



# CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE CRIER

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Monday, February 8, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.**

Board of Managers' Meeting  
*TO BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY*

**The Village Hall remains closed to the public as a result of the COVID-19 health emergency.**

**Please call our 24-hour Communications Center at (301) 654-7300 should you need assistance.**

**February 1:** Start of Candidacy Filing for Election to the Board of Managers (ends April 1, 2021)

**February 15:** Presidents' Day  
*Administrative Office and Public Works Closed*

**February 22:** FY22 Budget Work Session

**March 8:** Board of Managers' Meeting

**March 14:** Document Shredding Event  
(in the parking lot at the Village Hall)

**March 2021 Appeal/Variance  
Deadline: Tues., Feb. 16 by 5:00 PM**

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## BOARD OF MANAGERS ELECTION

Four Board seats will be up for election this spring. The current Board members whose terms are expiring in June are Gary Crockett, Richard Ruda, Linda Willard, and David Winstead.

Any Village resident may run for a seat on the Board provided he/she is a qualified voter in Montgomery County, has resided in Chevy Chase Village for at least one year prior to the election and files the required Certificate of Candidacy and Financial Disclosure Statement in proper form. Board members serve two-year, staggered terms. If the number of qualified candidates equals the number of available seats, the candidates will be declared elected at the Annual Meeting on Monday, April 19, 2021 (the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.). If the number of candidates exceeds the number of available seats, a contested election will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2021.

The Village Election Supervisors oversee Village elections, including receiving nominations to serve on the Board of Managers. Residents interested in running for a seat should please contact Election Supervisors Chair Mary Sheehan by email at [msheehan246@aol.com](mailto:msheehan246@aol.com) so that the Elections Supervisors can begin to plan for the election.

To qualify as a candidate, an individual, including sitting Board members, must submit to the Village office a completed Certificate of Candidacy along with a Financial Disclosure Statement, at any time after February 1 (90 days prior to

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## MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL CONSIDERS RE-ZONING IN COMMUNITIES NEAR METRO STATIONS

*Rezoning Could Limit Municipal Zoning Authority and  
Allow Multi-Family Dwellings and Increased Density in the Village*

Montgomery County Councilmember Will Jawando has introduced Zoning Text Amendment 20-07 (ZTA), which would allow owners of R-60-zoned properties located within 1-mile of a Metrorail station to build "Missing Middle" housing types, including duplexes, townhouses, and multi-family structures within the current R-60 lot coverage, building height, setbacks, minimum lot size and minimum parking requirements. Additional zoning flexibility is also proposed for R-60 zoned properties located within one-half mile of a Metrorail station, including exclusion from infill lot coverage limits and decreased minimum on-site parking requirements.

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## MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S PESTICIDE LAW IS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD

The Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers unanimously voted on January 11, 2021 to approve an Ordinance to adopt into the Village Code Chapter 33B "Pesticides" of the Montgomery County Code. The goal of the law is to inform the public about pesticide applications and minimize the use of pesticides for cosmetic purposes, while not restricting the use of pesticides in agriculture, for the protection of public health, or for other public benefit. The law does not prohibit the use of chemicals for the control of biting insects, and disease vectors, such as mosquitos and ticks and prohibits the use of pesticides only on lawns, not on trees or in landscape beds.

Chapter 33B, the County's Pesticide Law, protects citizens, workers, and the environment from the misuse or adverse effects of pesticides. Recently the law was expanded to limit the use of synthetic pesticides (including herbicides) on lawns, playgrounds, mulched recreation areas, and private childcare facilities, and County property. Pesticides applied in organic agriculture continue to be allowed for use in these areas. Residents and businesses can obtain more information about the law and what is allowed at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/lawns/law](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/lawns/law). A wealth of information on organic lawn care can be found at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/lawns](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/lawns).

If you use a professional for your lawn care they should know about these regulations, including the requirement that they hold a pesticide license if they apply any pesticides on your property. The Village will schedule a webinar with the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for our residents to learn more about how to manage their lawns organically.

