



CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE CRIER

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Monday, May 8, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall

May 9: Energy & Environment Committee Meeting

May 16: Chevy Chase@Home Event
 (see article on page 6 for more information)

May 20: Annual Shredding Event

May 22: MVA on Wheels

May 25: Community Relations Committee's Speaker Series Event - Gargee Ghosh & Peter Yeo
 (see article on Page 6 for more information)

May 29: Memorial Day--Village Office and Public Works Department CLOSED

June 12: Board of Managers' Meeting

**June Appeal/Variance Deadline:
 Monday, May 22 by 5:00 p.m.**

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ANNUAL MEETING NOTES

The 103rd Chevy Chase Annual Meeting was held on Monday, April 17. The evening began with light refreshments and an opportunity for attending residents, including Board Members and members of the Village's Commissions and Committees, to socialize.

Chair of the Village's Board of Managers Mr. Michael Denger began the Annual Meeting by presenting the State of the Village report (see below article). The Board adopted the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 and levied a tax on real property at a rate of \$.0819 per \$100 of assessed value (fair market value), and at a rate of \$.66 per \$100 of assessed value on personal property.

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STATE OF THE VILLAGE REPORT

Mr. Michael Denger, Chair of the Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers, presented the State of the Village report during the 103rd Annual Meeting. Below is a summary of Mr. Denger's report on Village activity over the last five years:

- Comprehensive revision of the Village Charter
- Detailed review of several chapters of the Village's Code of Ordinances

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THE COLLECTION AT CHEVY CHASE RE-DEVELOPMENT

The Chevy Chase Land Company, owners of The Collection at Chevy Chase, formerly referred to as "Chevy Chase Center", are working to obtain the final various approvals required for them to proceed in their redevelopment of the shopping center. These approvals include the Village's agreement to allow the creation of a traffic roundabout on Montgomery Street west of the Buffer. Village officials are finalizing the terms of the agreement, which will require Village Board approval.

The Land Company expects to begin construction on the Center in mid-summer 2017 and should be completed in early to mid-2018. The project will be done in phases since the center will remain open during construction. The first phase of the project will focus on the westernmost internal roadway including the new plaza, followed by the changes in Farr Park, the roadway reconfiguration at the entrance closest to Clyde's restaurant and along Wisconsin Circle, and then the changes near the Western Avenue entrance. The Montgomery Street roundabout is projected to be the final phase.

For more information regarding the project, please contact Village Manager Shana Davis-Cook at shana.davis-cook@montgomerycountymd.gov or visit <http://collectionchevychase.com/redevelopment/>.

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- Received an independent assessment of the Village's liability and property insurance coverage options that concluded we stay with our current provider, The Local Government Insurance Trust
- The Village worked with Washington Gas to replace 75% of our water, 10% of our sewer, and 95% of our gas lines during Fiscal Years (FY) 2014 through 2016
- In FY2015 approximately seven miles of roadway was repaved
- Starting in FY2012 and spanning four years thereafter, nine miles of sidewalk were replaced with clay brick pavers
- The Public Works offices and lounge on the basement level of the Village Hall was renovated in FY2012
- In FY2014, a Village Hall Security System was implemented for improved control of access to the Village Hall
- Various repairs and improvements were made to the Village Hall including a full roof replacement, new gutters and landscaping, and repaving of the Public Works yard
- In April 2017 the Village Hall parking lot was brought into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act
- Completed new traffic plan improving vehicular and pedestrian traffic access to and around the Village Hall in FY2016
- Members of the Board, Traffic Committee and staff worked with the State Highway Administration to install a painted crosswalk and flashing warning beacon for pedestrians to cross Connecticut Avenue in the vicinity of the Village Hall
- Revised Village traffic control signage, including modifications to the entrances to Grafton and Oliver Streets at Kirkside Drive
- Installed a one way traffic camera to photograph cars exiting Grafton Street unlawfully onto Wisconsin Avenue
- For the Police Department we purchased three new cruisers and one unmarked vehicle equipped for police use
- Parks throughout the Village have been re-landscaped to increase enjoyment of them by residents
- Continued work with Friends of Chevy Chase Circle as they work to improve and enhance the Circle
- Over the last five years, the Village planted 300 new trees in Village rights-of-way, parks and greenspaces
- The Board implemented a Private Property Tree Reforestation Incentive Program, which provides reimbursement for up to 50% or up to \$175 per tree, whichever is lesser, of the cost to purchase and install a qualifying tree on their property
- Revision of the Ethics Ordinance and Ethics Disclosure form
- Creation of the Tree Ordinance Board to review tree removal appeals and present a consent agreement for Board action
- Creation of the Village Building Officer to consider Administrative Variances and Special Permits
- Continued collaboration with the Chevy Chase Land Company regarding the redevelopment of Chevy Chase Center
- Reviewed committee structures and made revisions, including creating the Community Relations Committee
- Continued consumer-related Village initiatives including the Composting Program
- Disseminated new 64 gallon recycling totes to Village Residents to help avoid unnecessary separation of recyclable materials

