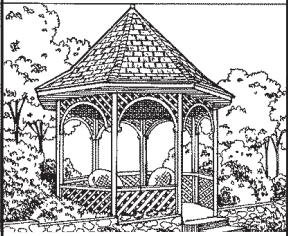


SECTION 3



Village of
CHEVY CHASE

News & Views

FEBRUARY 2021

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Recycling, Curbside

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

S'mores Night 6:30 pm
Firepits in front yards

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Council Meeting via Zoom @ 7:45 p.m.
Residents will be notified as to meeting ID and pass-code via email. Interested members of the public can contact the Village Manager for the link.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Drive-in Movie Night at La Ferme Restaurant
Parking Lot, Movie for families with children
6:00 p.m. weather permitting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

Recycling and 1st Bulk Trash of 2021, Curbside

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

Council Meeting via Zoom 7:45 p.m.
Residents will be notified as to meeting ID and pass-code via email. Interested members of the public can contact the Village Manager for the link.

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FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT AT LA FERME PARKING LOT

Mark Friday, February 19 on your calendars if you want to take your family to a drive-in right in your neighborhood. La Ferme's owner, Alain Roussel, has graciously agreed to allow us to use his parking lot for a movie night for families with little ones. Weather permitting, the event will start at 6:00 p.m. and last for about 90 minutes. Trolls World Tour: Dance Party Edition is the entertainment for the evening—a promise of no nightmares and lots of kid fun. To accompany the movie, La Ferme will serve up hot pommes frites (French fries) compliments of Section 3 for each car attending the event.

Moviegoers will be given a channel to turn to on their radios to hear the sound through the car radio and motors will have to be on for the duration of the movie so as not to wear down the battery or freeze out the moviegoers!

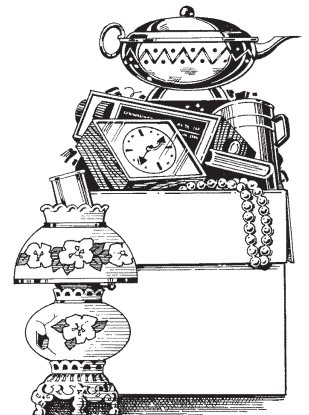
We will all be six feet apart in our cars, but the lot can only accommodate so many individuals, so reservations will be taken on a first come, first served. Please email your reservation request and any questions to the Village Manager.

FREE-CYCLING ITEMS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

Are your kids tired of those same puzzles, DVDs, and toys? Have you wanted to get rid of that chair, table or other piece of furniture? Camping equipment? Do you have serving plates or kitchen items that you no longer need? Do you have working computers/printers, or other electronics that you are no longer using? Why not recycle them within the community?

If you are interested, please let the Village Manager know.

If there is enough interest, we'll ask you to submit photos and descriptions of the items and so we can create a "free-cycle catalog". On the designated, non-rainy day, we will ask you to put the items out on your porch or your front stoop so that interested neighbors can pick them up—all contactless and for free. Please DO NOT send any photos until we establish that there is sufficient interest to move this idea forward.



TAX CODE FOR SECTION 3

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.



COUNCIL ACTIONS

The Council met via Zoom on Wednesday evening, January 13. All Council members were present. The meeting began at 7:45 p.m.

The minutes of the December meeting as they appeared in the January newsletter were approved.

The Council voted unanimously to appoint and swear in **Larry Lanpher** of Spring Street to fill the open Vice Chair seat until the next election in May. Larry and his wife **Claudia** have lived in Section 3 for six years and in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase area for more than four decades. Their son **Mark**, daughter-in-law **Ann**, and grandchildren **Jenna**, **Harper** and **Peter** are also Section 3 residents. The Council also filled vacancies on the standing Ethics Commission. Member **Alan Berkeley** of Raymond Street is joined by retired Judge **Bill Rowan** of Shepherd Street and attorney **Meredith Miller** of Raymond Street.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police patrols continue. While there has been a higher incidence of “tossed” cars in other neighborhoods, Section 3 residents seem to be locking their car doors and we have not had any recent incidences. The Village Manager reported that there have been several carjackings recently in the County, and reminded people to be mindful of their surroundings. The Council also discussed the recent experience of residents who had bags of dog waste left in their yards in front of Biden or Black Lives Matter signs. Police officers, with the help of a Section 5 resident, identified the responsible individual (who does not live in either Section 3 or Section 5) and have spoken to that person.

