic in the Park, Mah Jong Night, a CPR or Babysitting Course, a Pancake Breakfast for Charity? Do you have an idea for a fun neighborhood event? We have the space, the advertising and even a small budget! You don’t have to join the committee (though we would LOVE to have you) to bring one of these events or one of your own ideas to your neighbors. Grab a friend and get planning. It takes a Village!

For questions and suggestions, please contact committee members: Karen Spangler at karenspangler@gmail.com or 301-215-9065; Saralisa Brau at saralisabrau@gmail.com; Soniya Mitra at soniyamitra@gmail.com; Paloma Zuleta at pmzuleta@gmail.com

*Karen Spangler  
Chair, The Community Relations Committee*



Montgomery County has created a dedicated webpage with information regarding the Zika and West Nile viruses and tips for preventing mosquitoes on your property.

**Visit:** <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mosquito/>

## **UPDATED PLANS FOR CHEVY CHASE CENTER AVAILABLE ONLINE**

The Chevy Chase Land Company has submitted revised plans to the Planning Board for their proposed modifications at Chevy Chase Center. Many of the modifications seek to address concerns raised by Village residents at the community information meeting held in May and in response to the questionnaire circulated by the Village.

Residents can access the revised plans and Statement of Justification on the Village website at [chevychasevillagemd.gov](http://chevychasevillagemd.gov) by clicking on “Chevy Chase Center Redevelopment” under Quick Links on the homepage.

Residents that have questions regarding the proposed plans should contact Village Manager Ms. Shana Davis-Cook at [shana.davis-cook@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:shana.davis-cook@montgomerycountymd.gov) or (301) 654-7300. The Planning Board Hearing on the proposed plans is scheduled for Thursday, September 8.

## **NEW STORY LEADERSHIP: HOST FAMILY FAREWELL DINNER AND GRADUATION**

New Story Leadership (NSL) will hold its host family farewell dinner and graduation ceremony at the Village Hall on Saturday, July 30th, from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. NSL brings Israeli and Palestinian university students to the Washington, DC area for 7 weeks each summer. The participants live with host families, including some in the Village, spend 3 days a week at work placements and receive extensive training in the use of the personal narrative as a way to connect with one another as well as the wider Washington community. The students speak at several major events during their time here, at venues such as Capitol Hill, the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and area churches and synagogues.

Interested Village residents are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Joyce Schwartz at (301)-656-0946 or [jr.schwartz@verizon.net](mailto:jr.schwartz@verizon.net).

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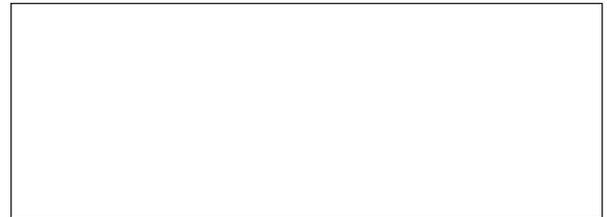
*Have a Safe and  
Happy Summer!*

## BOARD OF MANAGERS

Michael L. Denger - *Chair*  
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David L. Winstead - *Secretary*  
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Gary Crockett - *Treasurer*  
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Richard M. Ruda - *Board Member*

## VILLAGE MANAGER

Shana R. Davis-Cook



## HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR REFUSE AND RECYCLING Week of Independence Day: July 4-9, 2016

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

## HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR REFUSE AND RECYCLING Week of Labor Day: September 5-10, 2016

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

## 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, July 25 AND Monday, August 22**  
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).



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

## ***Chevy Chase Village Celebrates National Night Out!***

**“America’s Night Out Against Crime”**

National Night Out is an annual event designed to strengthen communities by encouraging neighborhood residents to engage in stronger relationships with each other and with their local law enforcement partners. The goal is to heighten crime prevention awareness, build support and participation in local anti-crime programs, and most importantly, send a message that our neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. It's also the perfect opportunity to get to know your neighbors.

**Tuesday, August 2, 2016**

**6:30 PM – 8:30 PM**

**Newlands Park**

**(Located East of Connecticut Avenue)**

### Featured Festivities:

- Meet Chevy Chase Village Police Officers
- Tour a B-CC Rescue Squad ambulance and rescue truck
- Greet County firefighters and view Montgomery County fire trucks
- See our Chevy Chase Village Police Cars up close
- Watch a Montgomery County K-9 demonstration
- Great giveaways
- Free food and drink
- Other Community Safety Information



**Residents are also encouraged to show support by turning on  
outside porch lights during early nightfall.**