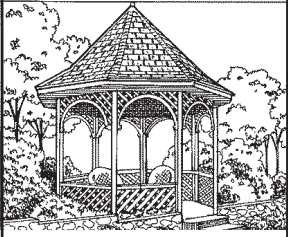


SECTION 3



Village of
CHEVY CHASE

News & Views

FEBRUARY 2024

CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 7,
14, 21, 28**

Recycling, curbside

Bulk Trash resumes in March 2024

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

**County Planning Board Hearing on Site Plan for
Corso Chevy Chase.** In person and virtual,
Check www.montgomeryplanningboard.org for the
approximate time on the agenda and to register to speak
via microsoft teams. In person: 2425 Reddie Dr.,
Wheaton

**WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 14**

**Council Meeting, in-person/Zoom
hybrid**

CCUMC Library, 7:45 pm

Agenda, Meeting ID and password will be sent via email
to residents. Interested members of the public can con-
tact the Village Manager to obtain ID and passcode. At
the conclusion of the regular meeting, the Council will
enter executive session to review the Village Manager's
performance and compensation.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

Bulk Trash Curbside, Recycling

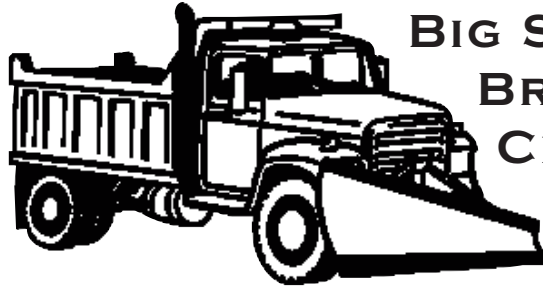
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

Council Meeting, in-person/Zoom hybrid

CCUMC library, 7:45 p.m.

See above for Zoom information

** In accordance with the Americans with
Disabilities Act and our desire to have our meetings
open to everyone in our community, Council meet-
ings 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.*



BIG SNOW BRINGS CHALLENGES

In mid-January, for
the first time in years,
Section 3 was hit with a
significant snowstorm. Snow Central did its best to

clear streets. We appreciate how promptly residents moved cars into drive-
ways, making snow clearing much easier. The first snowfall was challenging,
but most people took heed and moved vehicles with the second snowfall.

Snow Central obtains its salt from the State Highway administration
through a Memorandum of Understanding we have with the state. The salt
depot is conveniently on the ramp of Connecticut Avenue and the beltway; this
year, however, it hasn't been consistently open, making it very difficult for our
contractor to obtain salt once the storm ceased.

So that we are not caught short-handed again, the Village Manager has
arranged with Montgomery County to obtain salt from their depot on
Brookville Road near Lytonsville in Silver Spring. Section 3 will now have
two sources of salt so we will not be caught without.

We have over 80 locations where we shovel seniors' homes (including
many corner properties) so it took a team of nine shovelers five and a half
hours to clear sidewalks, but they did it. Many thanks to all those who helped
out a neighbor and thanks to all of you who did not have to be reminded that it
is a Section 3 ordinance that snow must be cleared from the public sidewalk
within 12 hours of the cessation of a storm.

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COUNCIL ACTIONS

The Council met in person and via Zoom on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, with Council members **Ellie Nader**, **Tom Carroll** and **Katy Vale** present. Council Chair **Susan Manning** and Vice Chair **Larry Lanpher** were absent. The meeting began at 7:52 p.m.

The minutes from the December meeting as published in the January newsletter were approved.

BUILDINGS & ROADS

The Village Manager, acting as the Permit Services Coordinator, gave a status report on all building activity in the community. She reported that a permit was issued for the demolition of an old deck at 3616 Raymond Street for the **Landau** family. A permit for a shed was issued to the **Allen** Family at 3609 Taylor Street.

Permits are pending for a basement dig-out at 3623 Raymond Street and a fence at 3606 Taylor Street. We are waiting to hear if the County has granted a permit extension for 6803 Georgia Street. No work is currently ongoing at the site. The Village Manager had made inquiries but did not receive a response. She will try again.

On-going work continues at 6809 Connecticut Avenue on the deck. At 6806 Delaware Street, a permit has been issued but work has not commenced. 6705 Georgia Street should be finished by May/June at the latest. Work at 3616 Raymond Street on a rear door and a new deck is ongoing. And at 3624 Raymond Street, there is ongoing interior work which should be finished by April/May. Work at 6808 Florida Street, may have to wait until spring as much of it is exterior work.

