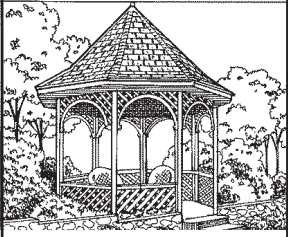


SECTION 3



Village of
CHEVY CHASE

News & Views

JANUARY 2022

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

Recycling curbside

Pepe's Food Truck

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Instructions for online ordering to be sent to residents

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

Council Meeting via Zoom @ 7:45 p.m.

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

No yard waste pick-up today

MONDAY, JANUARY 31

Deadline for detergent, diapers & feminine hygiene product donations. 3619 Shepherd Street.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Recycling curbside

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Council Meeting via Zoom @ 7:45 p.m.

See information above from January meeting

SANTA VISITS SECTION 3 IN STYLE!

Santa and his helper had a wonderful time touring the neighborhood on December 19 distributing holiday wishes and delicious cookies to all our good little girls and boys. We have a bumper crop of children under 10 in the neighborhood and it was so much fun for them to meet and talk with Santa.

A number of children gave him letters with wishes for the holiday.

Special thanks to **Matt Nader** and John Stephens, with his "sleigh" complete with Rudolph on the hood!



PEPE'S FOOD TRUCK COMING JANUARY 5

Take a break from cooking on January 5 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Pepe's Food Truck will be parked on Fulton Street by Gazebo Park. Section 3 fans should pre-order their favorites online at <https://www.goodfynd.com/vendors/pepe-by-jose-andres>.

Orders will be taken until noon on the 5th. If you forget to order, you can try walking up but they may not have everything that is available to you online.

Let us know if you have a favorite food truck that we haven't tried yet. We're always looking for ways to bring interesting food to Section 3!

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COUNCIL ACTIONS

The Council met on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 via Zoom. The meeting began at 7:50 p.m. with all Council members and the Village Manager present.

The minutes of the November meeting as published in the December newsletter were approved.

BUILDINGS & ROADS

The Village Manager reviewed the first Listening Session on Thrive 2050 conducted by the Montgomery County Council and concluded that there were individuals on both sides of the question eager to either dramatically change the document or adopt it. In addition to the concerns about housing voiced by Section 3 in letters and by many others, there were serious criticisms of the approach to economic development and environmental impact considerations. The Section 3 Council's letter on the subject to the County Council was printed in the December 2021 newsletter and we urge all residents to voice their opinions in individual letters to Councilmembers. The County Council will probably vote on Thrive 2050 early in 2022. It was noted that a second Listening Session was scheduled for December 14 and, at that Session, Carolyn Greis presented testimony setting forth Section 3 views on Thrive 2050.

The Village Manager reported that the Montgomery County Planning Board continues to promote and refine its Attainable Housing Strategies Initiative that would dramatically alter single-family residential zoning and has issued a report (https://montgomeryplanningboard.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/DRAFT-AHS-Report_12-02-21.pdf) on the topic. The Village Manager noted that the Planning Board has stated that the so-called "pattern books"—key to a better understanding of what actually is intended, won't be ready until perhaps fall of 2022.

The Village Manager also summarized the status of the WSSC project to replace waterlines in the community (see story this issue) and the need to coordinate with our own Raymond Street storm drain project.

The Council's Buildings and Roads Representative Carolyn Greis announced that there were no new permits granted since the December Council meeting.

The Council spent a great deal of time discussing the variance application filed by the Brady family of 3620 Raymond Street. The family requested the variance in order to replace with concrete the existing non-conforming paved area in the rear yard behind the garage which extends 14' into the 20' rear setback and 3' into the 8'

minimum side setback. The paved area has deteriorated over time and has an uneven surface. After much discussion, the Council voted 3 to 2 against allowing the new non-conforming concrete structure in the setback. No votes were Susan Manning, Larry Lanpher and Carolyn Greis. Yes votes were Ellie Nader and Tom Carroll. It was noted in the discussion that per Section 3 Ordinances (especially § 6-304(d)), the replacement of a nonconforming structure such as that under consideration must meet Section 3 setback requirements or satisfy variance criteria. These requirements include demonstrating that "an extraordinary or unusual condition of the property" would create an undue hardship in the absence of a variance. Section 3 Code § 6-310(a). The application in question proposed replacement and thus fell within these requirements, whereas if only repair of the surface were being considered, under the Section 3 Code, that work could be undertaken without the need for a building permit.

