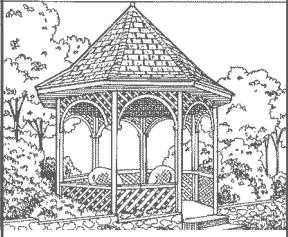


SECTION 3



Village of
CHEVY CHASE

News & Views

APRIL 2021

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

First Wednesday bulk trash curbside; Recycling

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

Rocklands Food Truck 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Gazebo Park
Council Meeting via Zoom @ 7:45 p.m.

Residents will be sent meeting ID and passcode via email.

Meeting is open to all. Interested members of the public are invited to contact the Village Manager for meeting link and password.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

New Orleans "Intersection Concerts" Section 3
4:00 to 7:00 p.m. (see story this page)

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

Last day for Section 3 residents who are not citizens or not yet registered voters with Montgomery County to notify the Village Manager as to their residence and request a ballot

APRIL 27 THRU MAY 11

Annual Election Ballot submitted to drop box at
3709 Shepherd Street, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

First Wednesday bulk trash, curbside; Recycling

TUESDAY, MAY 11

Annual Meeting via Zoom @ 8:00 p.m.

"INTERSECTION CONCERTS" PLANNED; LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL (SAFELY)!

Save Sunday, April 18 on your calendar for a new kind of COVID-19 entertainment—live music! Section 3 has hired two New Orleans-style brass bands to perform at various intersections on a late Sunday afternoon (4:00 to 7:00 p.m.). We're going to try a little "second line" entertainment - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_line_\(parades\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_line_(parades)). We hope you'll come to hear them play and join the fun. In order to cover the entire community, we hired two brass bands to limit the number of people (in masks please) at each stop.

Join us in supporting these hard-working musicians. More information will be forthcoming in emails to everyone. *Laissez les bon temps rouler!*

SHED PLACEMENT

For those who were curious what was happening on Raymond Street on March 30, here it is—an air-lift delivery of a shed! There were some hairy hours as the contractor worked to lift the shed over the house at 3808 Raymond Street to gently place it in the back yard. That is a really special delivery.



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COUNCIL ACTIONS

The Council met via Zoom on Wednesday, March 10. The meeting began around 7:50 p.m. with all Council members present. The minutes from the February Council meeting were approved.

CHARTER AMENDMENT

The Council voted to approve a Charter Amendment allowing the Council to hold elections during a statewide emergency according to an election plan approved at the same meeting (see website or March newsletter for details). This change was required on to allow us to avoid in person voting during the pandemic and enable the maximum number of voters to participate.

BUILDINGS & ROADS

The Buildings and Road Representative reported that five building permits were issued. The Slidell family of 3612 Spring Street received a permit for the stone retaining wall in their front yard; the Fuhers of 6808 Delaware Street were issued a permit to build a fence in their rear yard; the Weinstens of 3625 Raymond Street were issued a permit for an addition to their existing shed in the rear yard; and the Barry family of 6815 Fulton Street was issued a permit to install two sump pumps. Lastly, the Leggetts of 3719 Bradley Lane received a permit to build a driveway with a new apron and curb cut, for which they previously granted a village variance, together with the renovation of their existing driveway and a new patio in their rear yard.

The Council discussed at length changing the hours for dog visiting in the Gazebo Park and decided on hours from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. The Village Manager will have signs made to announce the new hours and remind people of our policies for dogs using the park.

The Council briefly discussed the Montgomery County Thrive 2050 plan and proposed ZTA 20-07, which would significantly alter single family zoning within a mile of the Red Line and other public transit lines. These proposals could affect anywhere from 16 to 30 homes within Section 3. We are participating in a coalition of potentially affected municipalities and homeowners associations to reach out to County Council members to share our concerns. Section 3 has signed on to several letters outlining our concerns along with 25 other jurisdictions and homeowners' groups.

ORDINANCES

The Council chair asked if anyone had any comments or questions about the proposed Section 3 Ordinance changes which

are on the website and which will be voted on at the April Council meeting. There was no further discussion.

FINANCE

Three firms were invited to bid on our required annual audit and the Council, on the advice of the Treasurer and the Village Manager, selected the Frederick and Rockville firm of LSWG. The firm audits for Glen Echo, Kensington and Martin's Additions.

