



CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE CRIER

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Monday, May 10, 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.

May 1: Contested Board of Managers Election

May 2: Chevy Chase Garden Tour

May 2 (10A-Noon): Food Drive at the Village Hall

May 10: Board of Managers' Monthly Meeting

June 14: Board of Managers' Monthly Meeting

July 10: Board of Managers' Monthly Meeting

June 2021 Appeal/Variance

Deadline: Mon., May 24 by 5:00 PM

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ANNUAL MEETING RECAP & YEAR IN REVIEW

The 107th Chevy Chase Village Annual Meeting was held on April 19 as a virtual meeting due to the continued closure of the Village Hall. The meeting began with a State of the Village report delivered by Village Board Chair Elissa Leonard and concluded with the Board's adoption of the budget and tax ordinance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021.

This year's agenda was modified again, recognizing that the virtual meeting format is not conducive to longer presentations. A compilation of annual reports including more detailed information has been posted on the Village's website for residents to view at their leisure. These include a detailed State of the Village Overview, reports pertaining to permitting activity over the course of the past year, an annual police report and reports from the Village's commissions and committees.

The following is a summary of the reports provided during the Annual Meeting:

STATE OF THE VILLAGE REPORT--BOARD CHAIR, ELISSA LEONARD

Despite the continued closure of the Hall, the Board and Village staff have been able to maintain most Village services and operations--with essential staff continuing to report to work and administrative staffers working primarily from their homes. Last April, the Board adopted a Resolution that allowed Village operations to be modified in light of the pandemic and the closure of the Village Hall. This local order remains in effect.

As part of continued efforts to be environmentally conscientious, the Board authorized the purchase of the Village's first all-electric vehicle for use by the administrative department. As recommended by the Village's Environment & Energy Committee and joining the rest of the county and neighboring municipalities, the Board adopted the county's Healthy Lawns Act, which prohibits the use of cosmetic pesticides on lawns.

Twenty-six (26) trees were planted along Village right-of-ways and in Village parks last fall, which had been delayed from the spring due to the pandemic. This spring's plantings have been delayed due to the forthcoming cicada emergence and the Village's Arborist will assess the local stock of young trees in late summer in hopes of doing a fall planting.

The Board joined the Village's neighbors in Chevy Chase, DC by adopting a Resolution calling for the removal of the plaque and inscription honoring Francis G. Newlands from the fountain within Chevy Chase Circle and for an Act of the Congress of the United States to remove the name of, and memorial dedication to, Francis G. Newlands from the fountain within Chevy Chase Circle due to the Senator's documented racist and discriminatory views.

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The Village maintained our designation as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation and again this year, in lieu of having an in-person event, Ms. Leonard read the annual Tree City Proclamation. For the second year in a row, the Village also received the PLANT (People Loving and Nurturing Trees) Award from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

Necrology - Ms. Leonard led a moment of silence in remembrance of the following Village residents who had passed during the prior year: Burt Schorr (Oxford Street), John and Helen Reed (West Irving Street), Darwin Curtis, (former resident of West Irving Street), Jay Treadwell (Grove Street), and James Vassilikos (Western Avenue).

ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE VILLAGE MANAGER

Village Manager Ms. Shana Davis-Cook presented an overview of the administrative staff's work and other highlights, including:

- Over the past year, the Board and staff worked with other communities to review and inform residents of rezoning efforts by the county, which is grappling to increase housing to keep pace with a growing population. A review of these priorities will continue over the next several months now that the Planning Board has transmitted their draft rewrite of the county's General Plan, called Thrive Montgomery 2050, to the County Council.
- Chief Fitzgerald spent countless hours ensuring that our policies in the area of use of force respect the sanctity of all human lives and that our officers receive routine training in our use of force policy, deescalation techniques and racial equity. We also featured an article series in the monthly *Crier* entitled "Team Member Close Up". These articles were an opportunity to reintroduce officers to the community and share a little about the people behind the badge who work to keep the Village safe.
- In coordination with the Village's civil engineer, we furthered plans for the Municipal Storm Drain Project in the block bordered by Hesketh and West Irving Streets below Magnolia Parkway, which will be bid for construction later this year.
- The Public Works Department—including and led by Department Director Jerry Lesesne who marks his 39th year with the Village this summer—modified their schedules and operations to ensure they could continue services in a safe manner. The department continued to maintain the Village's network of sidewalks, facilitated our annual leaf collection operations, planted 26 public trees and continued our special pick-ups and hazardous waste collection programs.

