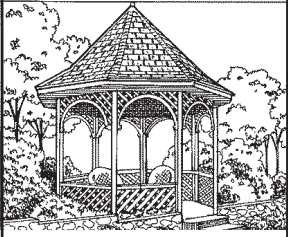


SECTION 3



Village of
CHEVY CHASE

News & Views

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Easter Egg Hunt

11:45 a.m. Gazebo Park (see story right)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

Bulk Trash & Three-cycling, curbside

WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 12, 19, 26

Recycling & compost, curbside

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

Council Meeting 7:45 p.m.

Hybrid in-person CCUMC Library/Zoom

Agenda, meeting ID and passcode will be sent via email to residents. Interested members of the public can contact the Village Manager to obtain the ID and password.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

Section 3 Spring Fun Day

Gazebo Park, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

(rain date April 23, same time, same place)

TUESDAY, APRIL 25—MAY 9

Annual Election ballot drop box available

9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., 3709 Shepherd Street

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

Bulk Trash, Three cycling, curbside

TUESDAY, MAY 9

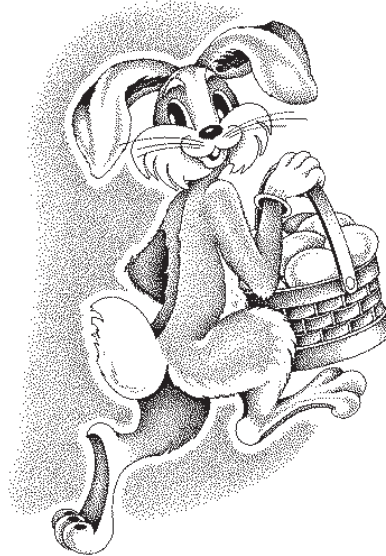
Annual Meeting

CCUMC Library, 8:00 p.m. Hybrid Zoom & in Person

See April 12 for getting meeting ID and passcode

** In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and our desire to have our meetings open to everyone in our community, Council meetings are held at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church which has handicapped elevator access via the parking lot entrance. We are grateful to the Church for their generosity in allowing us to use their facility each month.*

PLEASE NOTE ALL NEW COUNCIL MEMBER AND STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES



EASTER EGG HUNT, SUNDAY, APRIL 2

The Easter Bunny is coming to Section 3 on Sunday, April 2. He's going to 'hide' eggs in the Gazebo Park for children 6-and-under to find! So come on Sunday at 11:45 a.m. sharp. It's a low-key but very exciting event. Plan on bringing a basket for each child participating (10 eggs per child, please). We open the park first for the youngest children to give them a head start and then let in their

older siblings. Section 3 grandparents are invited to bring grandchildren to participate, too. Bring your cameras to grab a photo with the Easter Bunny!

We always have older-than-6 kids do the hiding, so if you have a little one and a child older than 6 who wishes to help with the hiding, let the Village Manager know so we can gather earlier to do the hiding.

For parents new to the neighborhood, no real eggs are involved. Only plastic eggs stuffed with surprise tiny toys and candy (no peanuts). So, watch the very little ones who like to put things in their mouths. It's lots of fun and over in a flash.

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COUNCIL ACTIONS

The Council met on Wednesday, March 8, 2023. Council members Carolyn Greis and Tom Carroll were unable to attend due to other commitments. The meeting began at 8:50 p.m.

The Council voted to approve the minutes of the February meeting as they appeared in the March newsletter.

BUILDINGS & ROADS

The Village Manager reported on a meeting regarding the Corso Chevy Chase development held with Vice Chair Larry Lanpher, herself, the Mayor of the Town of Chevy Chase Barney Rush, Town of Chevy Chase Council members Irene Lane and Todd Hoffman, and the Town of Chevy Chase Village Manager. The Village Manager reported that we were in agreement that a traffic study to be executed by the developer should be done as soon as possible, before the preliminary plans were submitted, and that a parking study also should be done well in advance. Section 3 representatives reiterated our desire to be included in the discussions of any proposed traffic solutions. We shared with the Town representatives the creative solutions developed following our discussions with State Highway officials.

