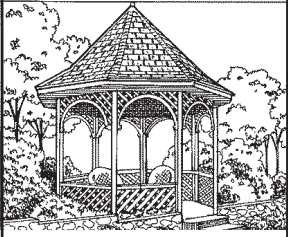


SECTION 3



Village of
CHEVY CHASE

News & Views

MARCH 2023

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY MARCH 8, 15, 22, 29

Recycling & compost curbside

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

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.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

Last Farmer's Market until May 6

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

Everybody's Irish Event

Gazebo Park, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

Section 3 Council candidate statements due at 5:00 p.m. via email to the Village Manager

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

Bulk Trash Day, Curbside & Three-cycling

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

Council Meeting 7:45 p.m.

Hybrid in-person CCUMC Library/Zoom

See March for meeting Details.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

Section 3 Council Spring Fun Day

Gazebo Park, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

** 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



EVERYBODY'S IRISH MARCH 17

Some traditional events just don't have a rain date—and St. Patrick's Day is one of them! Section 3 celebrates by declaring "everybody's Irish" for a day, and enjoying with a delicious spread of green eggs and ham, miniature green bagels and cream cheese, guacamole, strawberries dipped in green dyed white chocolate, mini-corned beef sandwiches on croissants, and a lamb and feta mini-pita pockets. For adults, we will have a wide selection of Irish adult beverages and for the kids, juice boxes, organic milk boxes and water.

Join us at our neighborhood-pub-for the evening at the Gazebo Park from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 17, rain or shine.

SPRING FUN DAY APRIL 16!

In April, we'll celebrate spring with a new special event, a three-hour fun day for Section 3 families with young children. We'll have a giant slide in Gazebo park, a mini-swing, a basketball hoops game, and a favorite—the scary "throw-up" or tumbler machine and a ride for little ones and parents to travel up and down Fulton Street. As a special treat, we'll have a new dessert food truck for Section 3 adults and children. So plan on joining us at the Gazebo Park on Sunday, April 16 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., with a rain date of April 23.

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COUNCIL ACTIONS

The Council met on Wednesday, February 8 in CCUMC's library and via Zoom. The meeting began at 7:47 p.m. All Council members were present.

The Council unanimously approved the minutes of the January Council meeting as published in the February News & Views.

BUILDINGS & ROADS

Permit Services Coordinator Gabriel Nathaniel reported that the following permits had been issued since the last Council meeting: The **Clark** family of 7007 Georgia Street received a permit for roof mounted solar panels and energy storage system. **Neelum Wadhwani and George Waddington** of 6816 Delaware Street received a permit to to construct a new porch (extension of existing) with stairs to grade in the north side and front yards, and another set of stairs to grade in the south side yard. The **Sinzdak** family of 3604 Spring Street was issued a permit to place a temporary 20'x 8' refuse container on an existing asphalt driveway at the side yard.

The Council unanimously granted the **Bailey-Mostofi** family of 7001 Georgia Street a variance to construct a second-floor addition over an existing, non-conforming first floor structure which currently encroaches 4'-5" into the 30-foot front yard set-back on Shepherd Street. The proposed second floor addition is approximately 438 square feet of which approximately 35 square feet will be in the required front yard setback. The Council found that the variance criteria of an extraordinary or unusual condition existed, observing that the existing house is located on a trapezoidal-shaped corner lot. Strict compliance with village building ordinances would create a practical difficulty in designing orthogonal structures when the allowable building area has non-90 degree corners. The Council also observed that an undue hardship existed in not being able to improve an existing structure located within a setback while keeping the building footprint at that location the same.

Corso Chevy Chase: The Council discussed the current status of the proposed Corso Chevy Chase development on Connecticut Avenue at the site of the former 4-H National Conference Center. On February 9, 2023, Council Chair Susan Manning wrote a letter to the Planning Board and staff outlining several of our continuing concerns regarding the development. (This letter and other relevant documents may be viewed on our website.) In February, Vice Chair Larry Lanpher and Village Manager Andy Leon Harney met with State Highway Officials about possible traffic solutions. The Village Manager also recently met with all the homeowners on Connecticut

Avenue. who face the proposed development to hear their questions and concerns. A number of them, at the suggestion of the Village Manager, sent letters voicing their concerns to the Planning Board.

We have expressed concerns about traffic and also about the setbacks for the two four-story buildings facing Connecticut Avenue. Developer Grant Epstein sent a response to our concerns but unfortunately, his response did not directly address the setback from the property line. We had a discussion with the Planning Board staff who agreed this needed clarification. The staff, in turn, have asked the developer for road section drawings with measurements that would clarify just how close those buildings are planned to be to the property line.