ANNUAL REPORT ON PUBLIC SAFETY

- Police Chief John Fitzgerald reported that the department is almost fully vaccinated against COVID-19, and his staff have safely maintained operations during the continued global pandemic.
- 2020 saw an increase in thefts in the Village, largely due to daytime theft from construction vehicles. Village police, alongside their partners in the Montgomery County and District of Columbia police departments, conducted thorough investigations that identified the prime suspect and thefts have since slowed considerably. Residents are reminded to lock their vehicles at all times and to always remove valuables.

ANNUAL REPORT ON VILLAGE FINANCES, BUDGET OVERVIEW

Board Treasurer Gary Crockett reported that the Village remains in a good financial standing, in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Village is anticipated to have a surplus at the close of FY2021.

The Village's cash reserves, maintained in very safe investments, currently equal two years' of budgeted operations even if no expense cuts are made. The purpose of those reserves is to provide for unforeseen events that affect our revenues or expenses.

Our three largest sources of revenue are income tax (60%), property tax (20%), and the *SafeSpeed* Program (speed cameras) net revenue (7%). An additional 4% comes from State transfer payments from highway user revenues and a police aid grant.

FY2022 will draw more from the reserves than recent years, in order to finish vital capital projects like the stormwater management project. The use of these reserves will not negate the Village's financial stability.

The impacts of COVID-19 on the economy this past year had a relatively modest effect on the Village's FY2021 budget and was taken into consideration when drafting the FY2022 budget.

At this time we're not planning any major changes to Village operations or to property tax rates in response to the pandemic and its effects, but the Board will monitor events and respond as the needs arise.

Information regarding the FY2021 and FY2022 budgets are available on the Village website.

BOARD ADOPTS RESOLUTION URGING FAIR MUNICIPAL TAX DUPLICATION PAYMENTS

At its meeting on April 12, the Village Board joined its fellow municipalities in adopting a Resolution urging the County Council to adopt a fair payment formula for municipal tax duplication. Tax duplication was designed to reimburse municipalities within Montgomery County for public services provided by the municipalities rather than by the county. Eligible reimbursement categories include transportation (roadway maintenance), police, park maintenance and other services. To be eligible for reimbursement, the comparable county service must be funded from tax revenues derived partially from taxpayers in the municipality.

Currently, the reimbursement payments are determined by the County Executive's staff based upon an estimate of what the county would spend if the county were providing the service. Funds are then allocated to each municipality within the county's annual operating budget, and allocations can be amended by the County Council during the budget approval process.

In 2012, former County Executive Isiah Leggett reduced municipal tax duplication payments by 25% in response to revenue impacts from the great recession, and payments have remained largely frozen since that time. Three of the four municipal police departments—including the Village—have never been reimbursed for police services (Takoma Park, as the only independent department in the county, has a separate MOU, which also has not been fully funded since 2012).

The Village Board's Resolution includes a detailed background on municipal tax duplication payments dating back to the 1940s when the reimbursements were originally established. The full Resolution can be viewed on the Village's website. Residents are encouraged to write members of the County Council to urge establishment of a fair and consistent process for reimbursing municipalities for the services we provide.

PLANNING BOARD TRANSMITS THRIVE MONTGOMERY 2050 TO COUNTY COUNCIL

Last month, the Montgomery County Planning Board transmitted its draft of Thrive Montgomery 2050—the re-write of the county's General Plan—to the County Council. The County Council will schedule its own public hearings and work sessions on the draft plan.

For more information and to view the draft plan, visit: <https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/master-plan-list/general-plans/thrive-montgomery-2050/>

LAWN MAINTENANCE REMINDER THE USE OF SYNTHETIC PESTICIDES & HERBICIDES BANNED ON LAWNS

As you prepare for spring and summer lawn maintenance, remember that the use of synthetic herbicides and cosmetic pesticides on lawns, including the commonly used "weed and feed" products, are banned on lawns in the Village and throughout the county. The use of chemicals used for the control of biting insects and disease vectors, such as mosquitoes and ticks, as well as the use of pesticides and other chemicals applied to trees, bushes and other landscaping, are allowed.

What can be used on lawns?

The use of lawn fertilizer not containing herbicides is still allowed and selected organic pesticides and other minimum-risk pesticides used on lawns will continue to be permitted. A list of these, along with tips on how to switch to organic lawn care, is also available on the County website at <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/lawns/law/> (see FAQs).

How is the pesticides ban enforced?

Montgomery County has enforcement responsibility, and they respond on a by-complaint basis. There is a \$50/incident fine. To report a violation, call 311.