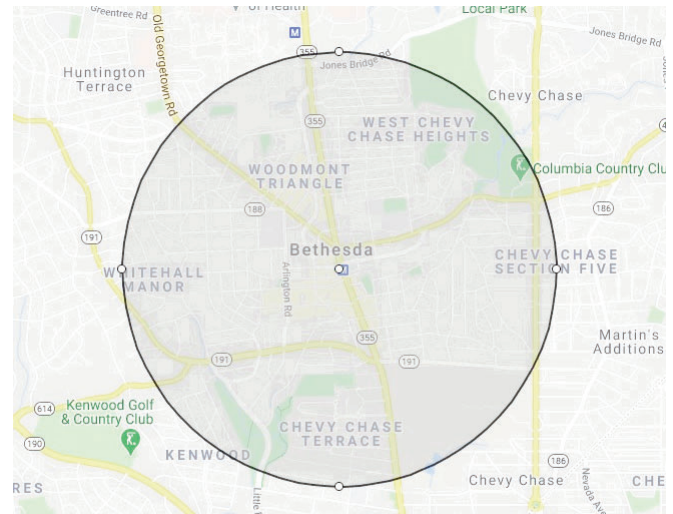
BUILDINGS & ROADS

The **Richards** family of 6822 Delaware Street was issued a building permit to construct a patio and a walkway in the front yard on Shepherd Street for which they were granted a variance at the November 2020 council meeting.

The Council spent a great deal of time formally introducing and discussing the proposed changes and clarifications of the first round of revisions to the Ordinances, copies of which had been made available to residents and the public in advance of the meeting, with it noted that a further draft would be forthcoming. The further, current draft is available for residents and the public to review on our website at www.chevychasesection3.org/governance. The Council plans to discuss this draft at the February public

meeting, with a vote on the draft likely at the March meeting. There is little that is changed in this set of revisions, which are primarily efforts to clarify and make the ordinances more user friendly. It was noted that this draft omits some subjects that were in early drafts (such as pertaining to auxiliary dwelling units and vegetative coverage requirements), which subjects are likely to be considered in later revisions to the Ordinances. It was also noted, in response to some resident inquiries, that the Building Inspector is always available to answer questions about how our setback and other requirements might affect a project that is being planned, and the Council is happy to discuss the impact, if any, of changes that are under consideration.

The Village Manager discussed the County Planning Board’s draft vision for the County that is now under consideration, Thrive 2050. Section 3 and 25 other jurisdictions have sent a lengthy set of questions regarding the draft to the Planning Board. Residents interested in seeing this draft can contact the Village Manager for a copy of the 15-page document. The purpose of Thrive 2050 is to draft a broad vision that once adopted would then provide guidance for all subsequent “sector” plans. Sector plans are revised every 20 years and cover more distinct areas. For example, in recent years we have participated in the development of the Chevy Chase Lake plan and the Bethesda plan, both of which will have dramatic impact on our community.



In December, Montgomery County Councilmember Will Jawando introduced a Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA 20-07) and an anti-rent gauging bill (52-20) that would take a page from the still-to-be approved and debated Thrive 2050 plan. In his proposed ZTA, Jawando proposes to include townhouses, quadrplexes and small multi-family apartment buildings in all R-60 single-unit residential zones within a mile of a Metro station. Connecticut Avenue and the other westernmost parts of Section 3 fall just with-

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SECTION THREE VILLAGE OF CHEVY CHASE

POST OFFICE ASSIGNS ONE TEMPORARY WORKER TO MAJOR SECTION 3 ROUTE

Section 3 has two postmen: one who serves residents on Bradley Lane and on Raymond Street; and the other who serves the rest of our community, with the latter position being vacant since November. Everyone, regardless of where they live in Section 3, has apparently experienced incredible delays in the mail, but those neighbors on the route that has been served by a wide variety of substitutes have experienced exceptional delays.

We are not alone. The Village Manager recently received an email from Bank of America suggesting this is a nationwide problem. What are we doing about this in our community? With the help of Congressman Raskin's office, we now have what amounts to a permanent substitute. With the exception of his/her day off, the same mail carrier will be on our route consistently. Hopefully this will result in better service. Please continue to keep the Village Manager informed if you are still experiencing delays.

In discussions with the supervisor at the Westfield post office where our mail is sorted, it appears the postman is not the only issue. When asked if sorting machines had been removed by the former head of the postal service, the Village Manager was told that this large facility which serves 20815, 20816 and several other zip codes, has NO sorting machines—never had. All our mail is sorted by hand. The Postal Service has been hard hit by personnel losses, some temporary, some permanent, due to COVID-19. This is a difficult time for the agency.

It is our intention to keep on this issue in hopes that a permanent person will be named to fill the slot. The Postal Service has not yet opened the position for applicants as, technically, our former mailman still holds the position while he is training for a supervisor's role. Until that job slot is released, we will have the new permanent substitute.