What can you do now to improve your lawn without the use of pesticides? Mary Travaglini, Manager, Organic Lawn and Landscape, DEP recommends a dormant winter seeding to improve spring growth of fescue lawns, and more seeding in spring as the grass begins to grow. If you have garden beds, rake aside excess leaves to allow the hidden larvae of butterflies and ladybugs to mature and to provide food and habitat for birds and small critters, and chop excess leaves on the lawn with a mower so they break down quickly to feed the soil.

*Village Environment & Energy Committee*

## **RECYCLING REMINDERS**

**Do your part to support our household recycling program:**

- Glass and plastic food containers should be rinsed **BEFORE** going into the toter.
- Absolutely **NO** plastic bags of any sort should ever be put in with your recycling.

*...Continued from Cover Article, "Montgomery County Council Considers Re-Zoning in Communities Near Metro Stations"*

All of the properties in the Village are currently zoned R-60, which are residential lots with a minimum area of 6,000 square feet and a minimum width of 60 feet, creating a fairly dense housing pattern. The Village's zoning authority to regulate building height, mass, setbacks, lot coverage, etc., is limited to single family zoning. This ZTA could eliminate or drastically decrease the Village's existing zoning authority and our ability to regulate new buildings and changes to existing buildings in the Village. Additionally, the proposal could have impacts on stormwater runoff concerns in the Village (by reducing permeable surface area) and tree canopy (as the proposal seeks denser development).

Residents may view ZTA 20-07 on the council's website at <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/Resources/Files/zta/2020/ZTA%2020-07.pdf>.

The Planning Board Public Hearing is scheduled for January 4 and the County Council will hold its Public Hearing on February 11. Written testimony may be submitted to the Planning Board via email to [MCP-Chair@mncppc-mc.org](mailto:MCP-Chair@mncppc-mc.org) and to the County Council via email to [county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov).

Councilmember Jawando—who introduced the ZTA—has produced a "Fact Sheet" regarding the ZTA (and an accompanying "anti-rent-gouging" bill) that can be viewed at the link in the version of this article posted to the Village's website homepage.

## **COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION**

COVID-19 vaccinations have begun across the country; however, supplies are limited. The State of Maryland and Montgomery County are providing frequent updates regarding local administration of the vaccine. For the latest local information visit:

**Montgomery County:** <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/vaccine/>

**Maryland:** <https://covidlink.maryland.gov/content/vaccine/>

As of the end of January, County residents age 75 and older along with all who qualify under Priority Groups 1A, 1B and 1C may now preregister with the county for vaccinations. As the county receives more vaccine from the Maryland Department of Health, registered individuals will be contacted to schedule an appointment.

Preregistration is available on the county's site at: <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/vaccine/>

## BOARD OF MANAGERS: FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE Q & A

In 2012, the State's financial disclosure requirements for elected officials were extended to include municipalities like the Village. If you are considering serving on the Board, you may have questions about those requirements. I'll try to anticipate and answer some of them here, and we also encourage you to contact any Board member or the Village Manager for any additional questions or discussion. You can find the disclosure form on the Village web site by selecting Government / Board of Managers / Board of Managers Elections / Candidate Financial Disclosure Form.

**What do I have to disclose?** The disclosures are annual and are due in April. All of the following disclosures are for the previous calendar year, like your tax return. You need to disclose the following:

- Some details about any property you own, including your home.
- Ownership or interests in corporations or partnerships. This includes holdings of stock in public corporations.
- Purchases or sales of stock or other interests in corporations or partnerships.
- Sources of earned income
- Any involvement (ownership, employment, gifts, debt) with the Village or any entity doing business with the Village, for yourself or your immediate family.

**How public is this information?** It's public but not published. Anyone may request a copy of your disclosure forms, but you may choose to be informed of any such requests. Your home address will be redacted when the disclosure form is provided.

**Am I revealing my net worth to the world?** No. Some forms of wealth and income (see next question) are not reported. For ownership and transactions you do have to report, you can use ranges for percentage of ownership (less than 1%, 1-5%, 6-10% or over 10%) or number of shares (0-100, 101-250, 251-500, over 500).

**What about CDs, mutual funds, and exchange-traded funds?** You are not required to report bank interest or certificates of deposit, publicly traded mutual funds, or exchange-traded funds.

