

News & Views

JULY 2020

A BUSY MONTH IN SECTION 3

Who says COVID-19 has to slow us down? Section 3 is learning how to get together without being together! Our **Farmer's Market** is in full swing on Saturdays—with social distancing and masks, and pre-orders for those who don't want to "shop" at the market but order in advance. Our Crêpes Parfait food truck is there, too, taking orders with proper precautions in place.

On June 14, we had a busy day with a **Shred Event** that went from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and included residents from Martin's Additions and Section 5. The shredder ended up shredding 5,800 pounds of documents that had been sitting in people's basements and attics, just waiting for that moment when they would be shredded into oblivion.

In celebration of the end of public school (as we never knew it before), the Council hired our favorite **ice cream** man, Copperfield Davis, to make stops throughout the neighborhood so that small groups could wait apart for their ice cream and grab their favorite treat from a masked ice cream man. After 25 stops, he had served up 280 popsicles, ice cream sandwiches, and other cold goodies in just three and a half hours.

Rocklands BBQ came to Section 3 for a special socially distant **Food Truck Night**. Residents were provided the menu in advance and lined up six feet apart with masks while they placed their orders. The truck delivered already prepared foods (nothing was cooked on the truck itself) so that orders were quickly filled. Lots of families took advantage of the truck and we may have them back again later this summer.

Finally, on Sunday, June 28, we ended the month with a "**Driveway Crawl**" with catered hors d'oeuvres bags for both wine and beer drinkers. Special thanks to the families whose driveways were used for this special event: the

Bakhash/Wardens, the **Stephens**, the **Narvaiz** family, the **Chernousovs**, the **Saifees** and the **Arble/Dieter** family. And thanks to the 18 volunteer bartenders who kept things moving. Unlike many of our pre-COVID events, this stroll through the community, many with kids in tow, gave people an opportunity to encounter people in

Section 3 they hadn't met before and still manage to keep social distance. It was a lot of fun for everyone.



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

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

See email closer to meeting date

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

Bulk Trash, Recycling

No Council Meeting or newsletter in August

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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

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COUNCIL ACTIONS

The Council met via Zoom on Wednesday, June 10. After some technical starts and stops, the meeting got off to a start.

The Council approved the minutes of the May meeting as they appeared in the June newsletter.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Council discussed how best to open the Gazebo Park and decided to open it initially to people only because there are so few places people can bring their children to play. The Council ultimately decided to put up the following temporary signage: "Recognizing that this is the only public open space in our community, the Section 3 Council has decided to initially limit park use only to people and not dogs.

"Only the Shepherd Street entrance will be open. We ask that visitors practice appropriate social distancing and limit the number of people in the park at any given time. The Council plans to revisit these guidelines at its July 8 meeting."

Our patrols continue to monitor speeding and stop sign compliance, and check behind both the church and Brookville Market. Residents are urged to lock their cars at night as warm weather brings out the opportunists and there have been a few incidents of break-ins to locked cars.

BUILDINGS & ROADS

Three permits were issued by our Buildings and Roads Representative, Carolyn Greis: the **Dorsey/Williams** family of 3619 Shepherd Street was issued a permit to rebuild their driveway and front walkway in their front yard on Shepherd Street; the **Schecks** of 3615 Taylor Street received a permit to use a temporary storage unit (PODS) in their driveway for an extended six-month period; and the **Croghan/Miller** family of 3806 Raymond Street was issued a permit to build a fence in their rear and west side yards.

The **Waterman/Robbey** family of 6803 Florida Street was granted a variance to install a generator which will intrude a maximum of 4' into their 10' south side setback.

The **Greis/Nott** family of 7003 Florida Street was granted a variance to replace two 6' sections of fence running along the north and south property lines in their "front" yard on Fulton Street. There was no record of a variance having been granted when the fence was originally built. Councilmember Greis recused herself from the vote. Councilmember Manning also recused herself from

voting because the fence in question separates her property from the Greis/Nott property, but had no objection to the variance.

The recent heavy rains resulted in some problems of water flowing from the still unfinished property at 3613 Raymond Street onto neighboring properties. The Buildings and Roads Representative and the Village Manager are working with the neighbors, the builder and the County to resolve these problems.

There was a request that the Council address landscaper noise and possibly consider a ban on such noise from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. No other action was taken but interested community members should let the Council know their thoughts.

The Council Chair, the Buildings and Roads Representative, and the Village Manager are compiling solutions found by neighboring jurisdictions to improve our building regulations and will be discussing them at the next meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

We have more than we anticipated signing up for the Compost Crew services—we are now up to 52 Section 3 residents! The landscape contract we had with Chapel Valley Landscaping expires at the end of June. A bid package has been sent to three reputable landscape firms. The Council voted to designate the Council Chair, the Buildings and Roads Representative, and the Village Manager to review the bids and decide who would get the contract for the next three years.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

The Village Manager reported on the plans for the **Shred Event** and the **Ice Cream Truck**. The **Back-Away Block Parties** were a big success with lots of neighbors getting together but staying apart.

The Council agreed to ask Rocklands to come for a **Food Truck Night** on June 18. They also agreed to do a beer and wine event, the **Driveway Crawl** on the evening of June 28...before Independence Day weekend but at the end of a weekend where folks may have traveled to second homes.

