

# News & Views

MAY 2020

## CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**  
Bulk Trash, Recycling Curbside

**TUESDAY, MAY 12**  
Annual Meeting via Zoom 8:00 p.m.  
Meeting ID and password to be shared via email

**FRIDAY, MAY 15**  
DEADLINE for changes to the Directory  
(see story page 3)

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3**  
Bulk Trash Pick-up Curbside  
Recycling Curbside

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 10**  
Council Meeting, 7:45 p.m.

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## COMPOSTING: ANOTHER RECYCLING OPTION

In March, the Council voted to provide composting as another option for Section 3 residents to recycle. With all of us home, we are acutely aware more than ever of how much waste we produce. Composting is one way to do your part for the environment and make productive use of food scraps, which are usually not given the chance to naturally decompose in landfills. We are contracting with Compost Crew to offer simple, clean, and convenient composting services for residents. As soon as the contract is signed—likely in May—the Village will assume the expense of this service for both current Compost Crew customers and, we hope, many new ones. Our goal is to at least double the number of families who use the composting service by offering it to those who feel they can make a commitment to composting.

Here's how it will work for new subscribers: You will go to this link at the end of this article and sign up. You will have to purchase your own five gallon odor-free compost bucket (you've seen them around the neighborhood, five gallons is probably all you will need at the start) and, if you wish, a "kitchen caddy" to collect kitchen peelings and compostable scraps that you later transfer to the five gallon bucket. Then Section 3 will pick up your monthly service fee. Compost Crew offers the first month free, which will give you a chance to retrain yourself and your family.

Because we recycle on Wednesdays, the new day starting May 6 for ALL Compost Crew customers in Section 3 (new and existing) will be Wednesday. That way you only have to remember to put things out for recycling on one day.

Existing customers report that since they have begun composting with the Compost Crew, their actual garbage has significantly diminished. In Section 3, we already recycle paper and, separately, bottles, cans, plastics. A wide range of items can be thrown into that compost bucket, including food scraps, peels, coffee grounds, and much more. (See <https://compostcrew.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/The-List.pdf> for a more detailed list.) AND if you garden, and want it, you can get back, twice a year, processed compost for your efforts. The ultimate recycling!

Somerset, Martins Additions, Chevy Chase Village, and the Town of Chevy Chase all work with Compost Crew and report good experiences. We want to do our part for the environment so what better way to do it than to take the next step and offer composting services.

If you have questions, go to [CompostCrew.com](http://CompostCrew.com) and look at their FAQs and explore the residential information. To sign up however, go to <https://thecompostcrew.chargifypay.com/subscribe/t6jvpt59knqh>

*\* 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.*



## COUNCIL ACTIONS

The Council met on Wednesday, April 15 via Zoom. The meeting was open to everyone and we had two Section 3 residents who took advantage of the ease of attending the meeting in addition to a resident, along with her contractor, requesting a variance. The meeting began at 7:50 p.m. with all Council members in attendance.

The minutes of the March meeting as they appeared in the April newsletter were approved by the Council.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

The Village Manager reported that, to the best of her knowledge, there have been no confirmed coronavirus cases within Section 3. The 20815 zip code is still recording the lowest levels of infection of any location within Montgomery County, although two zip codes in nearby Silver Spring are recording the highest.

The Manager reported that police patrols continue and that, other than several cars being tossed at the end of March, no other criminal activity has been reported.

In order to protect the public, now that the sod has taken hold in the park, the decision was made to continue to keep Gazebo Park closed to avoid the possibility of individuals congregating in the park...with or without dogs.

### BUILDINGS & ROADS

The **Leleck** family of 3602 Shepherd Street was granted a variance to build a bay window which will intrude 1'-6" into the 20' rear setback and also a landing with two steps to grade which will intrude 4'-5" into the same rear setback.

Carolyn Greis, the Council's Buildings and Roads Representative, reported that six permits were issued in the last month: the **Scheck** family received a permit to build a fence in the front (on Fulton Street) and rear yards at 3615 Taylor Street; the **Dillon** family of 3801 Bradley Lane received a permit to build a fence in their side yard; the **Hutson** family of 7010 Delaware Street received a permit to construct a roof over an exterior areaway in the north side yard for which they were previously granted a variance; the **Hillsberg/Winkler** family of 7006 Brookville Road received a permit to relocate an existing, non-conforming shed in their rear yard; the **Wilson** family received a permit to build an in-ground pool in the rear yard at 3704 Taylor Street for which they were previously granted a variance; and the **Scupi** family of 6802 Delaware Street was issued a permit to construct a one and two-story addition in the rear and side yards (that includes a window well, a landing

with steps to grade and a front portico) in conjunction with the renovation of an existing garage into habitable space. The family received a variance last year for a second-story "green" deck with a railing but have decided to eliminate that amenity; the other previously granted variances are being exercised.