**How hard is this?** The annual report is due at roughly the same time as your income taxes, and the information you've gathered for your taxes covers almost all of what you need for the financial disclosure. Some Board members have their accountants complete the disclosure documents, and some fill them out themselves. If your finances aren't too complicated it should only take an hour or two per year.

## CONTACTING ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL

As we approach the one-year mark since the Village Hall was closed to the public due to COVID-19, we remind residents that Village services and activities continue. Police and Communications personnel have continued to work 24/7 and Public Works personnel have resumed their normal schedule.

All administrative personnel are in a telework status and remain fully accessible by email. Residents who need to speak with administrative personnel by phone may email and request a call back or call the Village Hall and leave a message to be returned by the intended staffer. Email addresses for the administrative staff are provided below for easy reference:

### **General Information, Hall Rentals, Website Access, Resident Directory, Crier, etc.**

Ruby Brown, Administrative & Constituent Services  
Assistant - [ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov)

### **Permitting, Code Enforcement and Plan Review**

Jessica Gebhart, Permitting & Code Enforcement  
Coordinator – [ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov)

### **Contracts, Public Rights-of-Way, Parks and Other Public Spaces, Utility Coordination**

Ellen Sands, Director of Municipal Operations –  
[ellen.sands@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ellen.sands@montgomerycountymd.gov)

### **Finance and Accounting**

Demetri Protos, Finance Director –  
[demetri.protos@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:demetri.protos@montgomerycountymd.gov)

Residents may also contact Village Manager Shana Davis-Cook at [shana.davis-cook@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:shana.davis-cook@montgomerycountymd.gov).

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*...Continued from Cover Article, "Board of Managers Election"*

Election Day), but no later than April 1 (30 days prior to Election Day). Upon receiving both completed forms, the Village Manager will submit the Financial Disclosure Statement to the Village Ethics Commission, which will review the form within 10 days of filing for compliance with the provisions of the Public Ethics Code. Please note, however, that candidates are not certified to appear on the ballot until the Certificate of Candidacy and Financial Disclosure Statement have been reviewed and determined to be filed in proper form.

Forms are available in the Village office or by email request to the Village Manager, Shana Davis-Cook, at [shana.davis-cook@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:shana.davis-cook@montgomerycountymd.gov). For more information regarding Board elections, please visit the dedicated page on the Village's website by clicking on "Board of Managers Elections" under Quick Links on the homepage.

# BOARD ACTIONS:

JANUARY 11, 2021 BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING

## Approval of Previous Meetings' Minutes:

December 14, 2020 Regular Meeting - *approved*

## Special Permits and Variance Requests:

### **A-7822 (Variance) 5419 Center Street**

Enlarge a patio and apron around an existing swimming pool that would encroach one foot, six inches (1'-6") into the ten (10) foot setback from the south (rear) lot line. - *approved*

## Matters Presented for Board Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Adoption:

**Resolution No. 01-01-21:** An Ordinance to amend Chapter 1, "General Provisions", Sec. 1-9, "Exemption from Montgomery County Legislation" to incorporate by reference in the Village Code Chapter 33B "Pesticides" of the Montgomery County Code. - *approved, effective January 25, 2021*

## Commission and Committee Matters:

**Financial Review Committee:** Board Appointment of Mr. Amit Sevak of Bradley Lane to serve as a member. - *approved*

**Next Regular Board of Managers' Meeting:** Monday, February 8, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

**NOTE:** This meeting will be held virtually with members of the Board of Managers, staff and the public participating by phone or video. Access information for this meeting will be posted to the Village website and included in the weekly blast email on February 5.

## INCOME TAX RETURN REMINDER (MD FORM 502)

Revenues received through our residents' paid income taxes remain the most significant source of Village revenues. We need our residents' help to ensure that all income tax revenue due to the Village actually gets here. This money goes directly to services benefiting Village residents.

**Village residents DO NOT pay any additional income taxes to live in Chevy Chase Village.** By law, as a municipality, the Village receives a portion of the tax you pay to Montgomery County. It is very important, however, that the State of Maryland knows to return this revenue to the Village. Consequently, please take special care to mark your tax return as shown below (if filing electronically, there is a character limit, therefore, you may have to use the abbreviation "Ch Ch Village").