The Village Manager reported that the bottleneck on Connecticut Avenue making a left turn from Raymond Street difficult at various times of the day had been reported to both Montgomery County traffic and the State Highway Administration (SHA). Montgomery County traffic looked at the situation and stated that it was not possible to adjust the timing of the lights at the Raymond/Rosemary intersection because Bradley Lane's lights were too close to the next light. SHA promises to have an assessment by late December, some 60 days after the request for an improvement was made. Section 3 has suggested that SHA paint crosshatch markings on the pavement, much as they have done in other parts of the County where traffic has been impeded by vehicles blocking the box.

FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Both job descriptions for a part-time assistant to the Village Manager and a contract Permitting Processor are in process and should be ready for review or further discussion by the January meeting. The Village Manager agreed to get more information on the role the permitting processors hired by Chevy Chase View, Section 5 and Martins Additions play for more detail.

The role of the assistant to the Village Manager requires some additional meetings to flesh out. The Village Manager has provided the Council Chair with a detailed description of her work which should help in outlining an assistant position description.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

The Village Manager reported that Santa's visit to Section 3 was slated for Sunday, December 19 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., and that all the families with children under 10 would be notified of his route which has some 24 different stops.

The Village Manager noted that the Connecticut Avenue fire station is collecting toys for tots.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

A special welcome to **Mike and Allison Papadopoulos** who have moved into 3803 Raymond Street with their three-year-old daughter, **Madeline**, and their year-old son, **Bobby**. Mike is with Invictus Capital Partners, and Allison is an attorney with Aiken Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP. In an unusual twist, we have two unrelated Papadopoulos families not only in Section 3 but on the same street! Amazing.

Section 3 has a number of unrelated folks with the same names—we have two **Carroll** families, two **Mehtas**, two **Wilsons**, an **Allan** family and an **Allen** family, two **Camerons**, two **Howard** families, two **Kane** families, two **Meyers**, two **Rowan** families, two **Stephens** families, two **Weinsteins** and two **Williams**. And we are only a tenth of a square mile in size!

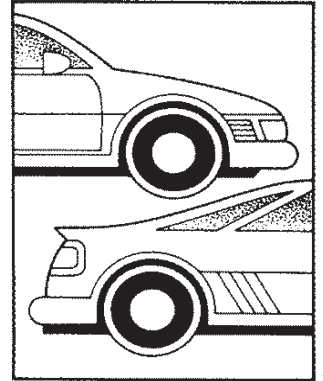
It is with great sadness that we report the passing of two long-time Section 3 residents. **Mimi Slavin** of Georgia Street passed away December 5, 2021 at age 93. She had been in failing health the last few years. She and her husband Joe raised all five of their children on Georgia Street. Mimi leaves sons Thomas of Washington, D.C., Daniel of Los Angeles, Paul of New York, N.Y., and daughter Julia of Washington, D.C. She was predeceased by her husband Dr. Joseph Slavin and her son Dr. Robert Slavin. Services were private. The family has requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Success for All Foundation (www.sucessforall.org).

We are also saddened to learn of the passing of Georgia Street resident **Katie Gilbert** on December 18, 2021, following a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. For many years, Katie was the office manager at the Ross Center, a mental health and anxiety treatment center in Friendship Heights. She leaves behind her daughter **Laura** of Georgia Street.

POTENTIAL BIG CHANGES FOR COMMUTERS

A number of road changes are being proposed that may affect commuters from our area.

The National Park Service is contemplating permanently closing parts of Beach Drive through Rock Creek Park. Those portions are primarily in Maryland and will affect those who used it (pre-pandemic) to get into the city. The Park Service initially indicated that they would be announcing their decision in December but as of this writing that has not happened.



At the same time, Washington, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser and the District Department of Transportation have proposed permanently abandoning the system—which has been suspended during the pandemic—of alternating the flow of traffic on certain lanes of Connecticut Ave. that previously gave inbound morning rush hour traffic additional lanes from upper Northwest D.C. into downtown and more lanes outbound during the afternoon rush hour. Mayor Bowser is also proposing to install one-way dedicated bike lanes on a 2.7 mile stretch of Connecticut Avenue from Legation Street south to Calvert Street. Completion of a final design is expected to take 18 months.

The Park Service, which controls Beach Drive, and the District Department of Transportation are supposed to hold a roundtable discussion to address the possible impacts these changes might have on traffic patterns.