The Village Manager reported that she is working on a list of miscellaneous road repairs in the Village to be done this spring. At the top of the list is the pothole on Raymond Street by the speed-bump near Delaware Street.

Liriope and evergreens have been purchased to replace those in damaged greenways. Our landscape contractor will install them.

The owner of the home to be demolished at 3706 Spring Street kindly allowed our landscape contractor to remove bushes, a few small trees, and Hosta; the plants will be transferred to the Gazebo Park.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council discussed the next fiscal year's proposed budget, making one change from the version published in the March newsletter to reduce estimated income by \$20,000 in light of the coronavirus-related economic downturn. The Village Manager reported that our reserves, saved for a rainy day, are available if there is any shortfall.

The Compost Crew has been contacted based on the Council voting at their last meeting to offer composting as another form of recycling and we are in the midst of working out the details (see story this issue for more information post-Council meeting).

### COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

We continue to explore ways to provide appropriate and safe activities and distractions to keep our precious sense of community spirit alive in Section 3. The Village Manager enumerated some of the activities that have taken place since March 13:

- The recruitment of the Neighbors' Committee and establishment of the Isolation Buddy plan;
- the Leprechaun's delivering St. Paddy's Day cookies to every household in Section 3;
- links to education resources for Section 3 families disseminated; sharing of information on senior shopping hours at local supermarkets;
- information on absentee ballots;
- Section 3-wide Virtual Happy Hour;
- New Morning Farm's distribution of Farmer's Market products to those who ordered;
- Section 3 Mobile Dance Party;
- assignment of Isolation Buddies;
- Bear Hunt in Section 3 (65 plus households had bears in their windows);



## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Congratulations to **Zalman and Muska Minkowitz** of Brookville Road on the birth of their daughter **Sarah** on the last day of March. Sarah joins brothers **Mendel** and **Peretz** and sisters **Chana** and **Riva**.

In spite of the Coronavirus, families are still moving into Section 3—the world has not completely stopped, although it's making things more challenging. Meeting one's neighbors has been difficult, but hopefully we'll be able to give our new residents a proper welcome once COVID-19 is no longer a threat.

Welcome to **Brendan and Margaret Babbington** and their two children, **Mae**, a University of Maryland student, and **Brendan Jr.**, a senior at St. Johns College High School. The Babbingtons moved from Chevy Chase Village to 3717 Bradley Lane where they will live for the next year. .

A welcome to **Andrew and Emily Hutson Borgshulte** who moved into 3612 Taylor Street. The couple moved from the District to Emily's old neighborhood—her parents, **Charles and Vickie Hutson** live on Delaware Street where Emily grew up.

It is with sadness that we report the passing of long-time Delaware Street neighbor **John Sturgeon**. Mr. Sturgeon had been ill and passed away at a nearby nursing home of a respiratory ailment. He leaves a sister Clare in Bethesda.

Congrats to **Jeremy Scheck** of Taylor Street. Jeremy is a student at Cornell majoring in Spanish and Italian with a minor in nutrition. In high school he had a small catering business called the Afterschool Bakery. Now he has a Collegetown Kitchen website (you can subscribe to get recipes on a regular basis). It's filled with great recipes not just baked goods but whole meals. Named him one of the Tik Tok Chefs and Food Stars you should be following right now. His @jascheck is noted for "expert technique and willingness to explain the mechanics behind cooking have amassed him more than 80,000 followers on Tik Tok with ease.

## NEW DIRECTORY PROCESS BEGINS

Did you long ago get rid of your land line? Is your cell phone in the directory? Is it the right number? Is there someone in your home NOT listed in the directory who should be? Let us know so that we can produce a nice new directory sooner rather than later. Please email the Village Manager ([villagemanager@chevyCHASEsection3.org](mailto:villagemanager@chevyCHASEsection3.org)) with any changes in address, phone numbers, or email addresses no later than May 15.

## ISOLATION BUDDIES WORK

We had over 60 residents respond to our request for folks to join the Neighbors Committee to help out during this coronavirus stay-at-home period. Our first task was to try and pair up seniors who might need some assistance with shopping or other errands with "isolation buddies." We now have 29 seniors or senior couples being helped by a group of dedicated buddies. For some, it's just a phone call once a week to check in. For others, it's a trip to the supermarket or the pharmacy, and one volunteer has even taken to mowing the lawn of his neighbors! What a fantastic help in this very isolated time in all our lives.

