

CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE CRIER

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Monday, December 12, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall

Now - December:

Annual Food Drive (see article on page 2 for details)

December 4: A Tale of Two Suburbs (page 6)

December 12: Board of Managers' Meeting

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

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

December 19: MVA on Wheels

December 26 & January 2, 2017:
Village Office & Public Works Closed

**January Appeal/Variance Deadline:
12/19 by 5:00 p.m.**

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BOARD RECEIVES FEEDBACK REGARDING THE FUTURE OF THE BROOKVILLE ROAD PARK

The Villages Board of Managers held a Public Hearing during its November 14 regular meeting to consider comments on the future use of the Brookville Road Park. This approximately half-acre park located on the east side of Brookville Road between Quincy and Primrose Streets has become a gathering place for dog owners to take their dogs off-leash due to its being fully enclosed by fencing on all sides. Although the park has never been classified by the Village as an official “dog park”, the Village Board acknowledged that the community’s use of the park had embraced the ability to utilize the space with dogs off-leash; however, due to maintenance and safety concerns, the Board invited comments on the future use of the park as the Village embarks on a rehabilitation plan for the space.

Over 50 residents from Chevy Chase Village, the Village of Martin’s Additions and the Village of Chevy Chase, Section 3 were in attendance to express their opinions regarding the future use and design of the park. Although the Board did not make any final decisions regarding the future of the park, a summary of the policies under consideration is summarized on page 4 of this issue under the “Board Actions” article. Staff will present to the Board more information regarding these options in early 2017 and the information, including a modified park plan, will be posted to the Village website early next year.

A GREENER WAY TO DEAL WITH AUTUMN LEAVES

As autumn brings its leaves, the Environment and Energy Committee reminds us that leaf blowers—particularly gas-powered blowers—produce high levels of noise and pollution. Here are some lawn-care practices that can reduce or eliminate those effects.

Good practices:

1. Use a lower speed on your blower to reduce noise, polluting emissions and dust in the air. This should not affect the efficiency of most blowers in clearing leaves and debris from medium-sized properties.
2. Instruct your lawn care providers to use only one leaf blower at a time on the property. This would help bring noise levels in compliance with Montgomery County Noise regulations and be respectful of neighbors.
3. Apply only organic fertilizers like compost from natural sources—no synthetics, and no synthetic pesticides.

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FOOD DRIVE--FINAL MONTH TO BRING DONATIONS TO 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.

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 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.

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.

ANNUAL LEAF COLLECTION

The Public Works Department's yearly leaf collection effort has begun and will continue throughout the Village.

Each week, the leaf truck on the **west side** of the Village will begin on West Melrose Street and work south ending on Western Avenue; and the leaf truck on the **east side** will begin on East Irving Street working north and ending on Quincy Street.

Residents on Bradley Lane are required to bag their leaves before placing them at the roadside. Bradley Lane leaf bags will be collected throughout the week, as part of your normal yard waste collections. **If you bag your leaves, they must be placed in paper bags.** Public Works will not pick up leaves that have been bagged in plastic.



Residents and their lawn care contractors are asked to rake their leaves as close to the curb as possible without putting them in the roadway gutter.

Please inform your landscape crews of this requirement. Should it rain, leaves piled in the gutter will dam the water causing it to pond. Please avoid boxing in piles of leaves between cars both for easier accessibility for the collection crews and safety for your vehicles.

Sticks and other sharp tree and garden debris should be left loose and placed in separate piles from leaves. Sharp debris can tear the leaf collection hoses or dull the blades, resulting in downtime for the machine to allow for repairs to the vacuum machinery that can cause delays in the schedule.

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.

CARDBOARD BOX DISPOSAL



Flattened boxes that are approximately less than the size of a 13" television set should be placed with your paper recycling. Five or more flattened boxes should be bundled when left for recycling. Please notify the Communications Center if the boxes are not collected.

DID YOU KNOW?