The Council discussed the draft budget at length (see budget page and budget notes this issue). As part of the budget discussion, Treasurer Tom Carroll also described a nine-year analysis that he and the Village Manager have conducted, examining Section 3's income and expenses over that period. Carroll expressed the opinion that Section 3 is in a very strong financial position, with revenues growing and outpacing expenditures. At this time, Section 3 has retained earnings of over \$3 million (the amount is approximately \$5 million when the Capital Improvement Fund is included). The Council intends to conduct comparisons with other jurisdictions to determine whether the Section 3 amount is consistent with our neighbors. Further, the Council intends to conduct a risk assessment to gain a better understanding whether our future revenues and expenditures might be significantly altered, which will help the Council to assess whether the amount of retained earnings is appropriate. Chair Susan Manning also expressed the view that with a better understanding of our retained earnings, the Council should be able to conduct longer term planning to meet current and future needs while maintaining a strong financial position.

The Council agreed to hire a consultant to assist the Buildings and Road Representative by handling building permit review, and to hire civil engineers to address a series of stormwater issues facing our community.

GAS LEAF BLOWERS

The Council discussed the issue of gas leaf blowers (see story this issue).

OPEN MEETINGS ACT COMPLAINT AND FINDINGS

Council Chair Susan Manning discussed a recent decision by the Open Meetings Compliance Board. The day after the January Village Council meeting, a resident filed a formal complaint with the Board alleging a violation of the Open Meetings Act because the Village Manager had provided the Zoom meeting ID and password to Section 3 residents—but not non-residents—by email, and asserting that requiring a password prevented members of the public from attending. In response, the Council did two things. First, it was necessary to retain counsel to respond to the complaint, and the Council worked with our attorney to explain why the Council does



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Brendan Maguire, son of **Susan Milligan and Phil Maguire** of Delaware Street, graduates from Duke Law School this May. Congrats Brendan!

Welcome to **Tina Maynigo** who will be living with her cousin **Ronie Nieva** at 3801 Taylor Street.

A welcome to **Graham and Katie Van Hook** and their son **Jackson**, age 3 and daughter **Charley Anne**, 11 months. The family spent the last year in Jacksonville, Florida. Katie is a Senior Manager with Ernst & Young and Graham is the new Congressional liaison for the Secretary of the Navy.

It's college acceptance time. While some seniors are still waiting for those fat envelopes to pour in, we will compile all the good news then share in the May newsletter.

FOOD TRUCKS BRIGHTEN UP "HUMP DAY"

In March, we had a visit by the Schmaltz Brothers Food Truck for a little kosher food with a twist, followed by Hardy's BBQ and Pepe's Food Truck. The trucks were a welcome relief from the boredom of cooking at home all the time.

We hope to continue to attract good quality food trucks; if there's one you love, let us know! In April, we will have Rocklands Food Truck (our favorite barbecue caterer for the Welcome New Neighbors' Dinner). We will have Hardy's BBQ again in May and hopefully soon we'll have Crêpes Parfait for dinner fare.

B-CC HS EDUCATION FOUNDATION HOSTS A SERIES OF PATIO PARTIES

Weather and COVID-19 conditions permitting, the B-CC High School Educational Foundation will host "patio parties" on Friday, April 23 around the B-CC cluster in small, socially-distanced groups. The event will be held at 7:00 pm; tickets are \$25.

The evening's Zoom program will feature music by B-CC ensembles, reflections from students and teachers, and more.

RSVP: <http://bit.ly/BCCEFCelebration>

RUTS—RUTS NO MORE (WE HOPE)

Narrow streets and timid drivers who are fearful of hitting parked cars make for ruts...and those who live in homes that are subject to constant greenway mud suffer. This spring we have contracted with our landscape firm to tackle this issue at four different locations—three on Raymond Street, and one on Georgia Street. The greenway will be dug out, dirt compacted well over a foot down, 8" of gravel and then sand added, a heavy-duty honeycomb plastic grid laid on top and then on top of that, sod. We already have a similar system installed in one area of Raymond St. which sometimes gets flattened but never becomes a rut because the honeycomb plastic is strong enough to withstand a fire truck. We are hopeful that we can address the problem with this system and if it works well, we may apply it elsewhere in the community.