The Village Manager also advised that she would present some of Section 3's concerns at the Planning Board hearing on March 9.

The Village Manager reported that the WSSC waterline replacement program continues, but they will be working in Section 5 for much of March. After consulting with our civil engineers, we have provided WSSC with a set of specifications for doing permanent road patches wherever they have dug a trench. Instead of requiring a concrete base on the streets with a concrete foundation, we have agreed to a technique and specs that will not take as long to execute, thereby limiting the time residents are inconvenienced. Every street with a new waterline installed (except the Georgia Street no-outlet block) will



have a permanent patch installed, after which another WSSC contractor will mill and mill down and re-pave the entire width of the street, not just the area where the waterline was installed.

The Council re-ratified the 2015 abandonment and quit claim deed for a small triangle of land at 3615 Taylor Street near the corner of Fulton and Taylor Streets. The re-ratification was necessary because the quit claim deed had not been recorded in 2015 when the Council originally took action.

The Council agreed to installing a new fence around the Gazebo Park.

FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

To move our funds into safe but higher interest-bearing accounts approved by the State, the Council moved to join and set up an account with the Maryland Local Government Investment Pool, which was paying over 4 percent for its municipal investors.

The Village Manager made the point that while we have an elaborate plan for confronting any emergency at the County level to which we are a party, we do not have a Section 3 plan for communications and continuity in case of an emergency. The Council agreed to have her research plans appropriate for a community of our size and provide a summary for their review.

The Council discussed the FY23-24 budget (see story this issue).

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

The Farmers Market ends for the spring planting season on March 11 and will be back with us starting May 6.

The Village Manager announced that the Spring Fun Day is slated for April 16 at Gazebo Park with activities for families with children and a dessert truck for all residents from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Dan Warren of Delaware Street has been designing and building a new little library for children, which will be mounted on the inside of the Gazebo Park fence once the new fencing is installed. The idea to have a children's little library was suggested at a Council meeting by Carolyn Wilson of Taylor Street.

The Village Manager hopes to hold a Covid Mom's meet up on an April Saturday.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

TAXES TAXES TAXES

APRIL 18 IS 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.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

A belated congrats to the **Heidenberger** family of 3812 Raymond Street on the birth of their third child, **Jake**, born in December 2022 to Mom **Christine** and Dad **Thomas**. Jake weighed in at 8 pounds, 11 ounces and 21. A big boy at birth! Jake joins sisters **Natalie** (age 5 1/2) and **Colette** (age 3).

‘EVERYBODY’S IRISH’ A BIG HIT!

There was a ‘wee bit of the ‘damp’ but no rain on Friday, March 17. Our annual Everybody’s Irish event drew a large crowd and in just two hours, the adults managed to polish off five cases of



beer and six bottles of rose as well as lots of food!

So nice to catch up with friends and celebrate a good excuse for a party!



RAINSCAPES TALK APRIL 19

Chevy Chase Village’s Environment & Energy Committee has invited Section 3 residents to celebrate Earth Week with a presentation on RainScapes gardening in the Chevy Chase Village Hall at 7:30 p.m. on April 19. Light refreshments will be provided.

“How to design a beautiful space that captures stormwater and creates a haven for nature year round,” presented by Ann English, RainScapes Program Manager at Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection.

The RainScapes Program promotes the use of innovative techniques which soak up or store rainwater, reduce runoff, and keep pollutants from entering our streams. Many RainScapes are planted and are attractive gardens.

RainScapes also provide community benefits in addition to the many individual property owners’ benefits. They beautify neighborhoods, reduce local flooding and increase desirable wildlife habitat, which can increase property values. If you’re interested in learning more about this program, please visit the RainScapes website:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/water/rainscapes/>

SECTION 3 ELECTIONS APRIL 25 THROUGH MAY 9

The Section 3 Council is made up of five members whose terms rotate for continuity’s sake. Each member serves a two-year term. After the election, the Council selects who will hold which position on the body.

This year, three members terms expire: **Susan Manning, Larry Lanpher and Carolyn Greis**. Ms. Greis, after 18 years of service on the Council as Buildings and Roads Representative, has decided not to seek reelection. In response to a call for nominations, three Section 3 residents have thrown their hats in the ring, two incumbents and another long-time resident.