Montgomery County is looking into the violation of the zoning code at 7009 Connecticut Avenue by the contractor who renovated the home and paved over the whole front yard.

3706 Spring Street construction is complete; the house is on the market.

The Village Manager reported that at a virtual meeting took place with members of our state delegation to Annapolis and County Council President and Vice President Kate Stewart. They advised that this legislative session would not be good to push for a change in the state law to make all municipalities in Montgomery County without zoning authority responsible for setbacks, height and massing for “residential” housing instead of all “single family” housing. An Attorney General’s opinion states that it is understood that municipalities without zoning authority would be able to regulate the same restrictions that they do now for multi-family as well

as single family homes.

The Council discussed the proposed ban on gas powered leaf blowers ahead of the County ban in July 2025 and voted not to adopt a ban ahead of the County’s announced restrictions (see story this issue).

In January 2023, the Council agreed to determine if the then-new Boundary Survey Grant Program was worth continuing after a year. The program has only been used once, but it was helpful to the family who used it, and it met the goals set out by the original program. The Council unanimously agreed to continue the program for which a little less than \$10,000 remains in the budget.

FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

None of the Councilmembers raised any questions about the financial reports they received prior to the Council meeting.

The Council endorsed the idea of renting offices on Brookville Road above the Olympia Café. Although terms need to be finalized, the rent for two offices is expected to be approximately \$1,000 a month plus utilities. The estimated cost of building out the space is expected to be a few thousand dollars. The Council agreed to have the Village Manager proceed to negotiate with the landlord and arrange for the space to be improved. Most of the smaller municipalities now have rented office space. Martin’s Additions’ office is a few doors down on Brookville Road. Chevy Chase View has rented office space in Kensington and all our other neighbors, with the exception of Section 5, have rented offices instead of home offices.

A resident complained that the sign directing people visiting the Farmers Market constantly falls over and the Village Manager agreed to get another more stable sign holder, perhaps an easel style to put in its place.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

The January drive for laundry detergents, feminine hygiene products for needy families ends Sunday, January 28. Donations should be left at the home of the Dorsey/Williams family.

The executive session to evaluate the Village Manager’s Salary and performance has been postponed until the February meeting when the full Council will be present.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

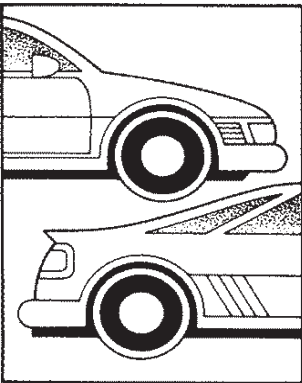
Ezra Shapiro began attending Montgomery College last fall in its Graduate Transition Program. His brother **Avram** has been accepted to Williams College for fall of 2024.

Welcome to **Alka Garde** who has moved into 7009 Connecticut Avenue. Alka moved from Fairfax, Virginia. She is the mother of two and grandmother of two.

Section 3's newest resident is **Maya Rameshwari Soni-Vasan** who arrived just in time to see the last day of 2023. Parents **Nishtha Soni and Arjun Vasan** of Delaware Street are thrilled. Their son **Bodhi** loves being a big brother. The family sent out a special birth announcement which included the meaning of their children's names. They gave News & Views permission to share with the community:

"Maya in Hinduism refers to the illusory and impermanent nature of the material world, prompting people to seek a deeper and eternal reality. It is the creative - even magical - force that allows for the diversity and dynamic nature of the universe. We also liked how maya compliments Bodhi, whose name means enlightenment. While maya and bodhi are from different philosophical traditions, they share the theme of transcending the material world to seek spiritual understanding."

GREENING THE COMMUTE: WITH INCENTIVES



Maryland's Commuter Choice newsletter notes that employers who offer subsidies for commuting by public transit, van pool, carpool, telework, walking or biking, or provide Guaranteed Ride Home, First/Last Mile, or Parking Cash Out programs may be eligible to claim 50 percent of the subsidies paid through annual Maryland tax returns (up to \$1,200 per employee

per year). By utilizing the Maryland Commuter Tax Credit, everyone saves money. Plus, these benefits could give an organization the leading edge in employee recruitment and retention. To learn more about these programs go to commuterchoice@mdot.maryland.gov.

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CHEVY CHASE AT HOME TALK ON DEMOCRACY

Chevy Chase At Home invites the community to a wide-ranging discussion with Marvin Kalb on issues related to the future of democracy in the U.S. and around the world on February 22 at 1:00 p.m. A nonresident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, he is a prolific international correspondent with a long history in broadcast news, including the popular Kalb Report, and the author of 17 books on Russia, the media, and foreign policy.