PEPCO TARIFF CASE & SECTION 3 LIGHTS

The good news is that Pepco plans to convert all streetlights in Maryland to efficient LED lighting. The bad news is that the multi-year rate case now before the Public Service Commission (PSC) that embraces these plans does not allow Section 3 to install the kind of lighting we desire. We have drafted a letter to the PSC outlining our concerns.

The proposals by Pepco only envision a 1 to 1 change to lighting. We have 51 lights and our new plan involves moving lighting from some poles to neighboring poles for better light distribution and it also involves the addition of another 15 lights where we have serious dark holes.

Pepco proposes that communities be required to purchase lights through the utility and that the cost of the new lights is to be absorbed in the rate increases. We want to purchase our own lights and to avoid paying a tariff that would include the cost of lights we had already purchased.

Pepco's proposed styles of lighting and the intensity are not in keeping with what we want in our community. So they are limiting our choices for our own community.

In addition to drafting this letter, we are hoping either to work with Pepco to get around these proposed restrictions or influence the Public Service Commission to deny Pepco's proposals so that we can once and for all solve the street lighting problems in our community.

COUNCIL ACTIONS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

not believe that a violation occurred. As explained in Section 3's response, no person was denied access to the January meeting, and had a non-resident requested the meeting information it would, of course, have been provided. We believe that the meeting notices published in the newsletter, on Section 3's website, and circulated via email constitute the reasonable notice required by the Act. In addition, we believe the Act does not prohibit requiring a both the meeting ID and a password, something the FBI has specifically recommended. Second, Section 3 immediately amended the language of its meeting notices to expressly state that the meetings are open to all and that the meeting ID and password for any meeting can be obtained by contacting the Village Manager.

On February 16, the Board concluded that there had been a technical violation of the statute, asserting that the email communications to residents implied that the meeting was open only to residents. However, the Board also "note[d] with approval" that Section 3 had already amended its procedures to specifically state that meeting login details were available to the public.

In addition to outlining the subject of the complaint and Board decision to those in attendance, Chair Susan Manning also noted her belief that the Board's decision is wrong, fails to account for the several ways Section 3 notifies the public of the monthly meeting, and ignores the ease with which a member of the public could obtain the login information. However, Manning also recommended to the Council that Section 3 not seek reconsideration of the

Board's decision. The Board's decision is advisory only, any purported problem was immediately addressed, and Section 3 already spent approximately \$2,000 in attorney's fees responding to the complaint. Manning recommended against devoting any additional Section 3 resources to the complaint, and the Council concurred. The complaint, Section 3's response, and the Board decision are available for review by contacting the Village Manager.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

STORM DRAIN MYSTERIES

To give us a better handle on specific stormwater problems throughout the community, we have opted to do some camera work—specifically on some of the "private drains" which flow into our Section 3 system.

Only the drains in our public right-of-way are maintained by the County and they provide those services only on request. So what about those private drains? Most of them were constructed in the late 1920s, we think by developers but perhaps by WSSC as almost all seem to tie into our public drainage system.

We have contracted with a firm recommended by WSSC to flush these drains and then videotape them. The firm hired to do the work will be submitting a report on this heretofore unknown part of our community's drainage system. Where are these drains?

The largest one runs from Raymond and Georgia Streets through front or back yards on the east side of Georgia Street and daylight on Shepherd Street where it connects with our storm drain system. There is a drain at the end of Florida Street and we are not certain if it connects to one on Fulton Street or if goes north to Thornapple Street.

There is a drain at Fulton Street at the dead-end at the border of Section 3 and Section 5 that flows into the storm drain under the greenway on Fulton St. but we are not certain where it heads to the west of Fulton St. or if it connects with the drain at the end of Florida Street.

There is a drain which runs from an inlet on Fulton into a "drainage reservation" which runs through backyards on Fulton and Georgia Streets and Brookville Road and culminates in a connection under Brookville Road and runs into a tributary of Rock Creek. Only part of that drainage reservation (which Section 3 maintains as it is not part of the residents' property on their deeds) is in the form of a drain pipe, the rest is above ground. We don't know where and how that drain terminates. Finally, there is a drain in the Gazebo Park which dumps water into the storm drain at the corner of Fulton and Shepherd Streets.

As soon as we have the results, we will report their condition and determine with our civil engineers if it has any impact positive or negative on our overall stormwater management problems.