All Section 3 residents will receive ballots. 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 our volunteer registrar, **Judge Bill Rowan** at 3709 Shepherd Street. There will be a locked ballot

box on his front porch from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily from April 25 until Election Day, May 9. We are grateful to Judge Rowan for keeping the ballots and counting them. The results will be announced at the May Annual Meeting which will be held in person and via Zoom on Tuesday, May 9 at 8:00 p.m. The meeting is open to all.



CANDIDATE STATEMENTS **LARRY LANPHER**

I am seeking a second Council term because I think Section 3 is a wonderful place to live and I want to continue the Council's efforts to protect and improve it. My wife Claudia and I have been Section 3 residents since 2014. We have lived in the Chevy Chase area for the last 40 plus years. I am a retired lawyer. Our son Mark and his family live on Raymond Street. You may see me walking their dog, Ethel. Our granddaughters are regulars at Tiny Dog Tuesday.

I have no agenda, but I have areas of particular interest:

The Corso Chevy Chase development is a priority. I have been heavily involved in Council efforts and we are making a difference to protect Section 3's interests and concerns, especially regarding building setbacks on Connecticut Avenue and on avoiding a traffic nightmare, including cut-through traffic on Taylor Street.

I support the storm drain improvement in the works.

Better lights. This is a battle with Pepco. Outcome is still not clear but I hope we will have real choices for good LED lights before too long.

Section 3 is financially healthy. Even with projected investments in storm sewers and lights, we will have a significant "rainy day fund" for needs in the community. At our last Council meeting, we began exploring ideas for beneficial enhancements for our community such as landscaping in the greenways, additional rolling recycling bins, bigger trees in our tree planting program, etc. I encourage you to let us know your ideas.

That's it. I am 77 years old. That puts me older than other Council members. I think some age diversity is good but that is for residents to decide.

SUSAN MANNING

Serving as Council Chair for the past three years has been an honor and a pleasure. When I last ran for Village Council, we were still in the throes of quarantine lockdown, with no community events and few in-person interactions. It has been such a joy to see the community reinvigorated, and to welcome our many new residents. Thanks to all of you for your ideas, your thoughtfulness, and your dedication to our community!

I see four areas of focus over the next year. First, we must 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, services and community building activities.

Second, the Council should focus on important infrastructure investments. This includes the storm drain installation that will begin on Raymond Street this spring. And we will continue to work to resolve a number of outstanding issues so that we can replace our streetlights.

Third, we need to continue to be deeply engaged with the county planning process—both for the nearby Corso Chevy Chase development and as the County's Thrive 2050 plan is implemented. With careful management, we can share in the benefits of Montgomery County's growth, while also finding the right balance that strengthens our community's best qualities.

Fourth, the Council and Village Manager are working on modernizing our ways of doing business. In the last year, we have outsourced certain services and bolstered staff resources. We need to continue to evolve our business practices to ensure continuity of operations and a high level of service.

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.

KATEY VALE

We moved to Chevy Chase Section 3 as newlyweds nearly nine years ago and have doubled the size of our household since then with our now six- and three-year-olds.

From the canvas tote bag and bottle of wine that greeted us at our doorstep when we arrived, to parents at the corner together in the afternoon making sure every kid getting off the bus has someone to walk them home, this isn't just a neighborhood – it's a community.

Even when going through a pandemic - or a building permit that required a variance - neighbors, council members, and everyone we saw while walking the dog lent a hand and advice to make sure we came out on the other side.

And that is why I decided to run for council so I could contribute more to the community that has been so welcoming to us.

My professional career has been focused on education policy and working with children and families including at the Colorado legislature, Library of Congress, Sidwell Friends, and St. Albans.

I previously volunteered with Chevy Chase at Home, am currently very active in the PTA at Rosemary Hills and recently began helping with welcoming new families to Section Three.