A listing of helpful reminders and information

- The Village Police Department is a drop-off location for **old cell phones**, with or without accessories and chargers. The Village Police donate the phones to an organization that provides them--free of charge--to victims of domestic violence.
- Residents can request that officers check their home while they are away. The **House Check** service provides free daily visits by Village police officers to ensure your home remains safe while you are away (at least 24 hours). Contact the Communications Center BEFORE you leave town to request a check.
- Did you miss information about a recent meeting or Village event? Want to know about power or service outages or upcoming projects taking place in the community? Make sure you are registered for the Village's general and urgent email blasts. Visit the Village's website and click on the "**Notify Me**" icon on the homepage to sign-up.
- Throwing out old furniture or other items that are too large for your normal trash? Request a **special pick-up** by the Village's Public Works Department. Special pick-ups occur every Wednesday. To schedule a pick-up call the Village's 24-hour Communications Center or submit a request on the Village's website by 2:00 p.m. on the Tuesday preceding the collection day. Public Works will collect bulk items (limit 100 lbs. per item), however, construction and renovation rubble are the responsibility of the contractor.
- In addition to the weekly special-pick collection, Public Works collects **hazardous materials** on the second Wednesday of each month. This includes motor oil, garden chemicals, corrosive household cleaners, and oil-based paint. Follow the above procedures to schedule a pick-up. Public Works will NOT collect latex paint, which must be dried and placed with your regular trash.
- Before winter arrives, do you know who will shovel the sidewalk adjacent to your property? See the Village **Teen List** for snow shoveling assistance and arrange to have someone clear your sidewalks BEFORE the snow falls.

*Rent the Village Hall
for Your Next Event!*

NEW MEMBER OF THE VILLAGE STAFF



Ms. Tamu Tucker joined the Village staff last month as our new Community Liaison/Administrative Assistant. Tamu has a bachelor's degree in communications and brings to the Village a wealth of administrative experience in the private and public-contracting sectors. She is currently taking classes toward getting her MBA. Tamu has two young daughters and during her downtime she enjoys crocheting, reading, long walks and spending time outdoors.

We welcome Tamu to the Village!

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED

NOVEMBER 2016

5611 Montgomery Street	Construct new wall in the front yard
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43 West Lenox Street	Re-build retaining wall alongside driveway
104 East Melrose Street	Install geothermal system in the front yard
15 East Lenox Street	Install geothermal system in the front yard
5516 Cedar Parkway	Install drain pipe in Cedar Pkwy. ROW
13 Oxford Street	Modify & construct driveway, walkways & patio
26 Quincy Street	Replace heat pump in the side yard
13 Oxford Street	Construct addition in the rear yard
5405 Center Street	Replace air conditioner in the rear yard
5610 Cedar Parkway	Extension of a permit to construct an addition
5610 Cedar Parkway	Construct walkway and retaining walls
9 Hesketh Street	Replace driveway; construct patio in rear yard
105 Primrose Street	Expand patio in the rear yard
19 Grafton Street	Install new generator in the rear yard

BOARD ACTIONS:

NOVEMBER 14, 2016 BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING

Approval of Previous Meetings' Minutes: October 10, 2016 Regular Meeting - *approved*

Matters Presented for Board Discussion and Possible Action (where required):

- **Public Hearing: Future use of the Brookville Road Park** - Following testimony heard from the audience and submitted in writing prior to the meeting it was the sentiment of the Board that there is reasonable evidence that a plan can be developed to accommodate use by those without dogs and those with dogs off-leash.

The Board directed staff to:

- make short-term maintenance improvements to fill holes dug by dogs and backfill with wood chips to stabilize the ground and prevent soil erosion and increase the height of the fence along the Brookville Road sidewalk to keep dogs from breaching the fence;
- coordinate with the Village's landscape architect to modify the current draft plan for the park to provide for an un-fenced seating area at the west end of the park and a fenced-area toward the center of the park for use by dogs off-leash; and
- research and present for Board consideration options for implementing a dog park area, including:
 - Estimated costs for proposed changes
 - Limiting times that off-leash dogs are allowed in the park
 - Limiting the number of dogs allowed per handler
 - Controlled access by registered residents
 - Make necessary Code modifications to establish a "dog park"

The revised plan and policy considerations will be posted to the Village website for community comment prior to being scheduled for Board consideration in early 2017.

