

# CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE CRIER

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

**Now - December:**  
Annual Food Drive (see cover article for info.)

**November 11:** Veterans Day, Village Office and Public Works Closed

**November 17 & December 13:**  
Chevy Chase@Home Events  
(see article on page 6 for information)

**November 24:** Thanksgiving Day, Village Office and Public Works Closed (Minimal Staff 11/25)

**December 12:** Board of Managers' Meeting

**December 14:** Annual Holiday Party from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**December Appeal/Variance  
Deadline: 11/21 by 5:00 p.m.**

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## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE **BROOKVILLE ROAD PARK**

The Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers will convene a Public Hearing during its regular meeting on Monday, November 14, 2016. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

The Village's ad hoc Park Design Committee, led by landscape architect Lila Fendrick, presented draft plans for Brookville Road Park to the Village Board in October. During this presentation, issues were raised by some neighbors regarding the appropriate uses for the park. Rather than proceeding with consideration of the proposed plans, the Village Board has scheduled a Public Hearing to consider the community's feedback on the future role of the park.

If you are unable to attend the Public Hearing on November 14, you may submit written testimony for the record either by e-mail at [ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov) or directly to the Village office at 5906 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

## **STAFFING CHANGES IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

The Village's Community Liaison/Administrative Assistant, Ms. Melissa Wiak, accepted a position with another organization in mid-October. We wish Melissa well in her future endeavors.

A temporary clerk will be filling in until a permanent replacement is hired. In the interim, residents should continue to use the main Village email at [ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov) to access the administrative office and to inquire about rental of the Village Hall and classes.

## **FOOD DRIVE**

### OCTOBER-DECEMBER IN THE VILLAGE HALL

For the fourth year in a row, Chevy Chase Village will partner with the Manna Food Center, the largest food bank in Montgomery County. Over the past 33 years, Manna has distributed 47.3 million pounds of food to more than 2.7 million individuals in need of food assistance. Manna serves approximately 3,700 individuals monthly totaling 11,000 un-duplicated households each year.

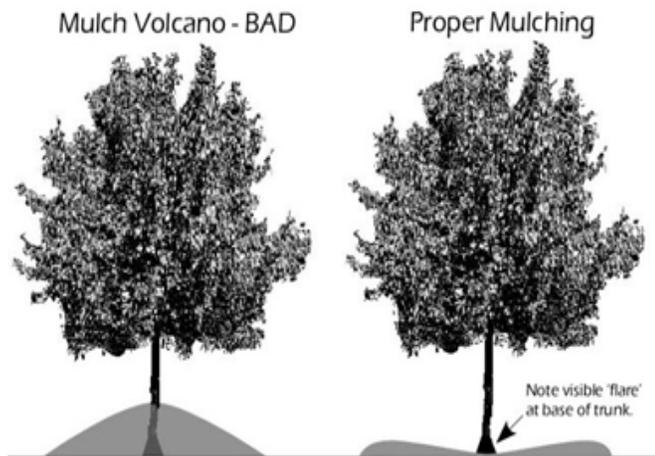
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## WINTERIZING TREES

BY DR. TOLBERT FEATHER, VILLAGE ARBORIST

Trees have been overwintering in place for thousands of years. The main defense for broadleaf trees (maples, oaks, sycamore, etc.) is to shed leaves and slow down the movement of water and nutrients within the wood. We call this a deciduous tree. Evergreen trees (pines, spruce, hemlock, cedar, etc.) have a different strategy. Evergreen trees retain leaves (needles) throughout the winter and even are functional during the winter, at a reduced rate, transporting water and making photosynthates (food).

Deciduous trees can adapt and defend themselves against the winter elements. Established trees don't require any "help". Freezing and thawing of topsoil could harm newly planted trees. This can be mitigated by applying 2-3" of mulch around the base of the tree. The mulch can be shredded hardwood, pine bark, pine fines or compost. Remember not to pile the mulch around the stem of the tree (see picture below).



Evergreen trees are active during the winter so they lose water through the leaves (needles). "Winter burn" on evergreen trees is caused by the relatively lower humidity during the winter months combined with winds. These conditions can dry out and kill leaves. Usually established trees are acclimated to winter but newly planted evergreens may be damaged. The best way to reduce damage is to keep the new evergreen trees moist by watering the base during the winter months with 3 – 4 gallons of water once a week.

Winter is a good time to prune deciduous trees, not necessarily because they are dormant, but because the leaves are off and the structure of the tree is visible.

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It is easy to prune smaller or newly planted trees and it is important to do early pruning to shape trees. A great online guide for pruning trees can be found at <http://www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/horticulture/dg0628.html>.

Lastly, the State of Maryland requires contractors that are performing tree work to be licensed through the Department of Natural Resources. Ask for your contractor's Licensed Tree Expert number before you hire them.