I would really appreciate the opportunity to do more to give back to the community that has meant so much to our family and I'm asking for your vote to serve on the council.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY OFFERING INTERESTING CLASSES THIS MONTH

BASIC PHYSICAL DEFENSE (BPD) COURSE FOR WOMEN

A six-session, 12-hour Basic Physical Defense self-defense course taught by R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense system) certified instructors will be offered by the Montgomery County Commission for Women at the Nancy H. Dacek North Potomac Community Recreation Center in Rockville. The first of the six two-hour sessions will be Thursday, April 13. Open to women of all abilities, the course is \$60 per person.

The course will address risk reduction strategies, realistic hands-on self-defense skills practical for women of all abilities and an optional simulation where participants may suit up in protective gear and practice their skills live, in a safe training environment. A reference manual and a lifetime free return and practice policy are included for all students who finish.

The Thursday dates of the sessions are April 13 (mandatory), April 20, April 27, May 4, May 11 and May 18. Participants should make every reasonable effort to attend all classes to get the most out of the course.

For additional information and to register for the Basic Physical Defense Course, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rad-for-women-basic-physical-defense-6-week-course-tickets-538061896617>.

For more information on the R.A.D. Systems of self-defense, visit rad-systems.com/.

For more information about the Commission for Women, visit montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw, call (301) 740-5108 or mail cfwinfo@montgomerycountymd.gov.

SPRING BREAK ANIMATION WORKSHOPS FOR TWEENS AND TEENS

Montgomery County Public Libraries will offer several free animation workshops geared toward ages 10-15 during the week of April 3-7, which will be spring break for Montgomery County Public Schools. The workshops will be facilitated by cartoonist, illustrator and animator Leila Cabib.

Registration is required to attend each workshop. Art supplies for use during the workshops will be provided to attendees.

Monday, April 3. 2-3 p.m.

Gaithersburg Library, 18330 Montgomery Village Ave., Register at <https://mcpl.libnet.info/event/8236305>.

Tuesday, April 4. 2-3 p.m.

Aspen Hill Library, 4407 Aspen Hill Rd., Rockville.

Register at <https://mcpl.libnet.info/event/8170795>.

Wednesday, April 5. 11 a.m.-noon.

Twinbrook Library, 202 Meadow Hall Drive, Rockville.

Register at <https://mcpl.libnet.info/event/8151633>.

Thursday, April 6. 2-3 p.m.

Rockville Memorial Library, 21 Maryland Ave., Rockville.

Register at <https://mcpl.libnet.info/event/8153026>.

Friday, April 7. 2-3 p.m.

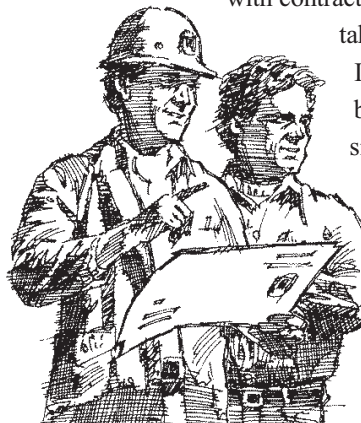
Davis Library, 6400 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda. Register at <https://mcpl.libnet.info/event/8151610>.

The workshops are funded in part by an Arts in Education Grant from the Maryland State Arts Council.

For more information contact Clotilde Puértolas at Clotilde.puertolas@montgomerycountymd.gov.

PLANNING ON AN ADDITION? A DECK? A PATIO? A SUMP PUMP?

Spring is traditionally a time when many streets are filled with contractors' trucks as people undertake home improvements.

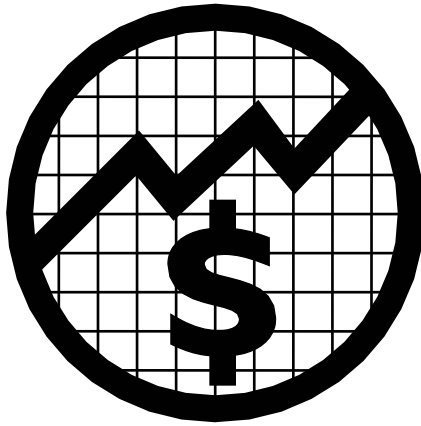


Initial planning efforts should begin with a visit to our website to read the ordinances addressing building permits. Don't hesitate to contact Gabriel Nathaniel, our Permit Services Coordinator. We have very clear rules regarding setbacks. Variance requests are reviewed on a case by

case basis, and they are only granted if there are extraordinary or unique characteristics of your lot, or there is an undue hardship. Before you can apply for a Montgomery County permit, you must request a letter of acknowledgement from Section 3. This gives us a chance to initially review your proposed plans and advise you if they would require a variance, which may or may not be granted upon review. Rather than wait until the last moment, ask us up front about your plans before spending a lot of time and money on them.