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS

During the Village's Annual Meeting held the evening of April 17, ten commissions/committees presented reports outlining their activities over the past year and their goals for the coming year. Below is a synopsis of each presentation.

- **Community Relations Committee:** Former Chair Karen Spangler stated that over the last year the Committee hosted a Parents Night Out, collaborated with A Wider Circle to collect and provide to those in need food and clothing items, coordinated a lecture on the Spirit and Character of French Gardens led by resident Vanessa Badre, and hosted the Fall Social to welcome new residents to the community. Ms. Spangler introduced Michael Marsh, the newly appointed Chair of the committee. Mr. Marsh advised that the committee is planning to host a monthly (October through May) speaker series featuring Village residents.
- **Ethics Commission:** Chair Frank (Scot) McCulloch stated that the Village had no ethical misconduct investigations over the past year and that the commission reviewed financial disclosure statements submitted by candidates for the Board of Managers and from required appointed officials.
- **Financial Review Committee:** Chair Gail Feldman stated that the committee continues to review the annual budget, investment of Village funds and the annual audit. The Village received a clean audit for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2016.
- **Public Safety Committee:** Chair Saul Goodman reported that the Committee continues to work with the Board of Managers and police department on public safety matters and initiatives.

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- **Traffic Committee:** Chair Porter Wheeler stated they have had informal discussions about the status of the pedestrian crossing installation on Connecticut Avenue and Lenox Street and the need for a fully-actuated signal. The committee has recently reviewed proposed amendments to the speed hump policy and continues to work with the Board and staff on other traffic-related matters.
- **Western Grove Park Friends Group:** Chair Meredith Wellington stated they have raised \$140,000 in private donations, and that will be enough to finish the Park which is scheduled to open after Labor Day.
- **Environment & Energy Committee:** Co-Chair Dr. Marilyn Braken stated they organized a Sustainable Living Lecture Series, worked with the Board of Managers to circulate a letter to residents regarding noise and environment pollution generated by leaf blowers, continued monitoring of the county's implementation of its Healthy Lawns Bill 52-14, assessed the effectiveness of recycling efforts, and collaborated with neighboring communities and organizations to identify good environmental practices.
- **Parks and Greenspaces Committee:** Co-Chair Susan Kilborn provided an update on the various park development plans implemented by the Village, including providing input on the pending redevelopment of the Brookville Road Park.
- **Seniors Committee:** Chair Betty O'Connor stated that she had organized about twenty programs in conjunction with the local area aging in place organization, Chevy Chase@Home, including, a Holiday Party, a Saint Patrick's Day party, fire inspections, medical speakers series, balance therapy classes, and an Alive Inside program that uses music to help those with dementia.
- **Election Supervisors:** The Election Supervisors welcomed new member Paul Broderick. Chair Charlotte Jones Carroll stated that there were four candidates for four vacancies on the Board; thereby declaring the four candidates, all incumbents, elected. The reelected members are: Gary Crockett (Grafton Street), Minh Le (Oliver Street), Richard Ruda (Newlands Street), and David Winstead (Kirkside Drive).