VARIANCE REQUESTS

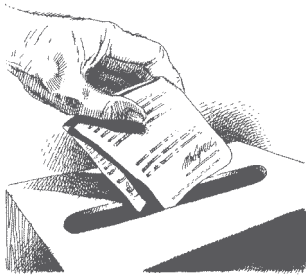
The **DeLaquil** family of 7104 Fulton Street is requesting two variances. The first is to build reconfigured steps to grade to accommodate a new portico and front stoop. The steps will intrude a maximum of 3'-0" into the 30' front yard setback. The second is to build a new roof over the existing garage in the front yard on Florida Street (which is being converted to conditioned living space) the eave of which will extend 12" into the existing 5' building setback.

The **Miller-Croghan** family of 3806 Raymond Street is requesting a variance to construct a patio of approximately 275 square feet which extends 20' into the 20' rear yard setback.

The **Dobbins** family of 3702 Raymond Street is requesting a variance to renovate the existing non-conforming garage in their rear yard (converting it to conditioned living space) and which will entail changes to the massing, wall heights and roofline of the existing structure which sits 5' from the side property line: 3' less than the required 8' minimum setback.

ELECTIONS APRIL 27 THROUGH MAY 11

Council elections for three seats currently held by Carolyn Greis, Larry Lanpher and Susan Manning will proceed beginning April 27. We will have ballots with instructions hand delivered to every household in Section 3. If adult children are at home and wish to vote, they need only contact the Village Manager for a ballot. Ballots can be filled out and returned to this year's volunteer



registrar, Judge **Bill Rowan** at 3709 Shepherd Street. There will be a locked box on his front porch from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily until 6:00 p.m. on Election Day, May 11. We are grateful to Judge Rowan for agreeing to keep the ballots and count them.

The three persons elected will serve a two-year term. For continuity, the other two Council member terms will be up next year. As always, Section 3 residents elect the five members of the Council, and the Council itself appoints its members to the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Buildings and Roads Representative. The results of the election will be announced at the May Annual Meeting.

Take a moment to read the statements of each of the four candidates. You may vote for up to three candidates, and please return your ballot to the drop box at 3709 Shepherd Street anytime from April 27 through May 11.

The Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 11 at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom. The residents will be sent meeting ID and passcode via email. The meeting is open to all. The interested members of the public are invited to contact the Village Manager for meeting link and password.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

CAROLYN GREIS

I have been both privileged and grateful to serve on the Village Council for close to seventeen years. Numerous things have certainly changed in that time, but some things, thankfully, have not - the most important of which is the truly special nature of this neighborhood we all call home and my profound appreciation of how this neighborhood has positively impacted and supported my family's life here. Section 3 is a remarkable place, and I would love to continue to represent the interests of my neighbors as we endeavor to keep it that way.

Many families have come and gone to Section 3 since I first ran for the Village Council, so for those who do not know my background, I myself moved to the neighborhood in 2001 as an architect working to design affordable housing for families, seniors and the homeless, and as a prior member of my neighborhood group back in Oakland, California. My strong commitment to service continued upon arrival here with involvement in the lay leadership of CCUMC and its Preschool, the PTAs of RHPS and CCES, the Chevy Chase Historical Society, CCRA and, of course, Section 3, for some time now as the Buildings and Roads Representative. My involvement in all these organizations reflected my desire to improve my surroundings: to both enhance the physical context and to foster a strong sense of community. This focus has not changed.

Serving on the Council has provided me with the opportunity to contribute to the decisions that shape our everyday lives. Our ability to govern ourselves to the degree that we do enables us to respond to the particularities of our immediate neighborhood. And our local problems are often solved in the spirit of neighborliness that is so tangible here. I believe our residents value the benefits that come from a local government where thoughtful and timely consideration of residents' ideas, questions and concerns is standard fare. Together we can confront common problems and realize common goals. Our response to the challenges of the pandemic is a good example of our council, our village manager and our residents coming together to address pressing needs. Mounting pressures are imminent on a large scale relating to zoning and housing development in Montgomery County, and on a smaller scale relating to infill development and stormwater management, and both have the potential to significantly impact us. Thoughtful deliberation, sound fiscal management, and a willingness to adapt to changing conditions will help us to manage our resources and find a balance amongst these forces.