The recipient of numerous journalism awards, Kalb served for many years as chief diplomatic correspondent and host of "Meet the Press" on NBC. Founder of the Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard University's Kennedy School, Kalb is an expert on media ethics and responsibility. His latest publication is "Assignment Russia: Becoming a Foreign Correspondent in the Crucible of the Cold War."

This event is online and open to the community. Register in advance to get the zoom link at info@chevyCHASEATHOME.ORG or (301) 657-3115.

WE LOVE FOOD TRUCKS!



It's time to prepare the schedule of food trucks visiting Section 3 and we want your input. Which trucks do you love? Have you enjoyed food from a truck we don't know about? Let us know. Send a short email to the Village Manager. We like to offer trucks on Wednesdays (hump day) to give everyone a break. So let us know your tastes!

GAS POWERED LEAF BLOWERS DISCOURAGED, NOT BANNED

After much consideration, the Council voted not to adopt the resolution banning gas powered leaf blowers a year ahead of the Montgomery County ban.

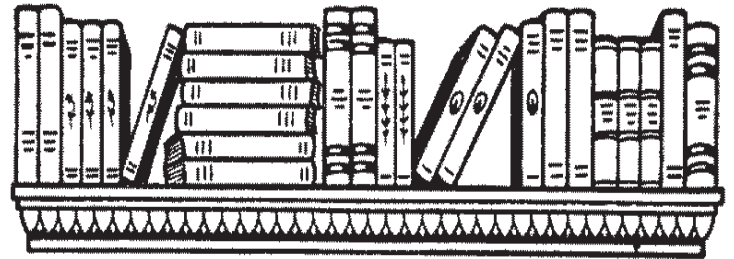
The Council agreed to encourage residents to limit gas leaf blower clean up in the period leading up to the County-wide ban in July 2025 to no more than once in the spring and once in the fall at most.

The Council felt that many contractors who work in neighboring communities where a ban now exists will use electric or battery powered blowers and that since we asked people to inform their contractors to refrain from using gas blowers for normal cosmetic clean-ups each week that the noise levels had significantly dropped. Council Vice Chair Larry Lanpher asked that his views be read at the meeting saying: "If I were present at the meeting, I would vote not to adopt the draft Ordinance. I personally hate gas leaf blowers and have prohibited our landscaper from using them on our property.... But I also do not favor ever increasing regulations and given the upcoming County ban on gas leaf blowers, I just do not see the benefits of having a Section 3 ordinance that would be in place for

approximately a year.... I hope that the Council will urge again that residents restrict use to times that are really necessary and not use (or allow their contractors to use) blowers for cosmetic purposes, such as blowing grass clippings from the sidewalks."

Responding to a request for input on this issue, one resident pointed out that our ordinance would require neighbors to report on other neighbors and that was not the way we want people to be treated in Section 3. That concern resonated with the Council and when the vote was taken, the Council unanimously voted down the ban in advance of the County Ban.

The Council made a commitment to advertise and inform residents asking them to make it clear to their contractors, that gas powered leaf blowers are not necessary and if they absolutely needed to clear their yard once in the spring and once in the fall until the County ban became law, that would be the most we wanted in our community. This means a concerted effort on everyone's part, but one we have already seen has had an impact on the frequency of gas blower use in our community. We ask for your cooperation as good neighbors without the threat that two neighbors have to be willing to testify as to the use of these machines and issuing citations and fines to our neighbors.



B-CC BOOK SALE LAST DAY FOR DONATIONS, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

The final day to collect donations for B-CC's March Book Sale was to have been January 20, but with the snow still making navigation difficult, the organizers opted to postpone the final collection date to Saturday, February 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at B-CC's front entry at 4301 East-West Highway.



PLANNING AN ADDITION?

INSTALLING A FENCE? A SUMP PUMP?

Before you get too far in your planning, check in with the Village Manager (now acting Permit Services Coordinator) to make sure your plans conform with Section 3 building code. If you need insights into the rules, our website, under the governance tab, has the entire code of ordinances. Chapter 6 covers most of the rules applicable to building permits.

PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOGS... THERE ARE BAG DISPENSERS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY, PLEASE USE THEM!



TAXES TAXES TAXES

The federal and state individual income tax filing deadline is Monday, April 15, 2024.