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Village Manager Ms. Shana Davis-Cook presented a summary of the administrative staff's work over the past year, including:

- 10 variances, 4 Special Permit requests for Board consideration by Permitting & Code Enforcement Coordinator, Ms. Ellen Sands
- 5 administrative appeals and 18 executed licenses for private improvements in public rights-of-way were considered and approved by the Village Manager and the Building Officer, Gary Crockett
- 161 administrative Building Permits were reviewed and approved
- Tree Removal permits for 79 dead, sick, declining or hazardous trees were issued administratively
- The Village received a clean audit thanks to the diligence of Finance Director Demetri Protos
- Welcomed new Community Liaison/Administrative Assistant Ms. Tamu Tucker
- Working with the Community Relations Committee, the staff welcomed 12 new families to the community

The Village wishes to extend a special thanks to Oliver Street resident Susan Kilborn, co-chair of the Village's Parks & Greenspaces Committee, and members of the Garden Club of Chevy Chase for providing beautiful floral arrangements for the evening-sourced from within the Village.

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED APRIL 2017

108 Summerfield Rd 5504 Grove St	Install handrail on existing side stoop Relocate an air conditioner from the rear to side yard
5402 Center St	Replace front walkway in the same location
6216 Western Ave	Re-configure existing rear patio and walkway
25 Quincy St 111 Oxford St	Upgrade service to house Construct new parking pad in the rear yard
7 East Irving St 143 Grafton St	Construct patio in the rear yard Install in-kind replacement ac unit in the rear yard
6134 Nevada Ave	Install drain under the Nevada Avenue public sidewalk
5613 Montgomery St 6 East Lenox St 22/28 Primrose St	Replace the rooftop air conditioner Replace the front walkway Replace the retaining wall on the shared property line
104 East Melrose St 16 Magnolia Pkwy	Construct new swimming pool Replace fence in the rear yard & ROW & maintain piers in the ROW
117 Grafton St 117 Grafton St 106 Newlands St	Install new shed in the rear yard Install new fence in the rear yard Install grill, pergola in the rear yard

BOARD ACTIONS:

APRIL 10, 2017 BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING

Approval of Previous Meetings' Minutes:

March 13, 2017 Regular Meeting - *approved*

Variance Request

A-7117 (Variance Request) - 5802 Kirkside Dr. - *approved*

Install a fence, portions of which would measure six feet, six inches (6'-6") in height forward of the twenty-five (25) foot front (Grafton Street) building restriction line (BRL). The proposed fence would extend alongside the west property line for a distance of twenty-four (24) feet forward of the twenty-five (25) foot front BRL and then would slope down in height over a distance of twelve (12) inches to a height of four (4) feet at the front (Grafton Street) property line.

Public Hearing:

- **Draft Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning on July 1, 2017 (FY2018)**

No comments were received. *The FY2018 Budget will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on April 17, 2017.*

- **Proposed Concept Plan for the Brookville Road Park**

Public Comments were heard. *No formal action was taken by the Board. There will be a second public hearing during the Board's May 8, 2017 regular meeting.*

- **Proposed Amendments to the Village's Speed Hump Policy**

Public Comments were heard. *No formal action was taken by the Board. There will be a second public hearing during the Board's May 8, 2017 regular meeting.*

Matters Presented for Board Consideration

- **Introduction of Resolution No. 04-01-17 - *No formal action was taken by the Board. Board action is scheduled to take place during the Board's May 8, 2017 regular meeting.***

Committee Matters

Building Facilities Commission: Board reappointment of Pamela Murphy (East Kirke Street) as a member of the Building Facilities Commission for a 5-year term expiring in February 2022 - *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.chevychasevillagemd.gov by clicking on "Board of Managers Meetings" under the header "Quick Links" on the homepage.

Next Regular Board of Managers' Meeting: Monday, May 8, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

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.

DO I NEED A PERMIT?

If you are thinking of starting a renovation, constructing an addition, beginning a landscape or storm water management project, please contact the Village office for information and to determine what permits may be required. There are County and Village building regulations that may apply.



Please contact the Village's Permitting and Code Enforcement Coordinator, Ellen Sands at (301) 654-7300 or cvcpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov.

When in doubt, reach out!

THE POLICE BEAT

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

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 1, 2017. 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!