My heartfelt feelings about living in this vibrant community haven't changed. I take seriously the responsibility to represent our residents and to contribute to that special quality of life here in Section 3. As a council, we will work to ensure that our governance is carefully considered to maximize the benefits for everyone, both as individuals and as a village as a whole. With your vote on Election Day, I can continue to see that responsibility through.

LARRY LANPHER

I am a Section 3 Council member, having joined in January 2021 to fill the seat previously held by Bill Brownlee. I have enjoyed serving and seek a two-year term.

Claudia and I have lived on Spring Street since January 2014, but we have known this area for 40 years, having lived in Bethesda (1980-1989) and Chevy Chase Village (1989-2013). Our son **Mark** has lived on Raymond Street since 2011.

In my period on the Council, I have learned much about the Council's work and challenges to maintain a community that is well managed and welcoming to persons young and old and of diverse backgrounds. I see a priority to maintain our strengths and to deal fairly with challenges. We must continue to invest in infrastructure, including improving lighting, addressing water issues, and maintaining our roads and greenways. Past Councils have built a Section 3 reserve that should allow us to invest prudently without raised assessments. We must also continue community activities, which have been limited due to COVID.

We cannot change our fundamental structure of narrow streets, many small lots, limited parking and high population density. In this context, we face issues, including whether to address a trend toward replacing modest homes with homes of ever larger footprints and less vegetative space, which may contribute storm water issues, and a push by some members of the County Council to allow multifamily housing in our densely-populated community. Residents differ on how to address these and other challenges. I look forward to careful consideration of differing views and to working toward solutions that foster our community in a balanced manner.

SUSAN MANNING

Serving as the Council Chair for the past year has been an honor and a pleasure. This year has been challenging for all of us, but I have found our community's dedication to helping each other in difficult times truly heartening. It has been great getting to talk to many of you about Section 3, and I love that our Zoom Council meetings have been attended by more people (far more people!) than ever before. Thanks to all of you for your ideas, your thoughtfulness, and your dedication to our community.

I see three key areas of focus over the next few years. First, as a community, I would like us to engage in a planning process that considers not just our goals for the next year or two, but what we want our community to be like in 10-20 years--and, importantly, how we get there. With careful planning and management, we can share in the benefits of Montgomery County's growth, while also finding the right balance that preserves our community's best qualities.

Second, the Council has begun a rigorous evaluation of our already strong finances. This will help us continue to manage Section 3's budget carefully and ensure that we have the resources—both now and in the future—to make smart investments in our infrastructure, streets, shared spaces, and services.

Third, we need to be thinking creatively about the best ways Section 3 can serve its residents. That includes looking at modernizing our ways of doing business, outsourcing certain services (as our neighboring communities already do), and bolstering communication.

Section 3 is a vibrant and welcoming community that I am lucky to call home. I would be honored to have your vote of support for another term on the Council.

BEN WEINSTEIN

For the last two years, I've seen what sets Section 3 apart: community. From the new neighbor welcome dinner at CCUMC to the dog park and new mother's group, this community is special and an incredible place to call home. In Section 3, neighbors quickly become close friends and the Council works to keep our community thriving. Despite the challenges of COVID-19, Section 3 and the Council have weathered this crisis well, adapting carefully and safely to continue activities central to our community like the farmers market. The Council's commitment to our community is steadfast and, if elected to the Council, I will not only continue this strong tradition of responsible service, but seek out new ways to engage with the community and proactively connect residents with the Council. Some of my ideas include a modern, interactive website to transparently process and track Section 3 permits, new and official email addresses for the Council to professionalize communications, using Section 3 grants to complement the County's "Rainscapes" program, or solar powered street lights to brighten our dark streets. I am committed to using data and common-sense policies to support the community and how we are using our homes and properties today. Thank you for your consideration and I hope I have the opportunity to represent our community on the Council. And if you would like to discuss the ideas I've set out above, please do not hesitate to contact me at: benusmma@gmail.com.

GAS LEAF BLOWERS

The Council has begun a discussion about the use of gas blowers and other similar equipment and asked the community to weigh in with their thoughts. It was noted that several neighboring communities have announced bans on gas blowers starting in 2022. We had an initial discussion on the topic at the March Council meeting. We received a limited number of letters from residents regarding their thoughts on the subject and the overwhelming feeling was that with so many persons working at home, the noise is distracting, annoying and to many people, unnecessary.