- **Purchase Authorization Request** - Holiday Monetary Gifts from the Board to the Village Staff - *approved*

Commission and Committee Matters

- **Personnel Commission:** Reappointment of Charles Ingersoll (Magnolia Pkwy.) as a member for a 3-year term - *approved*.
- **Tree Committee:** Board Appointment of Philip Webre (Kirkside Drive) as Chair - *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 by clicking on "Board of Managers Meetings" under the header "Quick Links" on the homepage.

Next Regular Board of Managers' Meeting: Monday, December 12, 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



Reminder: House Checks during the Holidays

Village residents may contact the Village Communications Center at (301) 654-7300 to arrange a House Check. Even easier, submit your House Check Request directly from the Village website. Residents are encouraged to contact the Village Communications Center to cancel their House Check if they return earlier than expected.

Holiday Shopping

To ensure that your holiday shopping experience is a safe one, please review the following suggestions:

Safety Tips

- Park in a well-lit area.
- Never leave packages or valuables in plain sight in your vehicle. If you place purchases in your car and plan to go back in the store, drive to a different parking spot a distance away; some thieves wait in the lot for you to go back in the store to steal.
- Whenever possible, walk in a group.
- Walk confidently with your head up (a potential mugger or thief will target people who appear distracted or submissive) and be aware of your surroundings.
- If you notice something that does not seem right, then it probably is not. Request assistance from security personnel.
- When walking toward your vehicle, have your keys in your hand and remain alert.



Protect Yourself Against Fraud

- Take only the credit cards that you need and do not keep check cashing cards in your checkbook.
- Keep purses or bags closed tightly.
- Keep your glove compartment locked or keep your registration with you as it contains vital personal information.
- Never reveal any personal information to strangers or telemarketers.
- Shred documents that contain personal information.

Beware of “Porch Pirates”

Tis the season for holiday shopping and shopping online makes it all the easier. There is almost nothing better than finding a nice, clean package sitting on the porch when you get home. Here's the rub:



thieves like your packages too. These “porch pirates” follow delivery trucks and as soon as they think the coast is clear they'll snatch up vulnerable packages. So how do you thwart these holiday grinchies?

- Consider having your package sent to an alternate destination such as your workplace, a friend, a family member, or even a neighbor who could accept deliveries during the day.
- Did you know that UPS and Fedex will give you the option of having your packages delivered to one of their stores? Your package will be safe until you can stop by and pick it up.
- Request that the delivery be placed out of sight. If your shipper asks for delivery instructions, ask that the package be placed somewhere inconspicuous out of view of the street or driveway.
- Choose to receive text or email alerts to notify you as soon as a package is delivered, and have someone immediately remove the item from your porch and bring it inside.
- Watch over your package with a security camera until you have the opportunity to retrieve it. Many of today's video doorbells have built-in motion detecting cameras that will automatically begin recording when movement is sensed and notify you via text or email. Cameras have been known to deter thieves and if they don't, well, the recorded footage may help the police capture the thief later on. You may even get your package back.

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The Village Police Department wishes everyone a joyful holiday season and a healthy, prosperous 2017.

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE SENIOR CORNER

We thank all who came to our special program, featuring Charlie Cook who gave us an excellent review of the elections and a glimpse into the effects on our future. Mr. Cook is a resident of Chevy Chase, and the founder of The Cook Report, and can be heard on NPR.

Winter is coming and with it one of our favorite times of the year, with the rustling and bustling of the holidays. Decorations and the sound of music fill the streets and the shopping malls, and now we, too, will join in the celebrations.

SAVE THESE DATES

2016

Tuesday, December 13 – 2:00-4:00 –Our Holiday Meet and Mingle! Our Second Annual Cookie Exchange

I hope you have been searching for that special recipe, your favorite holiday cookie. For our “Exchange”, you need to bake twenty-four (24) cookies, put them on a plate or pack them in a box, and bring them along with a copy of the recipe to the Village Hall. We will put them on the tables, and everyone will select twenty-four different cookies, place them in a bag and go home to enjoy the “favorites” of the other chefs. We will also have holiday beverages, including eggnog, and live music of the season. All are invited to bring a friend or neighbor along to enjoy the fun.