VARIANCE REQUEST

The **Grossfelds** of 3701 Bradley Lane are requesting the following three variances: (1) to build a covered entry porch which will extend a maximum of 3.4' into the 30' front yard setback on Bradley Lane (2) to build a covered porch which will extend 4.8' into the 30' front yard setback on Brookville Road and (3) to construct a 276 sq. ft. patio located entirely in the rear and front yard setbacks, intruding 12' into the 20' rear setback and 10' into the 30' front yard setback on Brookville Road.

CONNECTICUT AVENUE CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN IN EARLY MARCH

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) has announced plans to improve the intersection of Jones Bridge Road and Connecticut Avenue. The construction project will involve work in that area through the end of 2024.



The purpose is to widen lanes on Jones Bridge Road to the west of Connecticut Avenue so that traffic heading from Bethesda toward the Beltway or northbound Connecticut Avenue will have a third left turn lane.

In order to widen the roadway at that intersection, the right turn lane that allows drivers to go southbound on Connecticut from Jones Bridge Road will be removed. Accommodations will be made for bicyclists and pedestrians and improvements will be made for ADA compliance on both sides of the intersection. The actual area of the work zone will extend from the intersection of Jones Bridge Road and Platt Ridge Drive (to the west of Connecticut Avenue) to Montgomery Avenue (to the east of Connecticut Avenue by North Chevy Chase Elementary School).

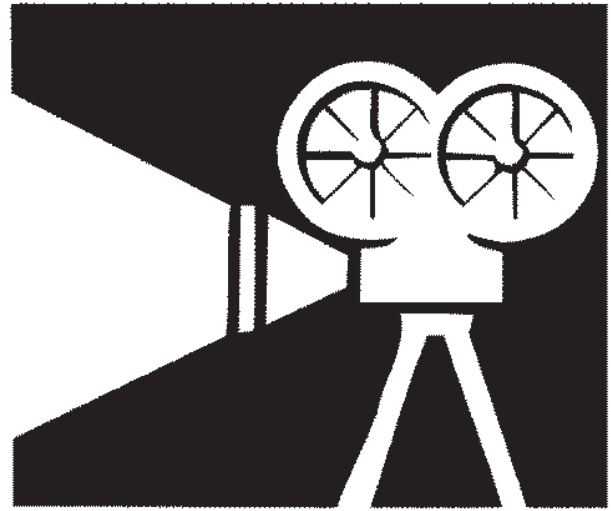
You may ask why this project is going to take so long. The answer is that the crews can only work from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and overnight from Sunday through Thursdays, 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. There are major storm water control improvements to be made for this project to succeed and all the work must be done in phases in a mandated order.

The hope is to limit the inconvenience to drivers on Connecticut Avenue but the state also warns that frequent lane closures will be inevitable, particularly when paired with construction that is slated to resume soon on the Purple Line and the work at the Chevy Chase Lake development.

THE AVALON

The pandemic has seen many businesses pivot...but did you know that our own non-profit Chevy Chase neighborhood theater, The Avalon, has too? They now offer a wide range of films streaming on your computer. Here's how it works: go to their website virtualavalon.org. You can see a wide range of films for each for \$12 for a 48-hour viewing window. You can click and see a trailer and info about a film. They will give you lots of opportunities to donate to this wonderful nonprofit.

Setting up an account requires giving your name, email address and a password. Once you've done that, you can stream anytime you want. You pay for the film you select and once you get a confirmation email, the film will be available to you for 48 hours. You don't get a link however. Once you get the email, you go back to virtualavalon.org and sign in, click "My account" and select my purchases and you can see the list of all your purchased films. You should be able to stream the film on your computer,



tablet, mobile device or smart tv as well.

The profits are split between the theater and the distributors, so every purchase helps keep this theater alive...virtually and literally.

in the one mile radius of the Bethesda Metro Station, meaning the proposed ZTA could affect Section 3 dramatically, which is R-60 throughout. Initially Jawando proposed the ZTA amendment as a way to provide affordable "middle housing" in our neighborhoods. Later, in public meetings, he promoted the idea of diverse housing and agreed that the cost of land in the down-county areas that would be covered by this proposal would not likely be affordable. Jawando suggested that adding density to neighborhoods like ours would free up housing elsewhere in the County that might be more affordable. The impact of this proposal, if it were to be approved, could be substantial. For example, it would permit the aggregation of several lots of up to 25,000 square feet so that a small low-rise apartment building could be placed on such lots. The Council voted to send a representative, either the Village Manager or Buildings and Roads Representative Carolyn Greis, to testify if spaces become available on the roster of speakers at the County Council hearing on the subject in early February.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council reviewed the financial reports. We are still seeking new local banks with reasonable interest rates to place our investments. The Council voted unanimously that Tom Carroll, Treasurer, become a signer on all accounts where Bill Brownlee previously had such authority. (Tom did not participate in the vote.)