The Council had an extended discussion of the gas blower issue. Members of the Council do not favor an outright ban at this time but, rather, are considering a more limited time of day restriction. Thus, it is anticipated that at the April Council meeting, the Council will vote on a proposal to limit the use of gas blowers (and gas powered mowers and weed whackers) to 8-5 on weekdays and 9-5 on weekends. The Council will also discuss asking residents voluntarily to direct their yard service contractors to limit the use of gas blowers to times when they are really deemed necessary (when there are lots of leaves, for example) and not to use the machines for what seems to be mostly cosmetic purposes. If residents take those actions, we hope that the noise level will be much reduced and that slightly less manicured yards might be a good price to pay for noise reduction. We urge interested residents to let us know your thoughts on this.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS

You may have noticed red spray paint on the edges of a number of sidewalk panels throughout the community. These are to highlight tripping hazards so that our contractor, Precision Concrete, can grind down the edges and make walking in Section 3 less dangerous. This work will be done in April. At the same time, our curb painters expect to be out to refresh all the yellow curbing so that folks don't park in those spots, making it difficult or impossible for people to get out of their driveways as well.

The intersection of Raymond and Georgia Streets has been deteriorating for some time and we expect to have all the bricks removed and the area returned to asphalt with a twist—stamped asphalt walkways that will simulate a brick walkway—easier to install and to maintain. That intersection was meant to serve as a speed bump to deter motorists from gunning it to get to the light at Connecticut Avenue. We will replace that slow roll hill with a proper 12' wide flat-top speed bump a bit to the west of the intersection to slow motorists at a location where we often have a large gaggle of children under 10 years of age on both sides of the street.

Hopefully this will slow folks down and protect our children.

Maryland State Highway Administration has agreed to repave the walkway our children use to cross Raymond Street at Connecticut Avenue.

We have had a “walk-through” with our civil engineering firm, Clark/Azar & Associates, to evaluate the condition of our streets. The only street designated as in poor condition was the no-outlet block of Delaware Street, which we had put off doing the last go-round because there was a new house under construction. We will be putting out bids for the block to be milled down and repaved. As is often



the case with older roadways, we have no idea as to the condition of the foundation beneath the asphalt topping and will only know that after the milling process.

There are miscellaneous concrete repairs that we will also be addressing later this spring.

TAXES TAXES TAXES

MAY 17 IS THE NEW APRIL 15 AND STILL JUST AROUND THE CORNER. WHEN YOU FILE TAXES, DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE THE CODE 1614 FOR SECTION 3! IF YOU USE A TAX PREPARER, REMIND THEM TO DO THE SAME.

PROPOSED BUDGET NOTES

This year's proposed budget has a number of key priorities for the community:

1. Begin to resolve some of the long-standing stormwater problems within the community, both with the assistance of the State Highway Administration and on our own. (Budget category: Street Repairs)

2. Plant additional trees to improve the tree canopy in Section 3. (Budget category: Grass & Trees)

3. Get new streetlights for Section 3 at best; at worst, get the ball rolling for new streetlights as much depends on PEPCO's cooperation. (Budget Category: Capital Improvement Fund)

4. Expand the number of professionals we hire to assist us in our operations, including making real all of the above priorities, and in particular retain a building permits reviewer and a civil engineering firm to assist with both road/sidewalk repair estimates and stormwater solutions. (Budget Categories: Consultant Services, Engineering Consultant fees)

5. Continue to build the special sense of community we have in Section 3 by re-instituting some of our social activities if COVID-19 permits and, if not, to expand new ways to bring people together with minimal risk. (Budget Categories: Community Promotion, Newsletter, Party-in-the-Park)

THE CHART

The figures on the chart opposite provide actual income and expenses going back to FY 18-19, our year-to-date income and expenses, our current (FY 20-21) budget, and the proposed budget for next year. You will note that several budget categories had no expenditures due to the pandemic. Several of those categories are expected to have some drawdowns before the end of the fiscal year, specifically street signs and street repairs and consultant and engineering consultant services. Sadly, there was no Party-in-the-Park this year, but we are budgeting for it for next September in hopes the pandemic will have sufficiently receded for us to do so safely.