Please be aware that MD Form 502 features a separate political subdivision section located under your mailing address. When you complete your Maryland income tax return, remember to put **Chevy Chase Village** under "Maryland Political Subdivision" and include **1613** the "4 digit Political Subdivision Code" to ensure the Village receives our share of the state income tax (see below).

**REQUIRED:** Maryland Physical address of taxing area as of December 31, 2019 or last day of the taxable year for fiscal year taxpayers. **See Instruction 6. Part-year residents see Instruction 26.**

1613

4 Digit Political Subdivision Code (See Instruction 6)

CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE

Maryland Political Subdivision (See Instruction 6)

Maryland Physical Address Line 1 (Street No. and Street Name) (No PO Box)

Maryland Physical Address Line 2 (Apt No., Suite No., Floor No.) (No PO Box)

City

MD  
State

ZIP Code + 4

Maryland County

# THE POLICE BEAT

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

## TEAM MEMBER CLOSE-UP:

This article is available in the print version that is mailed to Village households.

### 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.

### MEDICATION DROP BOX AVAILABLE AT THE VILLAGE HALL

The Village Police Department has a grant-funded steel drop box for the safe disposal of unwanted/unneeded prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) medication. The white mailbox-style receptacle is located on the porch at the main entrance to the Village Hall and it is available to residents 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Residents are welcome to drop off bagged prescription and OTC pills (if in their containers, obliterate names on the labels).

***No liquids, needles, or empty pill bottles please!***



## FITZGERALD AUTO MALL IS OFFERING VIRTUAL CHILD SAFETY SEAT INSPECTIONS

Fitzgerald Auto Mall has temporarily suspended all in-person child safety seat inspections due to continued issues with COVID-19. They are currently offering links to child safety seat manuals on their website along with the option of a virtual safety seat check



You can view all the available information or request a virtual appointment through their website at: (<http://www.fitzmall.com/Community/ChildCarSeat>). They have pinned a message at the top of the page with instructions for requesting a virtual appointment using your cellphone or tablet. If you still have questions there is a hotline available (301) 548-4847.

## SIGN UP FOR THE VILLAGE'S EMAIL BLAST(S)

Sign-up for the Village Email Blasts! The Village has created 2 different lists to deliver information to residents:

Urgent News Alerts which are emergency alerts that are sent out only on an as-needed basis. General News Alerts which are geared towards community events, Board meetings, etc. These alerts will be sent to you once or twice a week.



To subscribe, please visit the Village's website at [www.chevychevillagemd.gov](http://www.chevychevillagemd.gov) and click on the "white envelope" 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.

## PLEASE LOCK YOUR VEHICLE— EVERY TIME YOU PARK!



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. Please lock your car doors every time you park. And please, remove all valuables. Locking your car is a civic duty; when you lock your car, you reduce opportunities for thieves and discourage them from returning to the Village.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED: JANUARY 2021

- 5419 Center Street - Construct an outdoor fireplace and 18"x18" catch basin; drainage project to include one underground pipe to outlet in the ROW; retaining walls
- 5411 Center Street - Relocate two AC units to rear yard
- 19 Grafton Street - Relocate fence to compliant location
- 12 East Lenox Street - Construct 4' high trash corral fence and retaining walls; driveway, trash pad, gravel base for shed and gravel walkway
- 7 Primrose Street - Underground pipe, outlet in ROW; accessory building in rear yard
- 15 East Irving Street - Construct a 6' high fence
- 208 Primrose Street - In-kind replacement of front walkway
- 6303 Broad Branch Road - Construct 4' high fence, gates
- 5702 Kirkside Drive - Construct 50' long retaining wall
- 5904 Cedar Parkway - Reconstruct front stairs

## Annual Village Shredding Event

Sunday, March 14

10:00 a.m. - Noon

## SHRUB OF THE MONTH

### *DAPHNE BURKWOODII*

On pleasant winter days, it is enjoyable to walk around the Village and observe different shrubs in their winter hibernation.