The Village Manager reported we are in search of an attorney advisor who can guide us further regarding the Local Map Amendment and Site Plan process. Similarly, we have also been searching for a traffic consultant, because our first choice unfortunately had a conflict of interest. The Village Manager agreed to continue the search and has received a number of recommendations.

Several residents raised concerns about the three retail spaces (a florist, a coffee shop and an ice cream shop) planned for Corso Chevy Chase, to be a total of 5,000 sq. ft. Two residents expressed the view that this would set a dangerous precedent to allow commercial uses in an otherwise single family neighborhood.

Pepco Street Light Status: In response to a mandate from the Public Service Commission, Pepco has been meeting with interested municipalities regarding municipal ownership of street lights. To date, the interchanges have been discouraging. PSC commissioners are aware of that frustration. Only one attorney has been intimately involved in these discussions, Suellen Ferguson, who serves as Counsel for Chevy Chase Village and College Park as well as a number of other Prince Georges County jurisdictions. She has drafted revisions to both a "master sales agreement" and a "pole attachment agreement" representing municipal preferences. The PSC has mandated that we file areas of agreement by April 7. Chevy Chase Village has, to date, paid all of Ferguson's fees and asked that interested municipalities help with the fees, estimated to be a total of about \$3,500 by April 7. The Council voted unanimously to pitch in to support this effort.

On other fronts, the Village Manager, on behalf of Section 3, addressed the Public Service Commission concerning our frustrations with Pepco in making a transparent path to municipal ownership of streetlights, including fees Pepco feels justified in charging. She also addressed members of the Maryland House of Delegates Economic Matters Committee in support of Delegate Kaufmann's H.B. 459 in support of municipal ownership of street lights. All the Maryland electric distribution firms oppose the bill. It is an uphill

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SECTION THREE VILLAGE OF CHEVY CHASE



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Welcome to **Alex Kisling and Monisha Samanta** who will be moving into 7001 Florida Street the first week of March with their two children, **Asher**, age 3, and **Mia**, a year and a half. Alex is vice president of communications for the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and Monisha is a director and genetic counselor for Genome Medical.

Belated congrats to **Geoffrey Dietz and Amy Feagler** of 7012 Florida Street, on the birth of their second son **Cameron Winter Dietz** on December 23, 2022, at Sibley Hospital. He joins big brother **Henry** (almost 3).

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES: SHARE YOUR EXCITING NEWS WITH US. ...

UPCOMING COUNCIL ELECTIONS

As an independent municipality, Section 3 has an elected five-member Village Council that is responsible for managing Section 3's affairs. This year, three of the five Council seats are up for election. The terms of Chair Susan Manning, Vice Chair Larry Lanpher, and Buildings and Roads Representative Carolyn Greis expire on May 9, 2023 at the close of the Annual Meeting. Both Manning and Lanpher have expressed a desire to continue to serve. Carolyn Greis, after 18 years of service, has decided not to seek reelection.

Interested residents are invited to run for Village Council. Council members meet once a month, on the second Wednesday of the month, except in August, when no meeting is held. The Annual Meeting and election is always held, by our charter, on the second Tuesday in May.

Any interested candidate should submit a 200-300 word statement as to why they would like to run and what they could do for the community. Candidate statements should be sent to the Village Manager via email by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 19. Once elected, the Council determines who will serve in what capacity so candidates run not for a specific position but for a seat on the Council. If you would like to nominate someone for the Council, we ask that you do that soon so that if they want to run,

they will have sufficient time to write their statement which will be published in the April Newsletter.

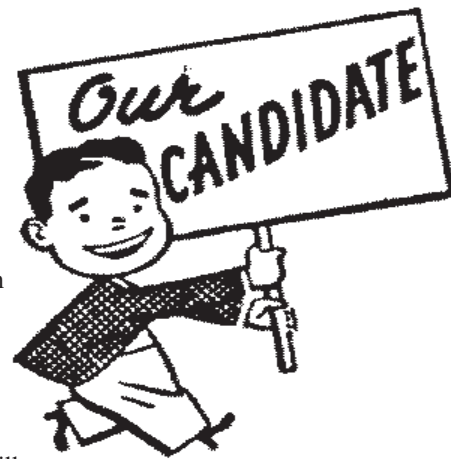
As far as voting, the Council will continue to send mail-in ballots to every Section 3 resident. Ballots may be cast during a two-week period prior to the May 9 Annual Meeting by depositing them in the official ballot box which will be placed on Judge Bill Rowan's porch at 3709 Shepherd Street. We began this pattern of voting during the pandemic and found that we had far more resident participation by providing an easy means to vote and a longer lead time.