## ANNUAL LEAF COLLECTION

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Leaves on each block in the Village should be collected once per week. Schedule updates will be circulated through the Village's weekly blast emails.

## DID YOU KNOW?

*A listing of helpful reminders and information*

- The Village Police maintain a **medication drop-off box**, which is accessible 24/7. Enter the Hall through the main entrance (off of Laurel Parkway) and head straight down the hallway to the white metal box on your left (no liquids or needles accepted).
- There are several **Notaries Public** on staff in the Village's Communications Center and administrative office. If you need notary services, please call in advance to confirm that a Notary is on-duty.
- **NO plastic bags in the recycling.** These bags clog the processing machines and contaminate the recycling stream. Most local grocery stores have plastic bag recycling bins where you can drop-off your bags at any time.
- Our trash/recycling crews cannot clear away your waste if they can't access your bins. Remember to **clear a path for our crews** so they can do their job!
- The **Resident Directory** is chock-full of useful information, including a history of the Village, summaries of the many services offered in the Village and a listing of important provisions from the Code. Copies of the 2016 edition can be picked up from the Village office; limit one per household.
- **Pet waste bags** should NOT be placed in leaf piles. This was a disturbing trend last year that we hope does not resurface. Pet waste bags should be placed in the public receptacles located throughout the community or taken home and placed in your personal trash receptacle.
- **No leaves in the street!** Leaf season is underway and residents—and their lawn maintenance crews—are reminded that leaf piles should NEVER be placed in the street. Doing so blocks access to storm drain inlets and limits available on-street parking.
- **Light it up, lock it up.** The Village Police Department reminds residents that with the end to daylight savings, it is important to keep your exterior lights on and your doors—to your home AND your vehicles—locked to prevent property crimes. For information regarding ways that you can keep your home secure, contact the Communications Center to schedule a **free Home Security Survey** performed by a Village police officer.
- **Building Permits** are required for most exterior projects in the Village. When in doubt, give a shout,

by calling or emailing Permitting & Code Enforcement Coordinator Ms. Ellen Sands at [ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov) or 301-654-7300.

- The Village Hall is a wonderful venue to hold various types of events including parties, receptions and meetings. Visit the Village website for more information regarding **renting the Village Hall** for your next event.

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## BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED

OCTOBER 2016

136 Grafton Street	Construct patio with outdoor kitchen
25 West Irving Street	Construct rear patio
8 Newlands Street	Install replacement heat pump in the rear yard
43 West Lenox Street	Install four replacement air conditioners in the rear yard
5900 Connecticut Avenue	Replace a portion of the fence along the north property line
6 Primrose Street	Install new dry well in the rear yard of the property
5615 Kirkside Drive	Construct a stone wall; a portion of which is located in the Park Street public ROW
4015 Oliver Street	Install replacement two air conditioners
4 West Irving Street	Replace front walkway in the same location
207 Primrose Street	Install new drain pipes through the Primrose Street public ROW
16 Oxford Street	Install two air conditioners in the rear yard

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## ANNUAL FALL SOCIAL

Thank you to the many residents who attended our Annual Fall Social held on October 16. This was our most well-attended social to date on a beautiful autumn afternoon. Attendees enjoyed conversation, food, beer and wine, while the kids enjoyed the moon bounce on the front lawn of the Village Hall.

Photos from the event are available on the Village website under Residents, Community Event Photos.

# BOARD ACTIONS:

OCTOBER 10, 2016 BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING

## Approval of Previous Meetings' Minutes

September 12, 2016 Closed Meeting - *approved*

September 12, 2016 Regular Meeting - *approved*

## Consent Agenda - Tree Removal Consent Agreement:

### **A-2271: 5918 Cedar Parkway**

- Removal of one 10-inch and one 12-inch diameter Japanese Maple tree located in the front (Cedar Parkway) yard of the property - *approved*

## Committee Matters

- Financial Review Committee: Presentation of the draft audited financial statements for FY2016 prepared by the independent auditing firm *Lindsey & Associates, LLC* - *no formal action taken*

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

- **Proposed Redevelopment Plans for the Brookville Road Park** - *no formal action taken (see cover article for information)*
- **Resolution No. 10-01-16:** An Ordinance to amend Chapter 24, "Procurement and Disposition", by adding Sec. 24-30, "Disposal of Police Department Firearms" - *approved*

## **Purchase Authorization Request:**

- Police Department - Purchase of replacement handguns in the amount of \$4,908: *The Cop Shop, Inc.* - *approved*

## **Contract/Agreement Authorization Request:**

- Holiday Party Caterer: *Provisions (Catering), Ltd.* - *approved*

## **Board Discussion RE: Withdrawing the Village's Representative to the Bethesda Fire Board** - *approved*

## **Large Oliver Street Park One Time Use Consideration and Potential Authorization** - *approved*

*This is a synopsis of the Board's actions. To view an archive of the approved minutes, or to listen to audio recordings of the most recent Board Meetings, please visit the Village website: [www.chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov](http://www.chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov) by clicking on "Board of Managers Meetings" under the header "Quick Links" on the homepage.*

**Next Regular Board of Managers' Meeting:** Monday, November 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

## TREE PLANTING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

A few years ago, the Village's Board of Managers created a Tree Planting incentive Program to provide cost-sharing assistance to residents who plant trees meeting specified requirements on their private property.