We need your help to ensure that all income tax revenue due the Village actually gets here. By law, as a municipality, the Village receives a portion of the state taxes you pay. This is Section 3's largest revenue source.

Thus it is important that the State of Maryland knows where to return this revenue. MD Form 502 features a separate political subdivision section located under your mailing address. When completing your Maryland income tax return, remember to put Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase under Maryland Political Subdivision and include the 4 digit Political Subdivision Code of 1614 to ensure the Village receives its share of the state income tax.

SECTION 3 WEBSITE NOW HAS FILLABLE FORMS

We are working to upgrade some of the features and information on the Section 3 website (www.chevychasesection3.org) and make it easier to use. Fillable forms are now available to "rent" the Gazebo Park and for new neighbors to inform of their new contact information. As we make other improvements, we will inform residents.

BRING OUT YOUR INNER WRITER!

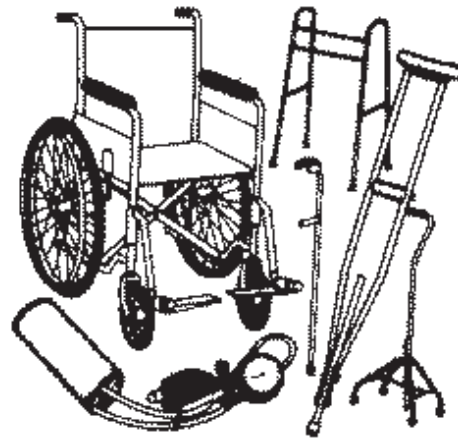
The Friends of the Chevy Chase Library, a community based non-profit that supports our community library, hosted its first "Shut up and write" session on Wednesday, January 31 at noon. The program will continue weekly, same time, same place for people who want to have a distraction-free location to write.

There is free parking, free public wifi, and an uncluttered table and chair for each writer. Bring your own computer and/or writing materials and BYO coffee. It will continue weekly as long as there is demand. Please RSVP to folchevychase@gmail.com to ensure they set up enough tables.

In addition, the group has posted an online survey to solicit community input on programming they would like Friends of the Library to support and organize. Please tell them what you want in the short survey at https://qualtricsxmpjkrh2hc2.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_81usfc3xxfjsd82



DISABILITY INFORMATION AND ACCESS LINE

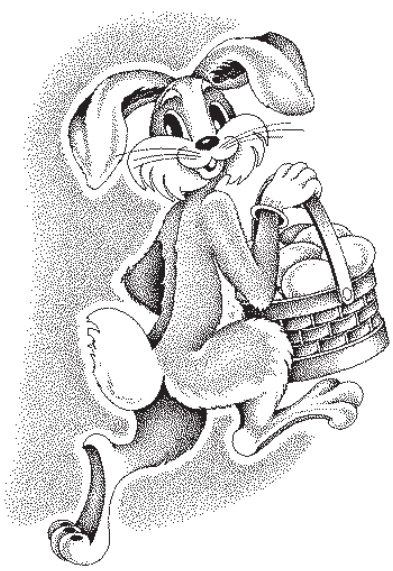


Do you know someone with a disability who could use some help? The Disability Information and Access Line (DIAL) helps people with disabilities get connected to information about local community resources that support independent living.

It provides information about essential services such as transportation, housing support, disability rights, and more. Their website recently added a tool that offers a search-by-zip code option to find local disability services and resources.

Call | Text Message | Videophone: 888-677-1199

Email: DIAL@usaginganddisability.org



LOOKING FOR A SECTION 3 PARENT TO ORGANIZE A BAND OF OLDER-THAN-1ST-GRADE CHILDREN TO "HIDE" EGGS IN GAZEBO PARK FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT ON SUNDAY, MARCH 24. CONTACT THE VILLAGE MANAGER.

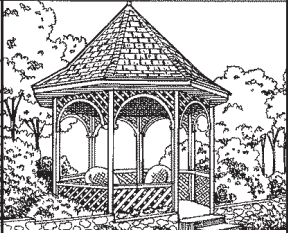


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SNOW IN THE FORECAST? PLEASE CONSIDER PULLING YOUR CAR INTO THE DRIVEWAY...THAT WAY WE CAN PROPERLY CLEAR THE STREETS SO YOU CAN TRAVEL SAFELY IN YOUR CAR SOONER.

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

SENIORS, LET US KNOW IF YOU NEED AREA TEENS TO HELP WITH SHOVELING FRONT WALKS AND DRIVEWAYS. TEENS, LET US KNOW IF YOU'D LIKE TO EARN EXTRA MONEY DOING IT.