All Section 3 residents 18 or older are eligible to vote, including those who are not U.S. citizens or are citizens not registered to vote in Maryland state elections. Unregistered or non-citizen residents may register to vote in a Village election by contacting the Village Manager. In order to allow sufficient time for a ballot to be issued and voted, registration for those who fall into these categories must be completed by April 25, the first day of voting.

FIRE SAFETY WITH JIM RESNICK, MCFRS FIRE SAFETY EDUCATOR

Chevy Chase at Home is sponsoring a special talk on how to assess your home for fire safety on Thursday, March 23 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Do you

have the right number of working smoke alarms in the correct locations? Did you know that all residents by law must use hard-wired or sealed-in, 10-year long-life detectors? Did you know that Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service (MCFRS) can help you replace these? Jim Resnick, MCFRS Fire Safety Educator, will provide us with important, potentially lifesaving updates on how to reduce our chances of experiencing a home fire, and what to do if one were to occur. Jim has more than 45 years of experience as a firefighter, paramedic, chief officer, and fire safety educator. Sign up for this informative talk sponsored by Chevy Chase At Home and Bethesda Area Metro Village. Please email info@chevyCHASEathome.org or call the office at (301) 657-3115 to register.



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battle despite the fact that street light revenues represent only a tiny fraction of the utilities' income and they would continue to earn income from electric distribution.

The Village Manager reported that the two previously installed demonstration street lights would be replaced by two different style lights in May. One light will be a "teardrop" style smaller and with a deep "skirt" or "hat" to cut the glare. The other is a different, rounder style with a frosted glass flush with the inside of the fixture. Both will have dimmers which can be easily controlled by Section 3.

Waterline Replacement Status: WSSC's contractors continue to work. The bulk of the waterline work is complete on Shepherd St., while work still needs to be done on Brookville Road and Connecticut Avenue, the dead ends of Florida and Fulton Streets, Taylor Street, and on Georgia Street from Raymond Street to Bradley Lane.

Raymond Street Storm Drain Project: Miss Utility has been contacted and our contractor expects to provide us with a schedule to do test pits (over 30) up and down Raymond Street to get a better feeling for how we can retrofit a storm drain into a street with gas, water and sewer lines already in place. As soon as we have a schedule from them, we will share that with residents.

FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Council members were given an opportunity to review Section 3's monthly financial reports in advance of the meeting and were asked if they had any questions. Treasurer Tom Carroll reported that we were exploring other options for Maryland chartered or licensed investments so that we were not invested in treasuries exclusively.

The Village Manager indicated that the local chapter of the Maryland Municipal League was working on a draft letter that municipalities could sign onto collectively expressing condemnation of the recent disturbing spate of antisemitic activities in the County. The Council Chair was deputized to review and approve the wording of any joint communique on behalf of Section 3.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

The Village Manager reminded everyone of Silver & Sons BBQ coming to the Gazebo Park on Thursday, February 9.

The Council asked the Village Manager to set up a special event with rides for children (see story this issue).

The Council adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.

ROSEMARY HILLS PTA
SEEKS DONATIONS FOR
APRIL ONLINE AUCTION

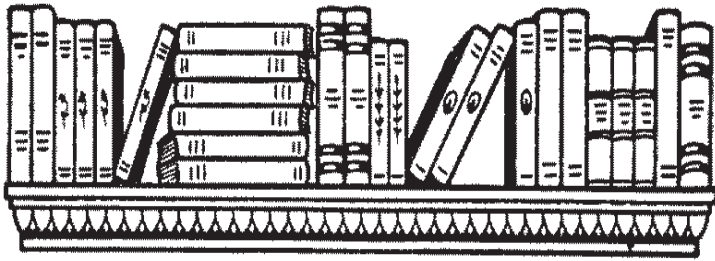
The Rosemary Hills Elementary School PTA is seeking sponsorships and donations of goods and services from neighbors and businesses throughout our community for its annual auction. The PTA's primary fundraising event, this auction will be held online during the week of April 24. Section 3 resident **Katey Vale** is serving as a co-chair—she could use some neighborly help!

Do you have season tickets to an area professional or college athletic team? Do you own or work for a small business that would be willing to sponsor the auction or donate in-kind goods or services (e.g., a landscaping package, cooking classes, shopping experiences, gift certificates, etc.)? Would you be willing to donate a week or weekend at your Airbnb or vacation home? We would be grateful for anything you might be willing to do!