Under the Tree Incentive Program, the Village will reimburse residents for up to half of the total costs to a maximum of \$175 for the purchase and planting of qualifying canopy trees on privately owned properties. The total gross cost (including sales tax) will be calculated before any other state, county or other subsidies are applied. **Qualifying canopy tree species include White Ash, American Linden, Red and Sugar Maples, various Oak (White, Swamp White, Shingle, Willow, Water, Scarlet and Red), American Sycamore, London Plane, Bald Cypress, Sweet and Black Gum, American Beech, disease-resistant varieties of American Elm, Kentucky Coffee and Tulip Poplar.** Finally, purchased trees must be two and one half inches (2 ½") in caliper or greater at the time of planting to qualify for the incentive. Residents interested in receiving reimbursement under the program must complete an application (available on the Village website and in the Village's administrative office). Applications will be acted upon in the order they are received. Additionally, applicants for Tree Removal Permits will be refunded their permit filing fee if they plant a canopy tree within six months of receiving a Village Tree Removal Permit.

# THE POLICE BEAT

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

## GET YOUR SCRAPERS READY



*You must remove all snow and ice from your vehicle's windows and roof before driving.*

We've all seen it: the car driving down the road with the windshield and all the windows obscured by snow or ice. Other times, we see a towering pile of snow on the roof of a car ahead of us threatening to drop on top of us as we motor around the beltway. Those drivers are not only lazy, but they are creating a hazard to themselves and others, and they are breaking the law.

State law requires that you take the time to remove all the ice and snow from your car's windows and from the roof of your vehicle. Failure to clear your windows carries a \$70 fine, and failure to remove snow or ice from your vehicle's roof carries a \$90 fine.

Please keep yourself and the rest of us safe by cleaning off your car before you drive down the road.

## REMEMBER: DON'T DRIVE DISTRACTED

*'Hands free' means just that: You can't use your hands to hold your phone—even when it's on speaker.*

It seems that some drivers just can't help it—they just HAVE TO make or answer that call or read that text while they're driving. It seems that it's very much like a drug addiction. When that smart phone vibrates or makes a noise, some folks have no will power—they go to the phone the way Pavlov's dog reacted to the ringing of the bell. If this describes you, STOP IT! You are endangering yourself and others. It's selfish, it's unsafe, and by the way, it's illegal.

If you cannot trust yourself to refrain from handling your smart phone while you are in control of a vehicle, then either turn it off or put it out of reach before you start driving. If you absolutely must communicate using your smart phone while you are in your car, then stop in a safe place (a parking lot or a side street—NOT in a place that will impede traffic), put the car in 'park' and make/receive that communication. Please.

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

## TRAVEL SAFETY TIPS



With the holidays approaching, families will be traveling. Here are a few tips that you may find helpful during your trip:

### AT THE AIRPORT

- Keep your baggage wedged between your feet or have a hand on it at all times.
- Don't put your purse on the X-ray belt until you are walking through the gate and can retrieve it instantly. When lines become backed up, it would be easy for a thief to simply pick up your purse without anyone noticing.
- Don't hang your purse or backpack on the back of your chair; thieves can quickly remove items without you ever knowing.



### AT YOUR HOTEL

Don't answer the door in a hotel or motel without verifying who it is. If necessary, you can verify whether the person at the door is an employee of the hotel and why they would need access to your room by calling the front desk. When returning to your motel room late in the evening, use the main entrance.

After you're in your room, secure your door using all locking devices available.

Don't display large amounts of cash or expensive jewelry—this can draw the wrong person's attention to you.

## WEEKLY POLICE BEAT AND EMAIL BLAST

Every Friday a message goes out to residents who have signed up for the Email Blast system. This message contains weekly crime reports and other pertinent information to the community. Please sign up for the "Blast" by going to [www.chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov](http://www.chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov) and click on the white envelope icon located under the Village logo.

