



CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE CRIER

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Monday, June 11, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.**
Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall

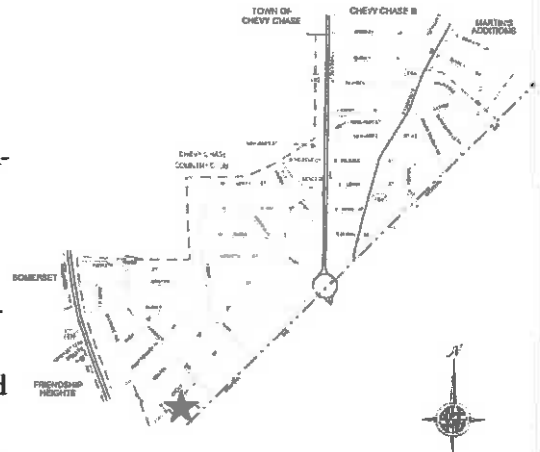
- June 10:** Resident Directory Update Forms Due
- June 25:** MVA on Wheels
- June 12 & 20:** Chevy Chase@Home Event
(see article on page 6 for more information)
- July 4:** 4th of July Parade to the Park & Party
- July 9:** Board of Managers Meeting
- August 7:** National Night Out
- September 10:** Board of Managers Meeting

July Appeal/Variance Deadline:
Monday, June 18 by 5:00 p.m.

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Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815
phone: 301.654.7300
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email: ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov
website: www.chevychasevillagemd.gov

ARE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ENJOYING THE VILLAGE'S PARKS?

One of the unique assets that the Village offers is access to local community parks. Despite our urban setting, the Village boasts six parks and numerous greenspace areas within our municipal boundaries, each with its own unique characteristics and opportunities for you and your family to enjoy time in the great outdoors. Starting this month, we will seek to feature one of these parks and greenspaces in each month's issue of the Crier and we encourage residents to venture out and take advantage of all that the Village's parks and greenspaces have to offer.



Western Grove Park, owned and operated by the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission, was officially opened in November 2017. It is the largest park within the Village and is located at the southwest corner of the community bordered by Grove Street to the north, Western Avenue to the south, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to the east and The Collection at Chevy Chase shopping center to the west.

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FINAL APPROVAL RECEIVED FOR A RIGHT-TURN SIGNAL FROM WESTBOUND WISCONSIN CIRCLE ONTO WISCONSIN AVENUE; INSTALLATION SCHEDULED FOR SUMMER 2018

During the Village's 2016 community engagement efforts regarding the redevelopment of The Collection at Chevy Chase shopping center (formerly referred to as "Chevy Chase Center"), residents expressed frustration with the traffic backups that occur along westbound Wisconsin Circle. (Wisconsin Circle connects Western Avenue and Wisconsin Avenue and turns into Willard Avenue west of Wisconsin Avenue.) Currently, when Wisconsin Circle traffic gets a green light, the large

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SIMPLE STEPS: CONVERTING YOUR LAWN TO ORGANIC

SUBMITTED BY THE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

Now is a good time to take simple steps to convert your lawn to an organic lawn. The key to a healthy lawn is healthy soil and good mowing, watering and fertilizer practice. A good first start is to analyze your soil to determine what your specific needs are. A basic soil test that gives readings for soil pH, phosphate, potassium, and magnesium levels is sufficient for most home gardeners. The Extension Service at the University of Maryland provides this service at <https://extension.umd.edu/hgic/soils/soil-testing>.

Fertilizing your lawn ensures good growth and root development for your grass. This should be done in the fall. Look for organic slow release fertilizers that contain some nitrogen (essential for green grass growth) and potassium, but no phosphorus (not essential for lawn maintenance and can contribute to nutrient run-off which flows into surface and ultimately coastal waters, triggering algal blooms and dead zones). Products that are compatible with organic landscape management are listed at www.BeyondPesticides.org or on the Environment and Energy Committee website.

Talk with your lawn care contractor to see if they currently provide organic lawn care options. Are they certified in organic lawn care? Can they show you examples of lawns they care for organically? For lawns that have had high pesticide use in the past, the costs to convert to an organic lawn may be a little high initially, but in the long run will cost you less, reduce your water use, and most importantly, your lawn will be safe for children and pets.

Montgomery County Department of Environment has a new site for Organic Lawn Care to help do-it-yourself residents and tips if you are looking to hire a company at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/lawns/

Marilyn Bracken, Ph.D.
Co Chair, Environment & Energy Committee

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 / 1-(877)-737-2662**
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.