*Daphne burkwoodii* stands out as a rather dapper, densely branched compact-rounded shrub with its long, narrow blue green leaves. In May, pink buds appear nestled in the dark foliage and shortly morph into a lovely pinkish white flower which can be up to 2 inches in diameter. The great reward is the fantastic fragrance of these blooms.

This shrub should be planted along a border or rock garden where people walk and can especially enjoy this sweet perfume. This semi-evergreen flourishes in both sun and shade and grows 3 to 4 feet high and wide. But, *Daphne burkwoodii* can be fickle and should be planted in well-draining soils with adequate organic matter and moisture, and a pH range of 6 to 7. And, once planted, it should not be moved.



## HOW TO GIVE BACK SAFELY



The ongoing pandemic has further deepened the economic needs for many families. Residents may be looking for ways to give back, but it can be difficult and time-consuming to vet the many charities that operate locally and across the country.

The website [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org) uses a rating system to examine two broad areas of a charity's performance: their Financial Health and their Accountability & Transparency. The site allows you to search for charities by name, category/cause and/or location. Residents can also visit trusted research sites [www.guidestar.org/](http://www.guidestar.org/) and [www.charitywatch.org/](http://www.charitywatch.org/) to obtain background information on potential charities, including financing and use of funds.

Residents can also check with the Maryland Secretary of State's Office at 410-974-5521 or <https://sos.maryland.gov/Charity>, to be sure the charity is registered.

Lastly, Montgomery County's Office of Consumer Protection suggests using a check or credit card to make donations. If a charity or organization asks for a donation through cash, gift card, virtual currency or wire transfer, it is probably a scam. Review checking and credit card statements closely to make sure you were only charged the amount you agreed to donate – and that you are not signed up to make a recurring donation (unless that is your intention).

See the flier enclosed in this issue of the *Crier* for a listing of local organizations that accept used goods such as clothing, bikes, home goods, electronics, furniture, sports equipment and building supplies.

## FY2022 BUDGET WORK SESSION

The Village Board of Managers will hold a virtual work session to review the Village Manager's draft budget for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2021 and ends on June 30, 2022.

**Monday, February 22 at 7:30 p.m.**  
*(this meeting will be held virtually)*

The work session will be open to the public, although public comment will not be permitted until the public hearings on the budget in March and April. Additional work sessions may be scheduled as deemed necessary by the Board.

# 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.

**List available in the print version that is mailed to residents.**

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## JOIN THE VILLAGE LISTSERV ON GROUPS.IO

CCVillage@Groups.io is the community mailing list for residents of Chevy Chase Village. To join, visit <https://groups.io/g/CCVillage> and click on the blue “+ Join This Group” button. Once enrolled, the email address to submit messages to the mailing list is [ccvillage@groups.io](mailto:ccvillage@groups.io).

The CCVillage information website is at <http://CCVillage.info>. For assistance with joining or posting messages, please contact moderator and Village resident Tim Slagle at [ccvillage+owner@groups.io](mailto:ccvillage+owner@groups.io).

# CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE

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## FY2022 OPERATING & CAPITAL BUDGET

### VIRTUAL WORK SESSION

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22 AT 7:30 P.M.

#### BOARD OF MANAGERS

Elissa Leonard- *Chair*  
Robert C. Goodwin, Jr. - *Vice-Chair*  
David L. Winstead - *Secretary*  
Richard M. Ruda - *Assistant Secretary*  
Gary Crockett - *Treasurer*  
Nancy E. Watters - *Assistant Treasurer*  
Linda J. Willard- *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 through the Village website by 2:00 p.m. on the preceding Tuesday to ensure collection.

## SNOW REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS



Residents are responsible for clearing all snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of or abutting their property within 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.

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT

Property owners who during calendar year 2020 performed repairs, restoration or preservation of exterior features on homes located within the Chevy Chase Village Historic District or on homes individually designated as a historic site may be eligible for a Montgomery County historic preservation tax credit, but applicants must apply before April 1, 2021.

Visit [www.montgomeryplanning.org/planning/historic/tax-credit-program/](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/planning/historic/tax-credit-program/) for more information and to apply.