Leash Law Reminder

Many residents are enjoying the warmer weather by taking strolls through the neighborhood with their dogs. The Chevy Chase Village Police Department reminds residents that the law requires that all dogs be on a leash, otherwise they are classified as being "at-large." This county-wide law states



that a dog must be leashed when outside the owner's premises unless it is in a government-designated dog exercise area. Fines for dogs off leash begin at \$100 for a first offense and go up to \$500. The law also requires all owners/handlers to clean up after their pet.

Please be a responsible dog owner by keeping your dog leashed and cleaning up after your pet.

Home Security Surveys

The Village Police Department offers free confidential home security surveys. These surveys are used as a tool to identify weak areas of your home's security. Simple remedies can make your home safer and more secure.

Interested residents should contact the Village Communications Center at (301) 654-7300 to request a Home Security Survey. A police officer will contact you to arrange a convenient time to conduct the survey.



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 information pertinent to the community. Please sign up for the "Blast" by going to chevy Chase Villagemd.gov and clicking on the white envelope icon located under the Village logo.

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

Protect your identity Don't put outgoing mail in your mail slot

Placing outgoing mail in your mail slot may put you at risk for identity theft. Often, the outgoing item sits for hours until the mail carrier comes by, and in the meantime, a thief may take the item. It has happened to several residents. Although the convenience makes it tempting to put it in the slot, please use one of the local mail boxes, or stop by our Post Office on the north end of the Village hall.

Please Lock Your Vehicles



The vast majority of our thefts are from unlocked cars. We make it far too easy (and inviting) for thieves when we fail to lock our cars. The Village Police Department urges you to lock your car doors every time you park. And remove all valuables—or hide them at the very least. Please do your civic duty and reduce the opportunities for thieves and discourage them from taking things from your vehicle.

Noise Start Times Enforced

With the weather getting warmer, many residents are hiring landscape crews and other contractors to maintain and make improvements to their properties. These contractors typically like to start early so they can avoid the heat of the day.

Residents are encouraged to remind their contractors and landscape crews that the Village noise ordinance prohibits the use of motorized equipment prior to 8:00 a.m. on weekdays and prior to 9:00 a.m. on weekends and holidays. The noise regulations are strictly enforced by citation and fine.

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE SENIOR CORNER

April showers bring May flowers – and May is also special for mothers. “**Happy Mother’s Day**” to all our mothers, grandmothers and all those who share in the care of our children.

We have only one event planned for May, but it is special!

May 16 – 7:00-9:30 P.M. “**The Intelligence Cold War in Western Europe: KGB vs. CIA**” David Duberman, a Chevy Chase resident, will share some of his experiences serving in the CIA. David, a retired senior CIA officer, will discuss two outstanding intelligence operations run by the KGB and the CIA. The KGB operation involved five upper class Cambridge graduates (the Cambridge Five), who provided the Soviet Union with secret intelligence for many years.

The second operation was brilliantly conducted in Moscow during the Cold War by an elite group of CIA operations officers. They managed to meet a high intelligence source under the eyes of the KGB despite the KGB’s complete control of the operational environment. This operation, until its tragic end, provided important intelligence to the United States.

Mr. Duberman will also share some of his personal knowledge which included friendships with several of the officers in Moscow. We encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors to enjoy this unique look into a part of our national history.

--SAVE THE DATES FOR JUNE 2017--

June 1st - 7:00-9:00 pm - “Medical Care Issues of an Aging Population Part 2: When Times Get Tough: Facing Chronic Illness and End-of-Life Care.” Dr. Christina Prather, a specialist in Geriatrics & Palliative Care at George Washington University Hospital, will address the problems facing elderly patients, families and caregivers as they struggle with medical and end-of-life decisions, despite the available advance directives. A short documentary, “The Last Campaign of Governor Booth Gardner” will be shown as part of the program.

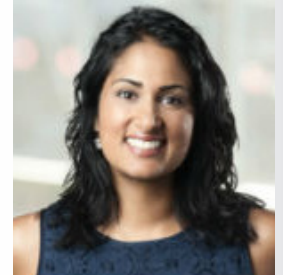
Mark your calendars for all of our future programs, which are brought to you in cooperation with Chevy Chase Village and Chevy Chase@Home. We welcome your ideas for future programs. You can reach me by phone at 301-656-0597 or by email: bettyoconnor2@verizon.net.