PROPOSED FY23-24 BUDGET

The Council agreed on several key priorities for FY 23-24 that are reflected in the budget (opposite):



1. Execute the storm drain improvements on Raymond Street and the Georgia Street extension. This project will draw on our Capital Improvement Fund with an estimated cost of \$1.3 million.
2. Install all new street lights, either by purchase or through Pepco. Our second round of demonstration lights are due to be installed in May. If Section 3 purchases and installs its own lights, the cost will be approximately \$580,000.
3. Continue our program to offer residents larger free shade trees to improve our tree canopy.
4. Continue to plant street trees and improve our greenways.
5. Order additional tall rolling recycling carts for every household that wants one.
6. Continue to encourage residents to compost their household waste through the program we offer.

Section 3's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. The Council met to review next year's draft budget which will be voted on at the May Annual Meeting. At the March meeting, they agreed to boost several categories in the draft to bring more benefits to our residents.

On the income side, Council Chair Susan Manning made it clear that the tax revenues that constitute the vast majority of our annual revenue are set by the State and County. The proposed budget maintains the property tax at two cents per \$100 assessed valuation, the same number it has been for many years and one of the lowest among our neighboring jurisdictions. Part of the funds from that income category go to pay the County landfill charge for our residents, which was \$41.15 per household this year.

Section 3 has invested part of its reserves in higher paying Treasury bills and notes as part of our updated investment strategy, which means that interest will only come to our coffers when the note matures. Currently, Section 3 has three different treasury bills maturing at different times in 2023 and 2024. On maturity, they will be reinvested at hopefully higher rates.

Finally, this past year we received a second American Rescue Plan Act payment of \$155,869, for a total of approximately \$312,000 received over two years. These Covid-19 economic relief funds will be used for stormwater management. Because these were one-time grants, our projected FY 23-24 income will be somewhat lower.

On the expense side, we have increased the **Grass & Trees** budget which covers our landscape contractor, tree trimming for public safety and care for our street trees, the tree planting program, and continued street tree planting and maintenance. The **Recycling** budget has been increased to accommodate a new order for tall rolling bins for residents who want them. Due to inflation and increased fuel costs in our new service provider contract, the **Waste Collection** budget is \$132,000. **Consultant Services** covers the fees we pay for our Permitting Services Coordinator. Because Carolyn Greis is leaving the Council after 18 years of service, we will rely more heavily on the Permitting Services Coordinator in the next year, as he will be asked to review variances as well as coordinate with a new Buildings and Roads Representative. The line item has been enlarged to cover the possibility of hiring a traffic consultant if we find the developer's mandated traffic study inadequate. We may also need additional consultant assistance with our street lighting. **Engineering Services** is enlarged to have our civil engineers on hand to supervise and work with our contractors, D & F Construction. **Payroll and taxes** pertains to the Village Manager, her part-time assistant, and our police patrols.

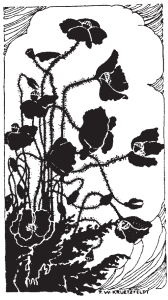
Finally, we are increasing our **Capital Improvement Fund** to \$1.8 million to cover the Raymond Street Storm Drainage project and its Georgia Street to Bradley/Brookville extension as well as finally fulfilling the Street Light project. These funds will be drawn from reserves and will still leave Section 3 with more than \$4 million in assets.

If residents have questions about any item, they are encouraged to query members of the Council or the Village Manager before the April Council meeting or at the April Council meeting.