The Council is contemplating other COVID-19 events for the summer if possible. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 p.m.

PARENTS: CAUTION KIDS OF BIKE, SCOOTER RIDING

Most of us are still working at home. But that doesn't mean that people aren't driving through Section 3! Please caution your children about bike/scooter safety when riding our streets. We don't want to see any accidents! Helmets on, and careful crossing streets!



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

A special Happy 93rd Birthday to former Council Chair and current Vice Chair **Bill Brownlee** whose birthday was on June 29. The Brownlee clan converged on June 27 at the Brownlee home to celebrate the patriarch's big event.

Jack Mellyn, Amanda Perez, and their three children, **Margot, Felix** and **Iris**, have moved into 7007 Connecticut Avenue with Brazilian au pair Marianna Tempesta. The family moved from Capitol Hill. Moving during COVID-19 has been a challenge for all our new families as they haven't been able to meet many people, but happily, this one got to experience the Ice Cream Man and the "Driveway Crawl."

Welcome too to **John and Allison DeStefano** who will be moving into 7007 Georgia Street on July 10. We look forward to meeting them.

Congratulations to **Asagai and Catherine Brevil** on the birth of their daughter **Phoenix Hope Brevil**, who arrived a few days early on June 24 weighing 7 lbs, 3 oz. The family is, of course, over the moon with excitement.

Welcome back to **Cindy Owens and John Mimikakis** and their children **Chloe** and **Elia**. After having lived in Singapore for a few years, they moved back to Bethesda last year and are soon coming back home to 7001 Florida Street.

ROAD REPAIRS DONE IN SHORT ORDER

Three different contractors hired by Section 3 have been working on our roads: first to seal cracks in order to give our roadbed a little more life; then to patch areas where the surface asphalt had corroded badly; and finally, to install a permanent speed bump by the church and preschool to replace a temporary mobile bump that had seen better days. Finally, our sign guys applied new chevron markings on speed bumps where existing ones had faded and on the new one; mounted street signs that had fallen; and straightened those that were crooked.

Special thanks to our trash contractor and Compost Crew who adapted their pick-up schedules to allow our road crews to work uninterrupted. We hope to repair the intersection of Georgia and Raymond Streets as well as tackle "Lake Bradley" at the intersection of Bradley Lane and Brookville Road later this year.

COVID-19 QUARANTINE IS HARD ON AU PAIRS

For au pairs, this period has been particularly isolating—they are away from their families, in a foreign country. If you have an au pair, tell the Village Manager who will bring them together in a socially distant way. We have already introduced two Brazilian au pairs and are happy to be the connective tissue. Just let us know!

RAINSCAPES PROGRAM OFFERS REBATES

The Montgomery County Rainscapes program offers rebates for the installation of new permeable driveways, conservation landscaping, rain gardens, rain barrels, etc. The **Weinstein** and **Kilpatrick** families on Raymond Street are both replacing their driveways using the available rebates from the program. For more information on the Rainscapes program go to Rainscapes.org.

NEW DIRECTORY ISSUED

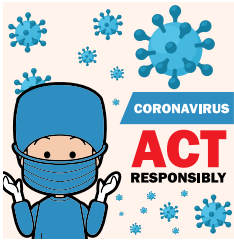
All Section 3 residents should have received a copy of a new directory in the mail. We've departed from the usual focal point, the Gazebo, for the front cover. Try finding the delightful doorways of the homes on the cover with your children. Here are some hints and you can use the directory to link the name and the doorway. For the curious, clockwise from the top left, they are: the **Wilsons** (on Taylor St.), the **Sibbald/Burkes**, the **Lanphers** (on Spring St.), the **Chernousovs**, the **Shannons**, and the **Glynns**.

Thanks to **Gina Masi Weinstein** on the cover design and Natalie Fern Hamilton for the overall design of the directory.

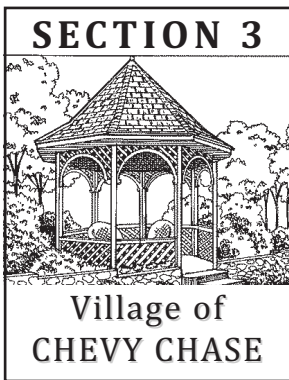
WATER, FALLING TREES STILL A PROBLEM

On Friday, June 5, the rains came down so heavily and so fast that Brookville Road by Taylor Street was flooded. Several homes in the neighborhood experienced never-seen-before flooding. With the help of video taken by **Tom Wilson** on Brookville Road at the height of the storm, we were able to get State Highway to quickly respond to clear out the inlets nearby. We are working to address flooding issues on Brookville Road.

Older Norway maples have become a hazard—one recently dropped a huge limb across the back yards of two homes on Brookville Road and another dropped a scary limb on Shepherd Street. Winds whipped up in late June creating surprises all over the place but happily, no power outages. Pepco is planning to trim trees toward the end of the year to avoid power losses.



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GOING AWAY FOR SOME CHANGE IN LATITUDE ... CHANGE IN ATTITUDE?

LET YOUR NEIGHBORS KNOW. MAKE SURE
YOU LOCK YOUR CAR AND IF POSSIBLE, PARK
IT IN THE DRIVEWAY, NOT ON THE STREET.
MAKE SURE THE NEIGHBORS KNOW HOW TO
REACH YOU.