We have more neighbors who have volunteered than we have people who have asked for some assistance. So if you are a senior and feel you would like someone to help you out, contact the Village Manager and she will pair you with a volunteer isolation buddy. A lot of our seniors have attentive family nearby and are being helped by them, but a number do not and have welcomed the assistance.

The way it works is when an isolation buddy is going shopping for his or her family, he or she will contact their senior "buddy" and ask if they need anything, get a list and shop for it separately from their own list so that they can present a receipt for reimbursement when they drop off the groceries. The seniors can either mail them a check or leave it in an envelope by their door. This way everyone remains properly socially distant, but the much-needed errands are taken care of by a neighbor.

We are fortunate we have such a wonderful community with so many giving, involved neighbors.

## GARDEN EXCHANGE

Within this new normal it is a great time to garden. You may find some of your plants welcome being divided.

If you have some plants you'd like to share, contact the Village Manager Andy Harney. Or if you would like something, let her know and she will put you on the list! It's all free...what better way to recycle than to keep it "in the family," so to speak!

## COUNCIL ACTIONS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

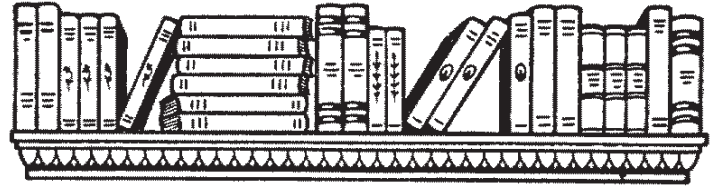
- email clarifying the Governor's orders to Shelter in Place;
- email to seniors explaining the new tax rules as they pertain to the mandatory minimum IRA distributions;
- Visual Scavenger Hunt;
- special TIP day for trash contractors;
- kindness acts for mailmen;
- announcement of Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest;
- campaign by Section 3 kids to send sunshine and rainbows cards to our seniors living in isolation;
- announcement of special delivered food from GoFish caterer and opening of La Ferme for take-away orders;
- distribution of easy-to-make recipes tried and used by Section 3 neighbors;
- second Farmers' Market delivery;
- special Section 3 arrangement for Hardy's BBQ to be delivered house to house.

The Council voted to adopt an Emergency Charter Amendment and to cancel the upcoming uncontested council election in order to comply with social distancing requirements and avoid unnecessary risk to our community. The Council took this action pursuant to Governor Hogan's state of emergency declaration, which authorized municipalities "to implement such emergency election procedures as may be deemed necessary as a result of the state of emergency, including ... canceling an uncontested election." The candidates for the two open Council seats are **Tom Carroll** and **Ellie Nader**, who will be sworn in at the May 13 Annual Meeting.

## CORONA CHRONICLES

The Chevy Chase Historical Society is collecting written statements, videos, audio files, etc. to record this historic and hopefully never-again moment in our lives. They are collecting the material via a Google form: [www.chevyCHASEhistory.org/chevyCHASE/corona-chronicles](http://www.chevyCHASEhistory.org/chevyCHASE/corona-chronicles) (you need a Google account to use it) or via email it to [CoronaChronicles@chevyCHASEhistory.org](mailto:CoronaChronicles@chevyCHASEhistory.org).

Questions? Go to [info@chevyCHASEhistory.org](mailto:info@chevyCHASEhistory.org) or call (301) 656-6141.



## MONTGOMERY COUNTY VIRTUAL LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Just as our whole lives have turned to internet solutions, so have our reading habits. Although Montgomery County Libraries are all closed, they have done an impressive pivot in allowing County residents to apply for and receive digital library cards. You can get both adult and children's audible books as well as ebooks. You can read e-magazines, e-newspapers, online courses, streaming videos, music and movies, language learning such as Rosetta Stone and Mango Languages, arts and crafts through Creativebug all through the library's digital resources. There are also virtual story times.

To apply for a digital library card online if you don't already have a full service card, you can do so and then when the libraries open, you can exchange it for a full service card. To apply for a digital card, go to <https://mcpl.link/DigitalCard>

## CENSUS 2020

The Census, like so many other key dates on our calendar, has pushed back its deadline—so if you haven't answered their very simple questions, take a moment, it's very important. Section 3 had fantastic participation in 2000 and less in 2010. Right now we are at 80 percent participation and we need to get up to 100 percent or as close as possible. So, you can't find the code that was sent to you by mail? No worries. Check and make sure no one else in your home already filled out the survey as it's one per household. If not, go to [Census2020.gov](http://Census2020.gov) and fill out the questions online in a few minutes.



## ANNUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

If you've never attended an annual meeting—this is your moment! The Village's Annual Meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, May 12 at 8:00

p.m. You don't need a sitter (although we're sure many of you would love to have one) and you don't have to worry about walking to the Church to find a seat—you can enjoy the meeting in your own home! For those of you who are less comfortable with an app to attend, you can always phone in and hear the audio, a number will be provided.

This year's Annual Meeting will summarize the last fiscal year (from June 2019 through May 2020)—normal times and not-so-normal times. We will go over our deliberations so far on the building ordinances and ask for your input; summarize what's happened in terms of building activity, social activities, volunteer activities; discuss Village plans and priorities for the next years; and vote on the budget. These issues directly affect life in Section 3, and we promise to make the meeting both interesting and not too long. We hope you'll attend!

## CHEVY CHASE CIRCLE FOUNTAINS OFF—BUT PLANS FOR LIGHTING ON

After months of work and preparation, with the help of donations to hire the professional expertise required, the Friends of Chevy Chase Circle with the co-sponsorship of the National Park Service, have brought a design for lighting the fountain to the Commission of Fine Arts for its review.

The Commission recently approved that design. According to Ruth Robbins, head of the group, "We are waaaay on the way to bringing to our community and our local landmark something needed for so long: lighting in the circle. There are still multiple steps needed to make this happen and in all likelihood, the fountain's interior lights will not be installed until the fountain is rehabbed at some unspecified point in the future but when that rehab happens....and the planning for that is now under way..., we will have our permits and plans in hand and lighting will be part of that project. Good news indeed! No more nighttime disappearing fountain."



The fountain isn't operating because it's under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service. All the NPS-operated waterworks such as those at Georgetown Harbor or Meridian Park and at the Circle will be off as long as we are under mandated stay-at-home orders. This is a public health precaution. Water features tend to draw people in and discourage social distancing.

When the fountain is turned on again, it will be yet another sign that we are back to business. In the meanwhile, there is still plenty to see and enjoy around the Circle....the azaleas are bursting into their full glory and the tulips have put on a great show again this year.

Thank you to the Park Service and the Friends of Chevy Chase Circle for planting those tulips and tending the azaleas.

For more information about the Friends of Chevy Chase Circle and the other projects we have undertaken, please see our website: [FriendsOfChevyChaseCircle.org](http://FriendsOfChevyChaseCircle.org)

## TAKE OUT IS IMPROVING!

**La Ferme** takes orders by phone (301) 986-5255 from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. from Monday through Saturday. But before you call, go to their website, [LaFermeRestaurant.com](http://LaFermeRestaurant.com) and read their instructions and their special carryout menu.

**Olympia Café** accepts take out orders from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. by calling (301) 652-2441. They do not have a website.

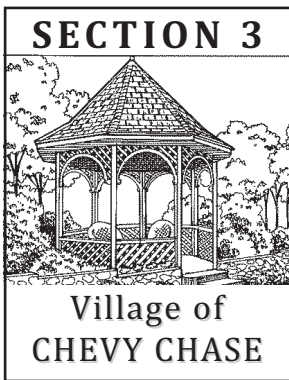
Our favorite fish truck at our fall and spring food truck nights was **GoFish**. They haven't been around because their owner went into the catering business...and as you know, with COVID-19, that's been tough. So they have been able to keep their employees on but just for one day and they will deliver any order of \$30 or more any week to Section 3. The menu includes lobster rolls, ready-to-cook crab cakes, fish & shrimp tacos, Old Bay wings, pork bbq and more! Delivery is FREE or you are welcome to pick up at their Rockville kitchen. Go to <https://www.othpreparedmeals.com/> for menu and ordering info. Please put Section 3 in the COMMENTS section on the checkout page to assist with routing. \*Please note: For DELIVERY please click the "change" link under the "Pick up address" and choose DELIVERY. The rest of the items will follow suit. Questions? email Missy Carr at [missy@offthehookcatering.com](mailto:missy@offthehookcatering.com).

On Wednesday, April 29, **Hardy's BBQ** did their first special delivery to Section 3 residents...and they did so well, they hope to do it again. They have worked out the kinks and have a new web address for ordering which we will share via email when we work out the details for the next shipment of BBQ.

**Manoli Canoli** at 8540 Connecticut Avenue has opened a mini-mart with a full ordering list online. Go to [www.manolicanolli.com](http://www.manolicanolli.com) and click on "mini market list" where you can order prepared foods or raw ingredients by calling and then pick up outside.



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## YOU ONLY HAVE ONE HEAD!

With so many people staying at home and not driving, please be careful allowing children to play in the street and caution them to be aware a car might come down the street when they least expect it!