The PTA funds instructional grants for teachers, school assemblies, recess equipment, enrichment scholarships for after-school programming, community-building events, educational nights (math, literacy, and multicultural education) and other needs as they arise. The Rosemary Hills PTA raised about \$30,000 as a school community during its fall giving campaign. The auction will raise the rest of the funds needed for these priorities. The PTA is a registered 501(c)(3) organization; all donations are tax-deductible. Please contact Katey (kateymcg@gmail.com) to sponsor or donate to the auction.

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.



B-CC USED BOOK SALE MARCH 11-12

The big annual used book sale at B-CC High School boasts over 50,000 well-organized donated books so finding just the right book, CD, or vinyl for yourself or someone special will be easy. Doors will open Saturday, March 11 at 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Remember daylight Savings Time, come by Sunday, March 12 between 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to fill one bag for just \$15. Daily entertainment will be provided by the Music Boosters of B-CC.

All proceeds go to support clubs and activities that benefit every student at the school. Most books are priced between \$1 and \$3. Cash, checks, credit cards & Apple Pay accepted.

ICONIC CHEVY CHASE CORBY HOUSE SHOW- CASED IN VIRTUAL ILLUSTRATED TALK

The Chevy Chase Historical Society invites you to an illustrated talk titled “An Iconic House Is Reborn: The History of 9 Chevy Chase Circle” on Thursday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m.

The architectural centerpiece of historic Chevy Chase has been meticulously restored after years of neglect. Completed in 1893, the mansion at 9 Chevy Chase Circle was one of the first grand houses designed for the new streetcar suburb of Chevy Chase. New owner Adrienne Arsht recognized the deteriorating house’s potential when she purchased the property in 2020 and undertook a comprehensive restoration of the house and grounds. Ms. Arsht and her new home received a Montgomery Preservation Inc. Historic Preservation Award in 2021.

Register at chevychasehistory.org for this virtual program via Zoom.

GOT EXTRA SPORTS EQUIPMENT?

One of the barriers to playing sports for those of limited means has always been the cost of equipment. The charitable organization **Leveling the Playing Field** collects new and used sports equipment to distribute to low-income schools, leagues and sports programs in D.C., Montgomery County, and Prince George’s County, Baltimore and Philadelphia. The group maintains that one-in-five disadvantaged families do not enroll their kids in youth sports because of the price of participating.

If you have good condition equipment your children are no longer using or if you would like to donate new equipment, Temple Sinai at 3100 Military Road, N.W. will have a trailer to collect the equipment in their parking lot on **Friday, March 3 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Saturday, March 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Sunday, March 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

What equipment are they looking for? baseball, softball, tennis, golf, hockey, lacrosse, football, and soccer, plus cleats and everything else except bicycles. Receipts for tax deductions will be available. The group has distributed over \$11 million in sports equipment to over 1,600 schools and youth programs.

If you want to learn more about the organization, go to levelingthefield.networkforgood.com or call (301) 844-5620.

TIME FOR B-CC MULCH MADNESS

B-CC Sports Booster’s Annual Mulch Sale is on! Go to bcc-mulch.com to place your order. Funds raised support B-CC students and athletics. You can order 3-cubic-foot bags and have them delivered on March 18 and 19. Orders placed before March 7 are \$7 a bag, and \$7.50 per bag after that date. If you order 25 bags or fewer, the delivery charge is \$20; for 26 bags or more, the delivery charge is \$15.

What does the Mulch Sale support? Funds have enabled the high school to purchase and install a new softball field sound system and baseball pitching machine; purchase new Cheer warmups, safety maps, senior recognition gifts, Spirit game giveaways, new tennis ball hitting machine, girls basketball practice jerseys, training room equipment for injury prevention and treatment, and a football end zone camera; and refurbishing the softball field and school weight room.

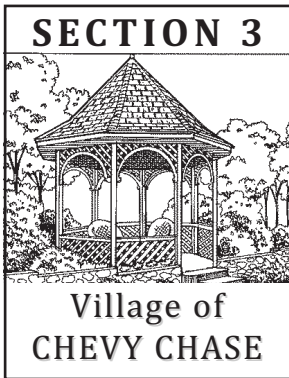




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YOU ONLY HAVE ONE HEAD!

REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR HELMET WHEN RIDING A BICYCLE. NEIGHBORS ARE ASKED TO BE CAREFUL IN DRIVING THROUGH THE COMMUNITY AS MANY OF OUR CHILDREN ENJOY RIDING BIKES AND SCOOTERS WITHOUT ALWAYS LOOKING AT WHAT MIGHT BE COMING.