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Saturday, January 21 – 11:00 A. M.-1:00 P.M. – Rae Cooper, a member of the Chevy Chase Woman’s Club, will entertain us with a memorable performance by Victor Borge. (a “take off” on the elections)

This is a very funny show – you won’t want to miss it.

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Remember that these events are co-sponsored by Chevy Chase Village and Chevy Chase at Home. We welcome your ideas and suggestions for future programs on art, music, entertainment, medicine, current events (like our November event with Charlie Cook). If you know of experts in your neighborhood who would be willing to share their talents or knowledge at one of our events, please contact me with the information – bettyoconnor2@verizon.net or 301-656-0597.

Betty O’Connor
Chair, Village Committee for Seniors

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!

...Continued from Cover Article, “A Greener Way to Deal with Autumn Leaves”

4. Switch to an electric leaf blower—several new models are available. These are less polluting in that they do not emit black carbon or Carbon Monoxide. [Note: If you currently offset your electricity with renewable energy, the overall operation becomes carbon neutral.]
5. Eliminate use of leaf blowers altogether. Hand rake the leaves and dispose of at curbside for collection. Or, use a mulch blade on your mower to mow and mulch leaves in place, providing an organic layer which fertilizes your lawn through the fall and winter months, eliminating the need to collect and dispose of leaves, thereby also reducing cost and the carbon footprint involved in leaf collection and disposal. **This is by far the best option from a sustainability standpoint; it should result in time and cost savings to households, as well.**

Other green practices related to organic landscaping include the phasing out of synthetic pesticides and fertilizers altogether in favor of natural biological control agents, such as pest eating insects (lady bugs) and birds, pest resistant plant varieties, and composting.

Landscape companies are beginning to see demand for greener practices in landscaping as a new business opportunity. Landscape companies offering “green” options can inform the Village and be included in a list of green providers on our website.

VILLAGE TEENS

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

JOURNALIST STEVE ROBERTS TELLS A TALE OF TWO SUBURBS AT LAWTON CENTER DEC. 4

Longtime Bethesda resident and journalist Steve Roberts will compare the history and evolution of Bethesda and Chevy Chase in an illustrated lecture, “A Tale of Two Suburbs: Bethesda and Chevy Chase,” hosted by the Chevy Chase Historical Society at the **Jane E. Lawton Community Center (4301 Willow Lane, Chevy Chase, MD 20815) on Sunday, December 4, at 4:00 p.m.** Admission is free, and the community is welcome.

Roberts will unveil his new book, *Bethesda and Chevy Chase*, which uses dozens of vintage photographs – many from the CCHS Archive – to show how Bethesda and Chevy Chase developed along two different streetcar lines into distinctly different communities. Bethesda became a bustling commercial center; Chevy Chase, a planned enclave of leafy residential neighborhoods. But Roberts notes that the two communities share many important institutions, a past and a future.

In time for holiday gift-giving, Roberts’ new book will be available for sale and signing following his talk. Questions about the December 4 program may be directed to CCHS at 301-656-6141 or chevyCHASEhistory@msn.com.

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Holiday Party!
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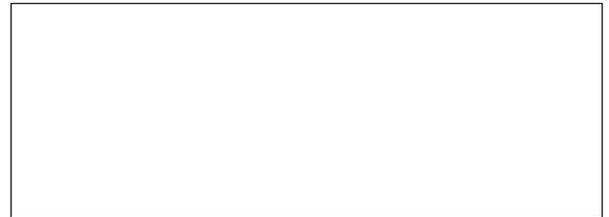


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TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION; SPECIAL PICK-UPS

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.

HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR REFUSE AND RECYCLING Week of Christmas & New Year's

Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Sundays; therefore, trash and recycling collection will not be affected.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Administrative office and Public Works Department will be closed on Monday, December 26 in observance of Christmas and on Monday, January 2 to celebrate New Year's.

The Communications Center and Police Department remain open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Residents are reminded, however, that limited staff will be available during the week between Christmas and New Year's. Please call ahead to ensure the staffer you seek is available.

The weekly Special Pick-ups scheduled for Wednesday, December 28 and Wednesday, January 4 will NOT be affected, and will be collected as normal.



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

Monday, December 19
from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For more information, call (301)-656-2797 or visit
www.FriendshipHeightsmd.gov.