Betty O’Connor
Chair, Village Committee for Seniors

THE COMMUNITY CORNER

Chevy Chase Village Speaker Series **“Addressing Global Challenges”** **Thursday, May 25 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

Gargee Ghosh - Director,
Global Policy & Advocacy
at Bill and Melinda Gates
Foundation, and Former Mem-
ber of President Obama’s Global
Development Council.



Peter Yeo - President of the Better
World Campaign & Vice President
for Public Policy and Advocacy at
the United Nations Foundation

Please join us at the Village Hall on **Thursday, May 25 from 7:00-8:30pm** for the second event in the Chevy Chase Village Speaker Series. Policy Directors for two of the world’s most important foundations discuss efforts to help humanity on a global scale.

*Michael Marsh**
Chair, Community Relations Committee

ART SHOW FEATURING SOMERSET ELEMENTARY FIFTH GRADERS

Lynn Lewis, the art teacher at Somerset Elementary School, has been working with the fifth graders on a project entitled: Mother Earth: Micro, Macro and Me, that will be on display at the Somerset Town Hall from March 31 – June 9, 2017, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This exhibit was created in conjunction with the Mother Earth Project, an Instagram movement, founded by Somerset resident and sculptor, Bart Rubenstein. The fifth graders explore different perspectives of life on Earth through mix media that connects art with environmental awareness.

In order to accommodate all fifth graders, there will be three separate shows and three Opening Celebrations. The first show concluded in April. The second show will be from April 27-May 18. And the last show will be from May 19-June 9, with the Opening Celebration on May 23, from 6-7 p.m.

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.

FOLLOW CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER!

<https://www.facebook.com/CCVillage>

<https://twitter.com/chevychasevill>

BOARD OF MANAGERS ELECTION: UNCONTESTED; INCUMBENTS DECLARED ELECTED

During the 103rd Chevy Chase Village Annual Meeting held on April 17, Elections Supervisors Chair Ms. Charlotte Jones Carroll reported that the four incumbents, Gary Crockett, Minh Le, Richard Ruda and David Winstead were the only candidates to declare candidacy; therefore, all incumbents were declared reelected.

A copy of the Elections Supervisors report is available on the Village website.

MANY HANDS ANNUAL MEETING -Thursday, May 18, 2017 @ 7pm-

Many Hands members will vote to award their annual \$100,000 grant to local women and families from among four thoroughly vetted nonprofits. Additional finalist grants will also be awarded. Recent grantees include Reach Incorporated, Horton's Kids, College Bound, and A Wider Circle.

To find out more about the mission of Many Hands, Inc. or to donate and become a voting member, please visit our website www.manyhandsdc.org or contact board members and Village residents Noni Lindahl (nvlindahl@me.com or 301-656-1966) or Elizabeth Bausch (eliz.bausch@gmail.com). Together we can make a difference.

CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE

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ANNUAL SHREDDING EVENT

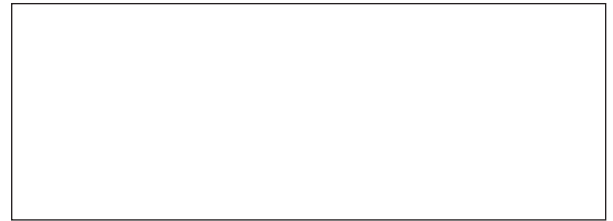
Saturday, May 20
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
(Village Hall Parking Lot)

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.



Bringing MVA Services to You

The mobile service bus will visit the Friendship Heights Village Center along Friendship Boulevard on **Monday, May 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** For more information, call (301) 656-2797 or visit www.FriendshipHeightsmd.gov

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Administrative office and Public Works Department will be **closed** on **Monday, May 29** in observance of Memorial Day. The Communications Center and Police Department remain open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR REFUSE AND RECYCLING

Week of Memorial Day: May 28-June 3, 2017

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

WHEN THE POWER GOES OUT...

When a power outage occurs, it is important for all residents to call the following two phone numbers:

- 1. PEPCO at 1-(877) PEPCO-62**
- 2. Village Communications Center at (301) 654-7300**

If the power is restored and goes out again in a matter of minutes, the above two phone calls must be made again so the new outage is registered.