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED

MAY 2018

5516 Cedar Parkway	Re-lay the rear flagstone patio in the same footprint on new stone dust
5702 Kirkside Drive	Install 2 air conditioners in the side yard
5702 Kirkside Drive	Install 1 ½" water line to the new dwelling
34 West Kirke Street	Interior alteration; construct new bays, dormers & rear terrace; garage dormers
28 Primrose Street	Replace fencing in the rear yard
5504 Montgomery St.	Construct new walkway
5504 Montgomery St.	Construct rear addition
113 Summerfield Rd.	Construct rear one-story addition
9 Primrose Street	Install new drainage system on private property
102 Grafton Street	Replace fencing in the rear yards
5502 Center Street	Relocate an air conditioner located in the rear yard.
103 Newlands Street	Replace the sewer connection

COMING SOON: 2018 RESIDENT DIRECTORY

It's that time of year again to update our Resident Directory. Letters have gone out for all residents to confirm or update their contact information. Please return to the Village Hall or complete online **by June 10, 2018**. Copies of the 2018 Directory will be available at the 4th of July Event.

GARDEN TIP OF THE MONTH:

Are grubs and slugs ruining your planting beds? Place a few slices of cucumber in a small pie tin and your garden will be free of pests all season long.

The chemicals in the cucumber react with the aluminum to give off a scent undetectable to humans, but it drives garden pests crazy and makes them flee the area.



BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE
PARKS & GREENSPACES COMMITTEE

...Continued from the cover article, "Final Approval Received for a Right-Turn Signal from Westbound Wisconsin Circle onto Wisconsin Avenue; Installation Scheduled for Summer 2018"

volume of traffic attempting to turn right onto Wisconsin Avenue is impeded by pedestrians crossing Wisconsin Avenue. There is a "No Turn on Red" sign which prevents Wisconsin Circle traffic from turning once the signal turns red. This results in traffic stacking along Wisconsin Circle through several light cycles awaiting a break in pedestrian traffic in order to turn onto northbound Wisconsin Avenue.

The Village Board agreed that this intersection was problematic and directed Village staff to pursue installation of a right-turn arrow to run concurrently with the existing left-turn arrow for southbound Wisconsin Avenue traffic turning onto Wisconsin Circle.

Village staff met with representatives from the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) in December 2016 at the intersection to assess the traffic impacts and discuss the Village's right-turn arrow request. The request was approved by the traffic engineering team at the local (District 3) SHA office, and they determined that, in addition to the signal, the right lane (of two) on Wisconsin Circle would also need to be designated "right-turn only". Doing so will ensure that drivers attempting to proceed straight across Wisconsin Avenue onto Willard Avenue don't impede traffic attempting to turn right once the new arrow is installed (the left lane requires all traffic—except buses—to go straight through onto Willard; buses are permitted to turn left from the far left lane onto southbound Wisconsin Avenue).

After approval by the District 3 office, the request was submitted to SHA's Office of Traffic & Safety for design. The Village received notice last month that the signal design work has been completed and the turn signal is scheduled to be installed this coming summer. Once installed, Montgomery County will control the operation of the signal as they do along all State roads.

The Village will receive notice of the construction start date. Once the work begins, it is expected to take a few weeks for the signal and lane markings to be completed. For more information, please contact the Village Manager, Shana Davis-Cook, by email (shana.davis-cook@montgomerycountymd.gov) or by phone (301-654-7300).

IMPROVEMENTS IN AND AROUND CHEVY CHASE CIRCLE

For the first time since 1956, the benches in Chevy Chase Circle have been completely refurbished, all thanks to a grant initiated by the Friends of Chevy Chase Circle and shared with the National Park Service. (Left)

In addition, the splitters on the north and southbound sides of the circle have been re-landscaped. (Right)



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. Ellen Sands, Municipal Operations Coordinator, (301) 654-7300 or ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Administrative office and Public Works Department will be **closed** on **Wednesday, July 4** in observance of Independence Day. The Communications Center and Police Department remain open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

FOLLOW CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER!!