Please note that in order to sign-up for the email services you must be a Village resident and have registered for access to the website.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## THE SENIOR CORNER

The leaves are changing color – autumn is a beautiful time of year. And this year, November 8 is election day – I hope everyone will be able to vote. And after the election, we have a special event:

**Thursday, November 17: 7:00-9:00 p.m.:** *“What Just Happened?”* We invite all to a discussion by Charlie Cook, founder and publisher of the *Cook Political Report*, who will offer his perspective on the results of this most unusual election of our time, and share his thoughts about what he sees for the near future. The Cook Political Report is an independent, non-partisan newsletter that objectively analyses elections and campaigns as well as American political trends. Come for an informative evening and bring your friends and neighbors.

### SAVE THE DATE

**Tuesday, December 13: 2:00-4:00 p.m.:** A Holiday Meet & Mingle! Our Second Annual Cookie Exchange – If you were with us last year, you know what a successful afternoon it was and we will repeat the fun. Start looking through your recipe collections, find your favorite cookie. Bake twenty-four of them to share and go home with twenty-four different delicious cookies baked by other chefs. We will also have holiday beverages and entertainment. All are welcome.

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. If you know of experts in the fields, please e-mail or call me with the information - [bettyoconnor2@verizon.net](mailto:bettyoconnor2@verizon.net) or 301-656-0597.

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

## SNOW REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS



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

Residents who occupy corner lots are responsible for the sidewalk in front of and on the side of their property.

## THE COMMUNITY CORNER

We are pleased to welcome Viki and John Duff at 6 Hesketh Street to the Village. Please introduce yourself if you have the opportunity.

Reminder: The Food Donation drive to support the efforts of the Manna Food runs until the end of December in the Village Hall. After a run to the grocery store or when you're attending a class or event at the Village Hall, it's easy to drop off your items off in the box outside the communications center. Here are some ideas: peanut butter, tuna fish, beans, oatmeal, mac and cheese, pasta, baby food and shelf-stable milk. Thank you!!

We hope you enjoyed seeing and meeting neighbors and friends at the recent Fall Social. A special thank you to Melissa Wiak and Shana Davis-Cook for organizing this fun event and to the Board members and committee chairs who attended.

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

*Karen Spangler*  
*Community Relations Committee*

## JOIN THE CREW; *THE COMPOST CREW*

Food-waste recycling--otherwise known as “composting”--is a great way to reduce your carbon footprint and greenhouse emissions while returning nutrients to our soil and food system.

The Village has partnered with *The Compost Crew* to provide low-cost household collection of food-waste. *The Compost Crew* provides each household with an airtight bin and compostable bags; all you have to do is separate your organic waste and leave the bin by your trash and recycling receptacles for collection on the designated day for weekly pick-up. The collected waste is processed at a composting facility in Maryland and, after six months of service, households can request that a portion of your contributed waste be returned in the form of rich, finished compost or nutrient-rich soil.

For more information regarding the household composting collection service, including current rates, please visit the “Food Waste Recycling” page on the Village website under *Quick Links* on the homepage. The more households that sign-up, the cheaper the service is for all, so sign up today!

# VILLAGE TEENS

Village teens are available for a variety of services. Please email the Village office at [ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov) to add a teen to the list and to make changes.

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The services of Manna ensure that 21,000 adults and 15,000 children who are experiencing poverty, hunger, and food insecurity will receive essential food supports to help them break the cycle of hunger and food insecurity.

What can you do? We will have a food drop-off at the Village Hall beginning in October through December. When attending Village events (classes, Board Meetings, Fall Social, Halloween Party, Holiday Party...), residents are asked to bring an item to add to the box. Here are some ideas: peanut butter, tuna fish, beans, oatmeal, mac and cheese, pasta, baby food, and shelf-stable milk. Please ensure your donated food is not expired.



*Thank you!*

## RESTRICTIONS ON POWER LANDSCAPE EQUIPMENT

Throughout the fall 2016 leaf collection season, residents are reminded that the Village has limited hours during which landscape power equipment can be operated.

### **Power landscape equipment is permitted only:**

Weekdays between 8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Weekends & Holidays between 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

*Rent the Village Hall  
for Your Next Event!*

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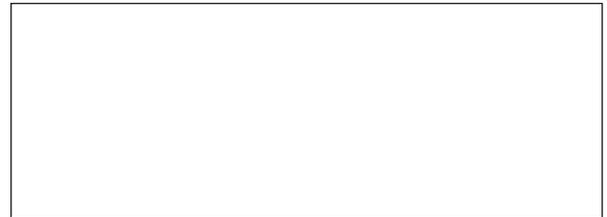


## BOARD OF MANAGERS

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

## VILLAGE MANAGER

Shana R. Davis-Cook



## 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.

## SAVE THE DATE

The Village's Annual Holiday Party will be held on Wednesday, December 14 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. More information will be mailed to residents in mid-November.



## HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR REFUSE AND RECYCLING Week of Thanksgiving, November 24, 2016

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



*Bringing MVA Services to You*

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

**Monday, November 28**  
**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).



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