CHEVY CHASE SECTION 3 BUDGET

	Actual FY 20-21	Actual FY 21-22	YTD FY 22-23*	Budget FY 22-23	Proposed budget FY 23-24
INCOME					
Tax Income					
Income Tax Revenue	673,164	695,283	610,293	650,000	675,000
County Tax Duplication	31,513	60,899	55,648	55,648	58,500
Personal, Utilities, Corp Tax	576	604	996	500	500
Real Property Tax Revenue	58,744	62,867	64,505	62,674	65,500
State Highway Tax Revenue	29,785	23,870	16,975	30,021	37,300
Interest from Taxes	214	143	50	0	100
Interest from Investments	31,575	13,640	13,201	30,000	30,000
Fees & Other Income					
Building Permits	5,100	8,000	3,725	5,000	5,500
Cable TV Franchise Fees	10,358	10,189	6,952	10,000	10,000
CCUMC Trash Collection	3,312	0	4,942	1,800	3,800
Parking Fines	0	0	0	0	0
ARPA Funds (restricted use)			155,869	155,869	0
Total Income	844,341	875,496	933,155	1,001,511	886,200
EXPENSES					
Community - Direct Services & Infrastructure					
Boundary Survey Grant	0	0	0	10,000	10,000
Compost Collection Charges	12,208	9,888	7,488	16,000	16,000
County Landfill Charges	7,922	7,632	10,658	9,500	11,000
Grass & Trees	47,331	61,364	23,892	60,000	65,000
Recycling	2,720	3,010	2,962	4,500	25,000
Snow Removal	10,137	9,957	0	20,000	20,000
Street Lighting	6,469	6,437	2,572	7,500	7,000
Street Repairs	66,492	6,410	0	25,000	25,000
Street signs, curb painting	5,581	6,463	1,035	6,500	8,000
Waste Collection	64,840	87,720	95,999	155,000	132,000
Water	422	887	122	700	800
Community & Events					
Community Promotion	25,220	26,684	9,485	26,000	26,000
Party-in-the-Park	0	12,405	14,409	18,000	16,000
Newsletter	9,781	13,802	4,414	11,000	10,000
Fees & Third-Party Services					
Accounting Fees	8,926	8,000	8,200	9,000	9,000
Bank Service Charge	97	330	102	400	400
Consultant Svcs	0	0	6,555	40,000	25,000
Engineering Svcs	6,512	52,919	9,991	100,000	100,000
Legal Counsel	12,660	6,851	7,192	12,000	13,000
Telephone & Website Charges	836	2,986	2,179	7,000	5,000
Admin & Governance					
Donations	30,041	0	186	0	0
Dues & Conventions	3,576	3,476	3,560	5,000	5,000
Equipment	2,347	1,840	1,386	6,000	6,000
Insurance	5,840	6,389	4,562	12,000	10,000
Miscellaneous	227	0	479	3,500	2,000
Office Supplies	557	388	783	1,000	2,000
Payroll & Taxes	121,419	125,009	97,731	170,000	160,000
Postage & Delivery	2,281	2,248	2,079	5,000	5,000
Storage Unit Rental	4,114	4,114	2,618	5,000	4,800
Total Operating Expenses	458,557	467,208	320,638	745,600	719,000
Capital Investment & Other Expenses					
Stormwater Mgmt. (ARPA (restricted use))			0	311,738	311,738
Stormwater Mgmt. (Cap. Improvement)			0	438,262	988,262
Street Lights (Cap. Improvement)			0	600,000	580,000
Total Capital Investment Expenses	0	0	0	1,350,000	1,880,000

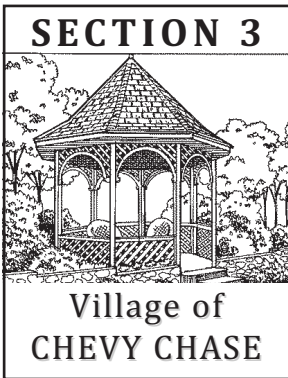
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**SECTION 3 IS LOOKING
GLORIOUS THIS SPRING...**

Send us your favorite photo of spring in Section 3 by the third week in April and we'll run a short selection to share with everyone in May. Doesn't have to be your home—it might be a scene you appreciate on a walk with your dog or a flowering tree that catches your eye. Let's celebrate spring together!