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

<https://twitter.com/chevychasevill>

BOARD ACTIONS:

MAY 14, 2018 BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING

Approval of Previous Meetings' Minutes:

April 9, 2018 Regular Meeting - *approved*

Special Permit Request

A-7316--6300 Brookville Road: Install a wood picket fence with gate in the Brookville Road public right-of-way, the fence posts of which will measure a maximum of four (4) feet in height with sections of scalloped picket fencing and one gate varying in height between three and one-half (3 ½) feet and four (4) feet at its maximum height. The fence will run parallel with Brookville Road, which has no sidewalk or curb at this location, and will be located three (3) feet from the nearest edge of the street. - *The Special Permit Request was withdrawn by the applicants. No Board action was taken.*

Matters Presented for Board Consideration and Possible Action

- **12 Hesketh Street: Stormwater Management Project in the Hesketh Street Public Right-of-Way** - *approved*

Contract Extension Authorization Requests

- **Audit Services Contract** - *Lindsey + Associates, LLC - approved*
- **Repairs to the Village Hall Public Works Yard Wall Caps and Piers and Replacement Fencing** - *Priority Construction Corporation - approved*

Commission & Committee Matters

Tree Ordinance Board

- Board reappointment of Michael Holland (Oliver Street) to serve as a member, term exp. April 2021 - *approved*
- Board reappointment of Aaron Kramer (West Irving Street) to serve as an alternate member, term exp. April 2020 - *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, June 11, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Rent the Village Hall for your Next Event!

WELCOME MS. SIMONE KOLNIK TO THE VILLAGE OFFICE!

Ms. Simone Kolnik joined the Village staff in mid-April as our new Administrative & Constituent Services Assistant. Ms. Kolnik has 8+ years of experience with conference, meeting and event coordination along with administrative skills. She also delights in traveling, planning small private events for friends and family and enjoying various films and music. Her experience will serve her well as she works with the staff, residents and other members of the community.

Please welcome Simone to the Village when you see her.



THE POLICE BEAT

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

MOVING? EXPECTING A LARGE TRUCK DELIVERY?



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.

Our Key Program only works if we have your key!

If you have not already done so, please return your house key in case you or a family member gets locked out and so the Village Police can access your home in an emergency.

PET ID PROGRAM

Village officers continue to retrieve stray pets in the neighborhood. In late 2000, the Village Police Department began its Pet ID Program. To participate, residents simply submit a photograph and short bio of their pet. When a stray pet is found, Communications staff will review the Pet ID files to reunite the pet with its family.

The Pet ID Program only works if your pet's information is included in our pet album. If you have not already done so, please go to www.chevy Chase-villagemd.gov and complete the Pet ID Program enrollment form provided under the "Forms" menu for ALL of the pets in your home (including dogs, cats, birds, ferrets, guinea pigs, hamsters, rabbits, etc.).



Pets that cannot be identified are turned over to the Montgomery County Animal Shelter. Digital photos can be emailed to ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov.

For more information regarding the Pet ID Program, contact the Village Communications Center at (301) 654-7300.

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.chevy Chase-villagemd.gov (click on "Police Services" under the "Police" tab).

For added security, the Police Department recommends having mail held at the Post Office by completing **PS Form 8076**. In addition, if you expect a package from either UPS or FedEx, please leave a neighbor's address with the Communications Center so they may receive your packages.



The summertime volume of packages and mail received in the Communications Center often exceeds the limited space available. Your assistance is appreciated!

STAY ALERT!

Schools will be out for summer soon

With schools soon letting out for the summer and an abundance of warm weather on the way, please be mindful of children riding bicycles and playing outside.

Important Reminder: Water Safety for Kids

Remember to keep a sharp eye on your children when they are near a pool or any other body of water. According to the CDC, every day about ten people die from unintentional drowning (non-boating related) in the United States. Of these, two are children aged 14 or younger. That means that over 700 children 14 or younger drown each year in the U.S. Drowning ranks fifth among the leading causes of unintentional death in the United States.



COMMUNITY NEWS

THE SENIOR CORNER

As I am typing this column, we are recovering from a violent thunderstorm – but the sun is now out and it looks like we are finally going to enjoy the last of Spring and welcome the relaxing days of Summer with two interesting programs:

June 12 - 2:00-4:00 SMART DIGITAL ASSISTANTS can become your friends. Kathleen McGuinness will introduce you to Amazon's Alexa, Apple's Siri and Google's Assistant. These devices let you play music, control your smart home, get the news and the weather and more just by using your voice. Kathleen will show us what these virtual assistants can do now and what may be coming in the future, all designed to make life easier by letting your voice control your world. Come and bring a friend – and take lots of notes.