On the Maryland side of the D.C. line, a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line being proposed by the Planning Board will also eliminate a parking and/or traffic lane on both sides of Wisconsin Avenue to create a dedicated bus line. That line is proposed from upper Wisconsin Avenue at Old Georgetown Road all the way out to Clarksburg. It's still in the design phase but should be ready for public comment sometime in 2022. The loss of driving lanes in and out of the District on both Wisconsin and Connecticut Avenues, and the addition of additional bus and bike routes, could have a dramatic impact on both arteries and the communities near them.

WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT BEGINS THIS SPRING

WSSC Water is planning to begin an ambitious waterline replacement project this spring in Chevy Chase. The year-long project will touch on many of our streets. Although not every block will be affected, by the time the project is completed in the spring of 2023, it will have replaced the main waterlines on the following blocks:

- **Georgia Street** between Bradley and Raymond Streets
- **Connecticut Avenue** between Raymond and Shepherd Streets
- **Shepherd Street** between Connecticut Avenue and Brookville Road
- **Delaware Street** from Shepherd Street to the end of the no-outlet block
- **Taylor Street** between Connecticut Avenue and Fulton Street
- The no-outlet sections of Florida Street and Georgia Street
- **Brookville Road** from Cummings Lane (in Martins

Additions) through to Thornapple Street (in Section 5)

The illustration shows the full scope of the project in Section 3 and beyond.

What does this mean? It means trenches in the street, large equipment, and inevitable traffic and parking disruption. On the other hand, we have not had any of these water mains replaced since they were installed in the 1920s. A new line is necessary to preclude any surprise cracks or breaks in this very old water main. It is one of those infrastructure projects that is inconvenient, but necessary.

We don't yet have a schedule as to where they will start and stop. The project is currently slated to begin in March 2022. We are discussing with our civil engineers, Clark/ Azar Associates, about how to coordinate our planned stormwater drain work on Raymond Street with the WSSC project. We are beginning to work with WSSC staff to see if we can coordinate those efforts for minimal conflict for both construction projects. This will be a delicate dance, but we are hopeful it can be done and as WSSC reports that, in the past, they have been willing to work with municipalities on

projects that might otherwise conflict.

We will work closely with WSSC staff. We have already walked the entire job and identified trees in the greenway which will have to be removed or trimmed. We made sure all that information is on the plans used by their contractors so that no mistakes are made. We will be in close communication with residents and the construction firm and WSSC throughout the process, giving you as much information as possible. We are also working on details that would allow us to do the final street patching on all the WSSC work with the agency reimbursing us, as we have previously done with large WSSC construction projects.

WSSC estimates that they can replace about 100' of waterline a day. The water mains being replaced are either in the street or beneath the greenway. WSSC improvements will only be made up to individual homeowners' property lines.

COUNTY URGES LESS SALT USAGE IN SNOW/ICE CONDITIONS

Montgomery County and WSSC Water are urging homeowners to use less salt during winter storms to reduce the impact on the environment and problems with drinking water.

Salt levels have been steadily increasing in local streams, posing a risk to sensitive wildlife and stream health. Salt cannot be removed during the water filtration process. At the same time, it corrodes concrete and masonry, harms pets' feet, and can damage surrounding lawns and plants.

Aside from shoveling ice and snow early and often, they recommend one 12 ounce cup of salt for 10 sidewalk squares or for a 20' driveway. After storm events, you may be able to sweep up the salt and save it for future uses if you keep an old can or empty milk bottle nearby.

The County has pledged to use less salt when clearing county roads. In the case of Section 3, because we have so few storm drains and such narrow streets, it is imperative that residents get their cars off the street so that we can adequately plow. We rarely use salt exclusively on our streets, preferring a mix of salt and sand.

COUNCIL ACTIONS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

The Council agreed to support a campaign to collect detergent for a needy neighborhood in the District with which A Wider Circle is working. The Council also agreed to support the collection of diapers and feminine hygiene products—all three of which are not supported by the SNAP or food stamp program. **Kirsten Williams** is leading this effort and donations should be dropped off on her porch at 3619 Shepherd Street (see story this issue).

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.



MONTGOMERY COUNTY LAUNCHES BIENNIAL RESIDENT SURVEY

Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich announced that the County has started conducting its biennial online survey of County residents. The survey is available on the County website and is designed to get residents' assessment of the local government, its services and their quality of life. The survey will be open until 11:59 p.m. on January 17.