Where can I get additional guidance?

For more information visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/lawns/law/ or email the county's Department of Environmental Protection at AskDep@MontgomeryCountyMD.gov.

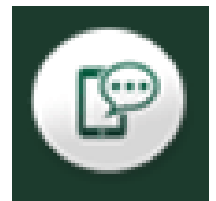
The Village's Environment & Energy Committee is also available to assist residents in determining how they can modify their lawn maintenance program to comply with the Pesticide Law, while ensuring a healthy and thriving lawn. Contact committee co-chairs Dr. Marea Hatzios (marea.hatzios@gmail.com) or Dr. Marilyn Bracken (marbracken@gmail.com) for assistance.

SIGN UP FOR VILLAGE EMAIL BLAST(S)

Urgent News Blast are emergency alerts that are sent on an as-needed basis. Such alerts include water main breaks, power outages, operations closures and public safety alerts.

General News Blast include community events, Board Meetings, news and information, etc., which are sent out weekly.

To subscribe, visit www.chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov and click **Notify Me** on the homepage (look for the above image).



BOARD ACTIONS:

APRIL 12, 2021 BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING

Approval of Previous Meetings' Minutes:

March 8, 2021 Regular Meeting - *approved*

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

- **Resolution No. 04-01-21:** An Ordinance to amend the fiscal year 2021 budget to authorize a \$47,000.00 donation to the Friends of Chevy Chase Circle for its capital projects in coordination with the National Park Service to install lighting and renovate landscaping in Chevy Chase Circle; create a new line item in the capital projects budget entitled "Chevy Chase Circle Lighting and Landscape Project", and transfer \$47,000 from the "Police Cruisers" line item in the capital projects budget to the "Chevy Chase Circle Lighting and Landscape Project" line item to fund the expenditure. - *approved*
- **Resolution No. 04-02-21:** A Resolution Urging Fair Tax Duplication Payments. - *approved (See article on page 3 of this issue)*
- **Written Testimony to the Maryland Public Service Commission:** Pepco Rate Case No. 9655—LED Streetlight Conversion and Smart Nodes Projects. - *approved*
- **Contract Authorization Request:** Street Maintenance - *Stanley Concrete, LLC - approved*
- **Contract Amendment Request:** Utility Relocation Engineering for the Municipal Storm Drain Project Priority Area (bordered by Cedar Parkway, Magnolia Parkway, West Irving Street and Hesketh Street): Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP in an amount not to exceed \$11,600.- *approved*

Commission and Committee Matters:

Building Facilities Commission: Board reappointment of Anne Shields (West Kirke Street) to serve as a member, term ending April 2025 and Board reappointment of Carole Lee (East Irving Street) to serve as a member, term ending April 2026- *approved*

Next Regular Board of Managers' Meeting: Monday, May 10, 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 May 7.

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	CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE		
4 Digit Political Subdivision Code (See Instruction 6)	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

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



And please remember that the law requires pedestrians to walk on the left side of the roadway whenever a sidewalk is unavailable.

LEAF BLOWER & LANDSCAPE EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

- Permitted hours—Power landscape equipment, including leaf blowers, may only be used from **8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** weekdays, and from **9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** on weekends and holidays.
- **No one may use a leaf blower that has an average sound level rating above 70 dBA** (check the rating sticker on your blower). If your blower is rated above 70dBA, it is illegal.
- Multiple blowers may cause too much noise—Use of more than one ‘legal’ blower may also violate the noise limit.
- First time violators will receive a warning; subsequent violators will receive a **\$500 citation** (for each violation)
- **Effective January 1, 2022 the use of gas-powered leaf blowers will be illegal.**



NOISE START TIMES ENFORCED

PLEASE REMIND YOUR CONTRACTORS OF OUR LOCAL LAW

With the warmer weather of spring, many residents are hiring construction 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.



The Village noise ordinance prohibits all noise-generating construction activity prior to 8:00 a.m. on weekdays and prior to 9:00 a.m. on weekends and holidays. In addition to prohibiting noise from using power or hand tools, the law prohibits noise caused by loading, unloading or moving vehicles, materials, supplies or equipment or operating machinery. The noise regulations are strictly enforced by citation and fine.

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.



PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY

DON'T PUT OUTGOING MAIL IN YOUR MAIL SLOT

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



COMMUNITY NEWS

SHRUB OF THE MONTH

DEUTZIA GRACILLIS

Deutzia is a LOVELY SPECIES of shrub that becomes a pure white billowy mass of blossoms in April and May. Deep green in color, the leaves are one to 3 inches long that develop a hint of maroon in the fall. It is a star in rock gardens as well as in perennial and shrub borders. Slender, arching branches form a rounded mound. It is slow growing but can expand from 2 to 4 feet high and from 3 to 4 feet wide. Victor Lemoine, the famous French nurseryman, produced many hybrids of deutzia and if you are lucky enough to find a *Deutzia lemoinei*, do not pass it up. Under good conditions, this shrub could grow over its lifetime as tall as 5 to 7 feet high and just as wide. It has an erect but rounded growth habit and is considered one of the hardiest of the many hybrids. Deutzias thrive from neglect but grow best in full sun and well-drained soil. If pruning is needed it should be done immediately after flowering in the spring because it flowers on previous season's wood.



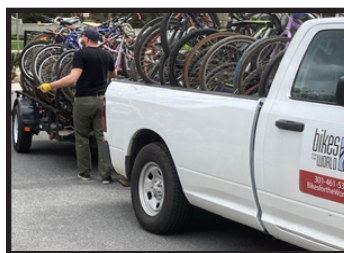
Courtesy, Village Parks & Greenspaces Committee

USED BIKE DRIVE A GREAT SUCCESS— VILLAGE KIDS LEAD THE WAY!

Last month, the Village Hall served as a collection site for used bikes to be donated to Bikes for the World, a non-profit organization that provides refurbished bikes to less fortunate communities.

The effort was spearheaded by Emily Lawson Amis, her three children, Jacqueline (10), Charlotte (9) and James (9), and their friend Henry Chew (9), who partnered with the Village's Environment and Energy Committee and our Director of Municipal Operations, Ellen Sands, for this wonderful service opportunity.

The two-day event was a great success, with 67 bikes being collected for donation.



AMAZON GROCERY STORE TO REPLACE FORMER GIANT AT THE COLLECTION

LAND CO. OFFICIALS UNABLE TO CONFIRM NEWS

Local news outlets are reporting that Amazon is indeed set to replace the former Giant grocery store in The Collection Chevy Chase. These outlets cite job ads posted by Amazon referencing a new store location in Chevy Chase Village. Village officials have been unable to confirm the news with the center's owner, The Chevy Chase Land Company, due to a non-disclosure agreement with the new leaseholder. Construction on the new grocery store continues.

Land Company officials state that the new store is slated to open in late summer 2021.

TAX FILING DEADLINES FOR 2021

The federal income tax filing due date for individuals for the 2020 tax year have been extended from April 15, 2021, to May 17, 2021. Visit www.irs.gov for formal guidance.

The Maryland General Assembly passed a bill providing that all individual, corporate, pass-through entity, and fiduciary income tax returns that otherwise would have been due on varying dates between January 1, 2021 and July 15, 2021, inclusive, are now due on or before July 15, 2021. The Maryland Comptroller is waiving interest and penalties for late payment of tax if income tax for tax year 2020 that otherwise would have been due on varying dates between January 1 and July 15, 2021, inclusive, is paid by July 15, 2021.

Details: https://www.marylandtaxes.gov/RELIEFAct/docs/TAX_ALERT_2021_EXTENSION_03-11-2021.pdf.

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED: APRIL 2021

- 5804 Connecticut Ave. - Enclose rear porch, window alter.
- 13 Grafton Street - 2-story rear addition, enclose side porch
- 5516 Cedar Parkway - In-kind replacement of 2 AC units
- 15 East Irving Street - Relocate two AC Units
- 37 W. Irving St. - At-grade landing, concrete slab for AC
- 17 Magnolia Parkway - Plantings in the public right-of-way
- 5628 Western Avenue - In-kind replacement of walkway
- 30 West Kirke Street - Plantings in the public right-of-way
- 37 West Irving Street - AC and heating units
- 37 West Irving Street - Single story addition
- 5613 Montgomery Street - Built in grill, new patios
- 5617 Grove Street - 6' high fencing and gates
- 3 East Lenox Street - 4' and 6' high fencing
- 102 Summerfield Road - In-kind replacement of 6' fence

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.

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

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.

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.

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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.

DO I NEED A PERMIT

Contact the Village office to confirm permit requirements prior to starting any renovation, building or landscape project. E-mail ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov or call (301) 654-7300.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Administrative office and Public Works Department will be **closed** on **Monday, May 31** in observance of Memorial Day. The Communications Center and Police Department remain staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR REFUSE AND RECYCLING

Week of Memorial Day: May 31-June 5, 2021

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