Here are some specific highlights of the draft budget:

NOTES ON INCOME (AS OF 3/26/21)

Our largest budget item and major source of income are income tax revenues. The impact of COVID-19 on our residents' incomes, is unclear but based on income revenues this year and what the state has forecast for next year, we feel comfortable anticipating income of \$600,000. On interest from CDs, the bulk of our investments roll over in the first few months of this year. Banks are giving very low returns on investments across the board, so we are assuming a large drop in investment income.

The American Rescue Act has earmarked set figures for state governments and municipalities across the country. We have been

told to expect about \$331,000 this fiscal year, although that may be adjusted. The funds must be used by the end of 2024. The Act limits the kinds of activities for which municipalities can use these funds, including certain types of water, sewer and broadband infrastructure and, potentially, small business assistance. Detailed guidance has not yet been issued. We are working with the Maryland Municipal League, the National League of Cities, and our colleagues in neighboring jurisdictions to obtain clarification of how these funds may be used. Given the uncertainties, we note the American Rescue Act funds in the accompanying chart but have not included them as actual budgeted revenue.

NOTES ON EXPENSES (AS OF 3/26/21)

We would like to hire additional professionals to assist us in the new fiscal year:

1. Section 3 intends to retain a building permits reviewer similar to the position held by consultants to Martin's Additions, Section 5 and Chevy Chase View. The work of the volunteer Buildings and Roads Representative is (and has been for many years) extremely time-intensive, and the Council has expressed strong support for this new position. (Budget Category: Consultant Services) We hope to have a revised building permit process underway in the next several months and will provide notice to our residents when we have done so. Variance requests will continue to be handled in the current manner, calling for Council action on such requests.

2. As we are embarking on a number of stormwater mitigation plans and we may have some road work to do in the coming year, we will hire a civil engineering firm with expertise in both areas. (Budget Category: Engineering and Consultant fees)

We are evaluating what is necessary to mitigate the stormwater issues in Section 3, including the "Lake Bradley" water problems at Brookville Road and Bradley Lane. We have therefore budgeted \$100,000 under street repairs with the understanding that if these projects cost more, we will dip into the Capital Improvement Fund which has adequate funds for both streetlights and construction. (Budget Category: Street Repairs)

County Landfill Charges are normally included in everyone's property tax bill, but they are not a tax. The Council has for many years paid the fee for resident property owners. The charge is decided by the County Council after we have approved our budget. It fluctuates but it amounts to \$31 or \$32 per household.

The budget includes funds for our contractual obligation to our landscape contractor, tree trimming and tree removals, a tree planting program for homeowners for next fall, and greenway repairs. (Budget Category: Grass and Trees)

Payroll and Taxes includes the Village Manager's salary and the pay for our two police patrols.