The survey is available at <https://polco.us/n/res/vote/montgomery-county-md/montgomery-county-2021-2>

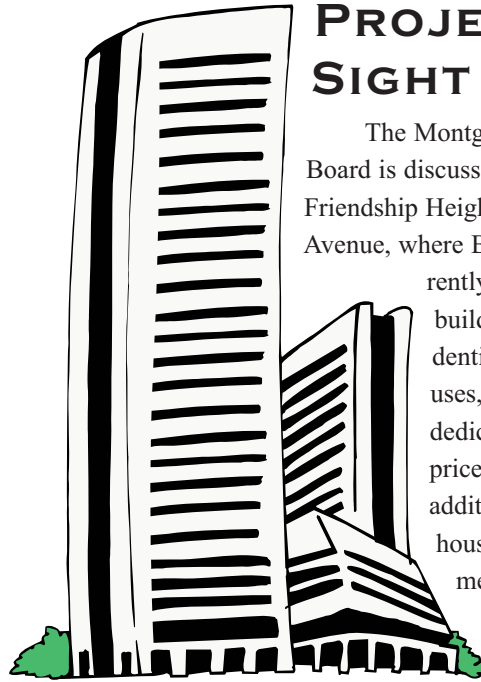
"I encourage all residents of Montgomery County to take this survey," said County Executive Elrich. "We want to ensure that the feedback we get is inclusive and reflects the County's diversity and we want everyone to have an opportunity to share their opinions with County Government on the services we provide. The pandemic required us to make some significant changes to the way we deliver some services. This survey is one way for us to assess how we are doing, what people think of the changes we made, and identify areas for improvement."

The 39-question survey asks residents age 18 or older to rate how they feel about the quality of life, County services, use of existing amenities and facilities, whether they take advantage of County programs, their impression of County employees, how well the County communicates with its residents, and various household practices such as recycling. It is recommended that respondents use a browser other than Internet Explorer to minimize problems accessing the survey.

To generate a more equitable sample, the survey was mailed to 5,000 randomly selected households with instructions in English, Spanish, Chinese, French, Korean, Vietnamese, Persian/Farsi and Amharic. However, the survey is open to all residents. Households that received the mailed survey should use the link and access code contained in the mailer.

This biennial survey was last conducted by the County in 2019. This survey is an important tool to create better customer service, more transparency, and provide ideas and feedback to help the government make better budget and policy decisions to create a more effective and efficient service.

OTHER BUILDING PROJECTS IN SIGHT



The Montgomery County Planning Board is discussing a new high rise in Friendship Heights at 5500 Wisconsin Avenue, where Brooks Brothers is currently located. The 18-story building would include residential and non-residential uses, including 15 percent dedicated to moderately priced dwelling units. In addition, newer higher rise housing and retail developments will be going in on both sides of Wisconsin Avenue, where Nordstrom Rack used

to be and also where Neiman Marcus is now located. There are also plans afoot to redevelop the nearby area where the Lisner-Louise-Dickson-Hurt Home now sits on Western Avenue in the District.

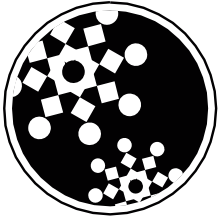
SECTION 3 UNITES FOR THOSE LESS FORTUNATE

Did you know that the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides recipients with the ability to buy groceries but excluded from the list of eligible items are laundry detergent, feminine hygiene products, and diapers? How myopic is that?

Section 3 residents are stepping up to get these necessities to A Wider Circle, which will distribute them to their clients in Washington, D.C. When you buy detergent, if you could another for a needy family, in these inflationary times, that would mean a great deal to a family to do laundry.

If you have extra disposable diapers or individually wrapped feminine hygiene products or can buy something new, we'd love to see your donation in a plastic bag on the Dorsey/Williams front porch at 3619 Shepherd Street. Thanks to Kirsten Williams for spearheading this effort.

Give what you can, every little donation helps. The deadline for donations is January 31.

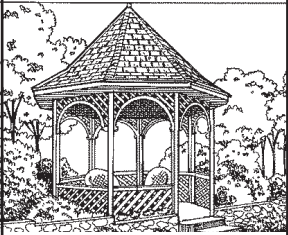


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SNOW IN THE FORECAST? PLEASE CONSIDER PULLING YOUR CAR INTO THE DRIVEWAY...THAT WAY WE CAN PROPERLY CLEAR THE STREETS SO YOU CAN TRAVEL SAFELY IN YOUR CAR SOONER.

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.