June 20 - 7:00-9:00 P.M. HAVING THE LAST WORD – AN OBITUARY WRITING WORKSHOP will be an evening to remember. Sam Sloane has led this workshop many times and is able to put a positive and entertaining spin on what might otherwise be considered a grim subject. Pre-writing your own obituary is a gift you give to those you've left behind, and this workshop will ensure that you've identified the things that are important to you rather than leaving it to your loved ones to sort out. Much to think about.

****FOR THE SUMMER – MARK YOUR CALENDARS****

July 17 - 2:00-4:00PM - AARP Speaker - SMART DRIVERTEK - Much to learn about all the new programs that have been put into your cars. (More info. next month.)

August 14 - GAME DAY - We need ideas and suggestions for this new event. Give me a call or email me if you have a new game that would be fun for the group.

We bring these programs to you in cooperation with Chevy Chase Village and Chevy Chase@Home. They are open to all. We would like to have suggestions from you – programs that are informative and entertaining. If you know someone who would be willing to share his or her talents or experiences with us, please contact me.

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

THE COMMUNITY CORNER



The Board of Managers would like to thank Michael Marsh of Grafton Street for his contribution as Chair of the Community Relations Committee (CRC) this past year. Mike's leadership brought us the Speaker Series on the second Thursday of each month. This forum has been a great way for neighbors to gather and learn about each other's work as well as providing an opportunity to mingle. The new Chair of the Community Relations Committee will be Lance Patterson, who had been working with Mike as Vice Chair and will carry on the Speaker Series among other CRC activities.

The CRC is always looking for volunteers who would like to spearhead events and fun activities in the Village. If you are interested, please do not hesitate to contact the Village's Administrative & Constituent Services Assistant Simone Kolnik at ccv@montgomerymd.gov or (301) 654-7300.

*Ms. Minh Le
Board Representative
Community Relations Committee*

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.

...Continued from the Cover Article, "Are You And Your Family Enjoying The Village's Parks"

The property was formerly owned by a private citizen and featured a modest single-family home and detached garage. In 2002, the Village agreed to contribute \$1.25 million (included \$310,000 in Legacy Open Space funds) to assist Park & Planning in acquiring the property for conversion into a public park. The Village committed an additional \$350,000 toward the \$1.28 million redevelopment project, which included demolition of the buildings. The 1.9 acre property has been transformed into a beautiful park featuring:

- ADA accessible, solid surface walking/biking trails
- Natural playspace area with a human sundial, rope climber, and natural tunnel
- Benches located throughout
- Movable tables and chairs in a flagstone seating area
- Drinking fountain
- Ornamental water feature
- Bike racks
- Large lawn areas and mature landscaping

Schedule some time to visit Western Grove Park!

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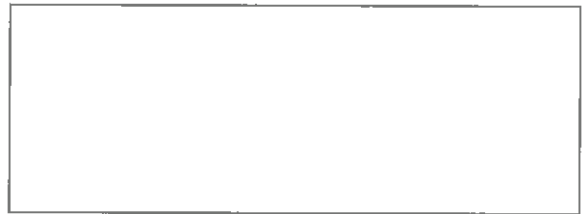
*Join your neighbors for the
4th of July Parade to the Park!
See the enclosed flier for details.*

BOARD OF MANAGERS

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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 through the Village website by 2:00 p.m. on the preceding Tuesday to ensure collection.

During the week of July 4th, Special Pickups will be collected on **Tuesday, July 3**. Requests for collection that week must be submitted by **2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 2**.

SIGN UP FOR EMAIL BLAST(S)

Urgent News Blast are emergency alerts that are sent out only on an as-needed basis. **General News Blast**, which are geared toward community events, Board Meetings, etc. will be sent out weekly. To subscribe: Visit the Village's website at www.chevychasevillagemd.gov and click notify me.

HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR REFUSE AND RECYCLING

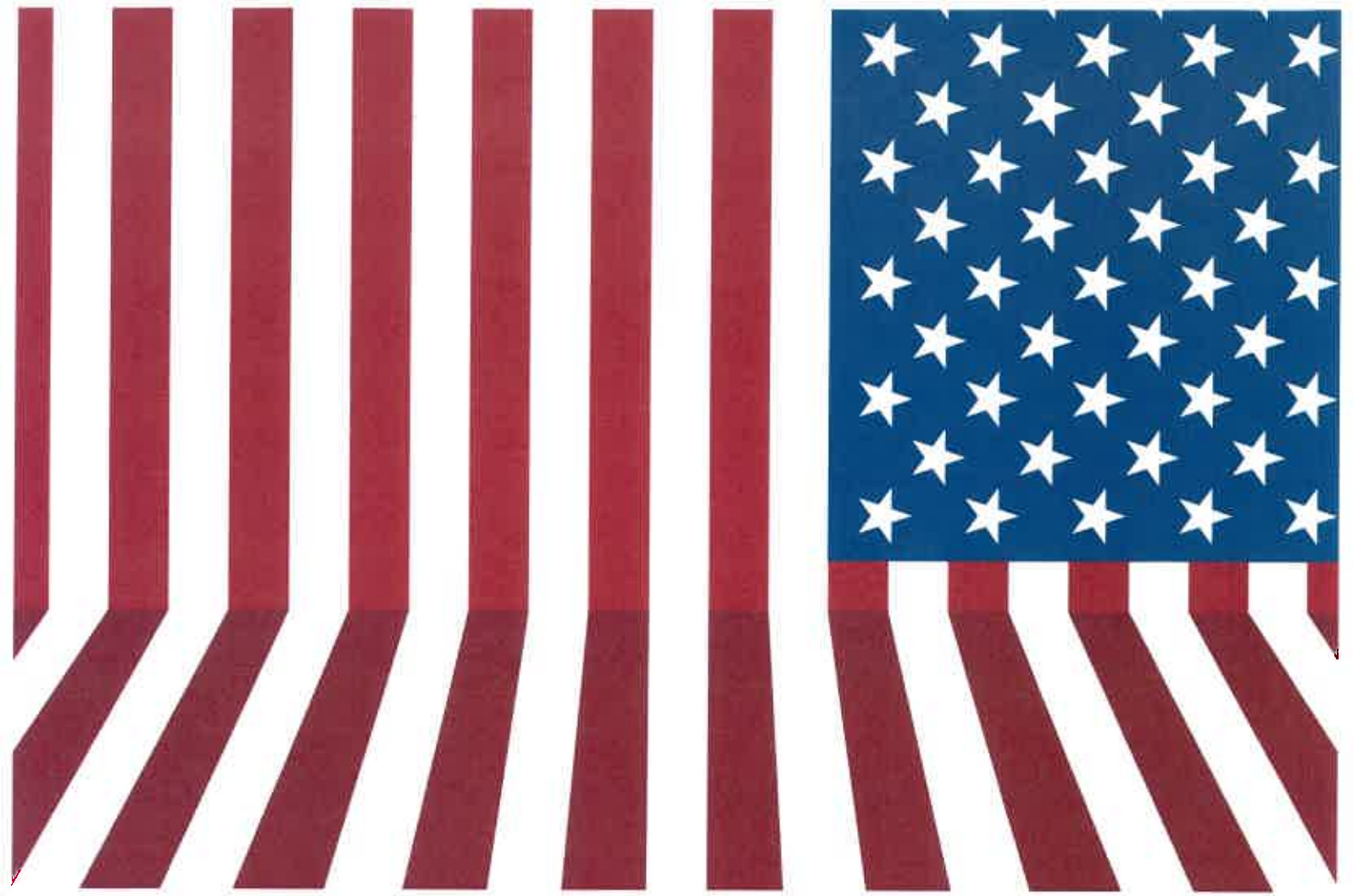
Week of Independence Day: July 2 - 7, 2018
(NO CHANGE: Monday, July 2 and Tuesday, July 3)

IF YOUR NORMAL COLLECTION DAY IS...	YOUR COLLECTION DAY WILL BE...
Wednesday	Thursday (7/5)
Thursday	Friday (7/6)
Friday	Saturday (7/7)

MVA **ON WHEELS**

Bringing MVA Services to You

The mobile service bus will visit the Friendship Heights Village Center along Friendship Boulevard on **Monday, June 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** For more information, call (301) 656-2797 or visit www.FriendshipHeightsmd.gov



Parade to the Park

Wednesday, July 4th, 2018

Assemble at the Village Hall at 10:15 a.m.

Parade leaves the Village Hall at 10:30 a.m.

Refreshments at the Large Oliver Street Park
until 12:30 p.m.

***Dress up your bikes, strollers and wagons.
Bring the whole family!***

In the event of rain, party will be held in the Village Hall.

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