CHEVY CHASE SECTION 3 BUDGET

	Actual FY 18-19	Actual FY 19-20	YTD FY 20-21*	Budget FY 20-21	Proposed budget FY 21-22
INCOME					
Tax revenue	\$652,962.29	\$824,225.91	\$529,651.52	\$580,658.00	\$721,500.00
County Tax Duplication	\$31,513.00	\$31,513.00	\$31,513.00	\$31,513.00	\$35,000.00
Income Taxes	\$544,218.05	\$712,231.06	\$432,635.53	\$465,000.00	\$600,000.00
Personal, Util/Corp. taxes	\$492.21	\$666.55	\$14.68	\$0.00	\$500.00
Real Property Taxes	\$54,225.83	\$53,497.38	\$53,037.78	\$54,545.00	\$58,000.00
State Highway Tax revenue	\$22,513.20	\$26,317.92	\$12,450.53	\$29,600.00	\$28,000.00
Interest	\$42,850.72	\$53,593.34	\$23,690.97	\$30,000.00	\$15,000.00
CD Interest Income	\$42,721.77	\$53,497.43	\$23,602.38	\$30,000.00	\$15,000.00
Interest from taxes	\$128.95	\$95.91	\$88.59	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other income	\$16,911.12	\$17,671.03	\$14,988.27	\$16,850.00	\$16,800.00
Building Permits	\$6,050.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,800.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Cable TV franchise fees	\$10,706.46	\$10,015.03	\$11,532.27	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
CCUMC Trash Collection		\$1,656.00	\$1,656.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Parking fine revenues	\$108.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Misc. revenue	\$45.91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$712,724.13	\$895,490.28	\$568,330.76	\$627,508.00	\$753,300.00
American Rescue Act					**\$331,222.00
EXPENSES					
Community—Direct Services & Infrastructure	\$179,621.51	\$198,245.00	\$123,021.04	\$310,400.00	\$295,400.00
Compost collection	\$0.00	\$1,512.00	\$9,136.00	\$13,000.00	\$15,000.00
County Landfill Charges	\$6,548.12	\$5,242.00	\$7,922.26	\$6,000.00	\$8,000.00
Grass & Trees	\$48,796.47	\$60,557.00	\$36,849.26	\$70,000.00	\$56,000.00
Recycling (leaf bags, bins)	\$2,178.58	\$15,227.00	\$2,464.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00
Snow Removal	\$11,129.00	\$720.00	\$10,136.50	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Street Lighting	\$6,226.70	\$6,059.00	\$4,177.45	\$8,000.00	\$7,000.00
Street Repairs	\$25,306.19	\$17,844.00	\$125.76	\$98,000.00	\$100,000.00
Street Signs, curb painting	\$1,238.00	\$6,134.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$5,000.00
Waste Collection	\$77,762.00	\$84,292.00	\$51,872.00	\$84,000.00	\$80,000.00
Water	\$436.45	\$658.00	\$337.81	\$600.00	\$600.00
Community—Events	\$49,130.66	\$43,526.00	\$17,333.05	\$51,000.00	\$54,000.00
Community Promotion	\$24,561.70	\$22,485.00	\$11,174.05	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Party-in-the-Park	\$15,491.79	\$13,888.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00
Newsletter	\$9,077.17	\$7,153.00	\$6,159.00	\$8,000.00	\$11,000.00
Fees & Third Party Services	\$40,067.09	\$24,776.00	\$19,699.57	\$41,200.00	\$95,800.00
Accounting Fees	\$9,506.25	\$8,911.00	\$8,926.00	\$10,000.00	\$8,600.00
Bank Service Charges	\$133.96	\$303.00	\$89.13	\$200.00	\$200.00
Consultant Services	\$1,391.98	\$769.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00
Engineering Consultant Fees	\$16,957.50	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$15,000.00	\$50,000.00
Legal Counsel Fees	\$6,883.40	\$9,298.00	\$9,745.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Telephone & Website charges	\$5,194.00	\$5,495.00	\$639.44	\$4,000.00	\$5,000.00
Office & Governance	\$128,023.01	\$135,702.68	\$105,527.69	\$147,000.00	\$151,600.00
Dues and Council Dinner	\$4,317.80	\$3,621.00	\$3,576.31	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Equipment	\$515.54	\$14.99	\$855.50	\$800.00	\$800.00
Insurance	\$7,347.07	\$7,665.00	\$4,183.97	\$8,000.00	\$7,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$330.62	\$514.00	\$587.79	\$600.00	\$800.00
Office Supplies	\$308.38	\$111.69	\$290.14	\$800.00	\$500.00
Payroll & Taxes	\$109,558.76	\$116,238.00	\$90,404.47	\$123,500.00	\$128,700.00
Postage & Delivery	\$3,000.84	\$3,665.00	\$2,263.51	\$3,500.00	\$4,000.00
Storage Unit Rental	\$2,644.00	\$3,873.00	\$3,366.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00
Other		\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Donations			***\$30,000.00	\$0.00	
Total Expenses	\$396,842.27	\$402,249.68	\$295,581.35	\$549,600.00	\$596,800.00
Capital Improvement Fund		\$200,000.00		\$1,300,000.00	

* as of 3/26/21

** Potential income see notes

*** approved but not yet expended

Our fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. * as of March 26, 2021

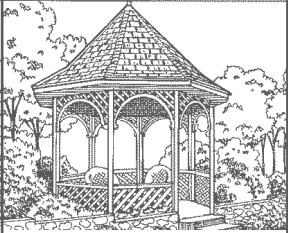


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NEW DIRECTORY IN THE WORKS

We have had at least a dozen new babies since COVID-19 and lots of new neighbors. We want long-time residents to communicate with them and for everyone to get to know new their neighbors as we gradually emerge from our pandemic cocoons. So please, take a look at the listing in the book and let us know if your email or phone number has changed, or you'd like to share your cell phone numbers. We want to hear from you!