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

The Village Manager proposed planning a date for another S'mores Night and encouraging folks to join in with fire pits in

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front yards or on front sidewalks at the same time so that people can see one another as they make s'mores. The date will be announced in the newsletter.

The Village Manager is working to get a Family Movie Night set up in La Ferme's parking lot with pommes frites supplied by the restaurant (see story page 1.) We are waiting for a proposal from the movie company. Guests would come and stay in their cars, and the sound would be transmitted to a specified station on the car radio. If La Ferme agrees, the challenge is getting a movie that children have not already seen as we have no access to new releases and have to supply a DVD to the movie company. Still working on this issue.

The Village Manager proposed that we ask neighborhood children to send Valentines to our seniors to let them know we are thinking of them. She will work with parents to pair up a specific senior with a specific family nearby.

The Village Manager suggested a community recycle day where items that people want to get rid of (for free) could be photographed and offered on porches all on the same day. She will put something in the newsletter to see if there is community interest (see story page 1.)

The Village Manager is working with Congressman Raskin's office on the postal delay issues (see story this issue).

The Council voted unanimously to go into executive session to discuss the performance evaluation and compensation of the Village Manager.

The public meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.

CC@H IN THE COMMUNITY FEBRUARY 2021

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1 - 2 P.M.
SMITHSONIAN AMERICAN ART MUSEUM
VIRTUAL TOUR: WOMEN ARTISTS

Melissa Clark, a docent at the American Art Museum, will present 6-8 art-works by women ranging from the 19th century to contemporary times.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1 - 2 P.M.
SCOTLAND

Join intrepid traveler and CC@H volunteer **Jan Augustine** on a virtual trip through some of Scotland's most spectacular scenery. Her vibrant photos will make this tour on Zoom come vividly alive!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2 - 3 P.M.
VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE GEORGE
WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL
MEMORIAL

In celebration of George Washington's birthday, explore the memorial in Alexandria, VA. that honors our first president as a Freemason. CC@H's Volunteer and Program Manager Katharine Kosin, who has been a tour guide at the Memorial for eight years, will virtually lead participants through the upper floors that are currently closed to the public due to COVID-19.



Advance registration to receive the Zoom link for these programs is required. Go to www.chevyCHASEathome.org, and click on Events.

CC@H will host a five-week **Life Stories Workshop**, starting Tuesday, February 16, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The workshop to get

you started writing your stories will be led by Bea Epstein, a writer, teacher, storyteller, and psycho-therapist. The class size is capped, and the cost is \$60. For more information, please call (301) 657-3115.

TEXT-TO-911 SERVICE AVAILABLE IN MARYLAND

If for some reason you need to contact 911 and you can't do it by phone, you can now text your problem and location. The service does not accept photos or videos, but will accept pure text messages.



TREE PLANTING IN SECTION 3

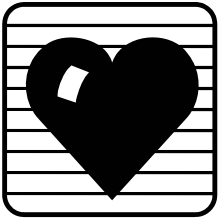
A number of residents have inquired as to whether the Council will be offering any tree planting program this Spring as we have done in the past. Unfortunately, this spring, the cicadas will be in full bloom and there is nothing they like better than a new sapling to eat. So, on advice of our arborist, the Council will be budgeting for and planning on a tree planting program for the fall of 2021 rather than this spring.

S'MORES NIGHT SLATED FOR FEBRUARY 6 (WEATHER PERMITTING)

When was the last time you saw any of your neighbors? Why not gather in your front yard, or on the sidewalk with your fire pit and buy some s'mores supplies? Huddle around the fire to keep warm, wave hi to the neighbors and enjoy a little winter campfire vibe! Let's plan on everyone coming out around 6:30 p.m. on Saturday for an evening of hot cocoa and s'mores—what could be better?

POOP PROBLEM!

We have many new COVID-19 era pets in the neighborhood. And while most of our residents are considerate, we have seen an upturn in the amount of poop left on neighbors' lawns and on the greenway. We ask that you be considerate. There are doggie bag dispensers throughout the neighborhood. Please use them!

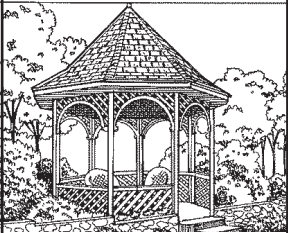


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IF THE FORECAST CALLS FOR SNOW, WE ASK ALL RESIDENTS TO PUT THEIR CARS IN THEIR DRIVEWAYS, OFF THE STREET.

LAST TIME IT SNOWED, CARS BLOCKED SEVERAL BLOCKS FROM GETTING PLOWED BECAUSE THE PLOW COULD NOT GET INTO THE STREET.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SHOVEL YOUR FRONT WALKWAYS OR CLEAR THEM OF ICE SO YOUR NEIGHBORS DON'T SLIP AND FALL.