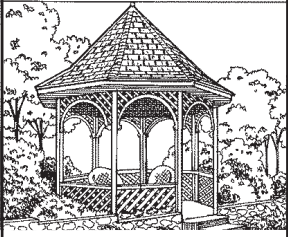


SECTION 3



Village of
CHEVY CHASE

News & Views

MAY 2023

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

Bulk Trash & Three-cycling, curbside

WEDNESDAYS, 10, 17, 24, 31

Recycling & compost, curbside

SATURDAY, MAY 6

Farmer's Market Re-opens

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Taylor Street at Brookville Road

SATURDAY, MAY 6

Covid Babies (and Parents) Get Together
Gazebo Park, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 9

Annual Meeting 8:00 p.m.

Hybrid in-person CCUMC Library/Zoom
Annual Election

(voting began April 25 thru 6 p.m. May 9)

Agenda, meeting ID and passcode will be sent via email to residents. The annual meeting is open to all. Interested members of the public can contact the Village Manager to obtain the ID and password.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

Council Meeting Hybrid Zoom

7:45 p.m. see access info on May 9 listing.

** 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 handi-capped 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

SPRING FUN DAY

Hundreds of Section 3 residents, large and small, had a great time on Sunday, April 16 at our Spring Fun Day at the Gazebo Park. Keith Robinson, our favorite DJ from Bristol Sounds, served up lively music and ran dance and limbo contests for parents and kids alike. A gigantic slide towered over everyone in the park and many kids took multiple turns on this amazing inflatable. The throw-up (tumbler) machine delighted everyone who gave it a try. Happily, no one lost their lunch on the dramatic spins. A fire engine took parents and kids up and down Fulton Street, siren blaring. Kids played a boardwalk-like hoops game in the park and a bunch of little ones got to take a spin on the kiddie swing.



A Section 3 long-time favorite, Carmen's Italian Ices, came to the delight of young and old. Special thanks to Vice Chair **Larry Lanpher** and Assistant to the Village Manager **Nancy Nantais** who helped hand out tickets so we could keep track of all the Italian ices and custards everyone consumed.

We have so many children in the community! It was a terrific opportunity for many neighbors to meet and to have the children get to know their neighbors. Thank you to the parents who helped watch out for the safety of all the kids on the big slide. The spring event, our first, was such a success that we plan to include it on our annual roster of community-wide events.

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COUNCIL ACTIONS

The Council met on Wednesday, April 12, 2023. All council members were present.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

BUILDINGS & ROADS

Permit Services Coordinator Gabriel Nathaniel reported that five permits have been issued since the March meeting:

- 6704 Brookville Road's developer received permits for two fences on the property.
- 6702 Brookville Road developer received a permit for two fences and a permit for a temporary storage unit parked on the property.
- The **Dobbins** family of 3702 Raymond Street received a permit to replace parts of a fence.
- The **Mostofi/Bailey** family at 7001 Georgia Street received permits for a second floor addition for which they were granted an earlier variance, a mud room and front portico.

CORSO CHEVY CHASE

The Village Manager reported on the rezoning hearing for the planned Corso Chevy Chase development at 7100 Connecticut Avenue. The only speakers at the hearing were the developer and their representatives, the Town of Chevy Chase and Section 3. The hearing examiner expressed some concerns regarding the traffic situation prior to the hearing. The hearing gave Section 3 the opportunity to discuss in detail our concerns about traffic problems that may result from the ingress and egress patterns proposed by the developer as well as potential parking issues. The binding elements that will be part of the final agreement include a commitment to have all parking for Corso contained on the site. The final report of the hearing examiner has not yet been issued. The next step is that the plan will be presented to the County Council to vote on, once the hearing examiner issues her recommendations. After that, we will have a role in evaluating the preliminary and final site plans before they are approved by the County.

STREET LIGHTING

The state legislature did not pass the new proposed amendments that would have made it easier for municipalities to own their own streetlights. The measure passed in the House of Delegates, but it never made it out of the Senate committee.

The Village Manager reported on the efforts by a group of municipalities who have been meeting with Pepco officials to iron

out the real practical details of owning our own lights such as a sales agreement and a pole attachment agreement. These meetings have been attended by various municipal representatives, the attorney we have hired to represent our interests, Pepco officials, and staff from the Public Service Commission. The results, originally slated to be submitted April 7 will be pushed to May 3, at which time the areas of agreement and disagreement will be outlined to the Commission. The leadership of the Commission is in flux, so its future is unclear: the two most favorable to member municipalities have been let go by Governor Moore and the chair's term expires this summer.

WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

There is still much to do on the WSSC waterline replacement project. The Village Manager reported more work will be done in May after they work elsewhere in Chevy Chase (see story this issue).

FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

The Council discussed the budget as it appeared in the April newsletter and gave approval for a vote at the May Annual Meeting. No questions were raised by Council members on last month's financial statement. The Council discussed, among other things, more attractive and visible Section 3 entrance signs at locations such as both ends of Taylor and Raymond Streets, with more attention given to such matters in the future.

The Council discussed a charter amendment similar to that by Chevy Chase Village and Chevy Chase View, which would allow for no election to be held when the ballot is uncontested. In the May Village Council election, for example, there are three open slots with three candidates running. If we had such a provision in the Charter, we could have avoided the expense of ballot printing and transporting a proper ballot box for the election. The Council agreed to have a draft prepared, and that we should formally introduce this change at a later date so that we can take advantage of the new law Governor Moore is slated to sign that would require our advertising this charter change in the *Washington Post* only once instead of the very expensive four times as required by current law.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

The Council unanimously passed a resolution condemning antisemitism and other hate acts (see story this issue).

The Village Manager reminded everyone of the Thursday, April 20 visit of Silver and Sons BBQ.

The Council agreed that a House Tour in pre-pandemic style would most welcome. The Village Manager is seeking out possible hosts and their homes.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Welcome to **Eric Blumenthal and Jessica Andrade** who moved into 6700 Brookville Road in early March. Eric is the Senior Vice President, Real Estate Market Manager at PNC Bank, and Jessica is the Director for Volunteer Experience and Engagement at the National Association of Home Builders. The family includes three children: **Dylan**, a junior at the University of Michigan; **Daisy**, a sophomore at the University of Miami in Miami; and **Charlotte** who attends Deal Middle.

Welcome to **Arjun Vasan and Nishtha Soni**, who moved into 6817 Delaware Street in April. Arjun is the Deputy Director of the Office of International Development Policy at the U.S. Treasury, and Nishtha is a Senior Vice President and Head of Strategy and Operations at Two Sigma Investments, a hedge fund based in New York. They have a son, **Bodhi**, born in February 2022—yet another COVID baby to add to the growing list.

COLLEGE NEWS

So many college-bound seniors in Section 3 this year! We've already covered the early decision folks—**Summer and Dahlia Saifee** (Dahlia at Middlebury, Summer at Skidmore) and **Rae Stephens** at Middlebury. Other seniors off to new adventures are:

Jaya Connor of Georgia Street who will attend the Honors College at the University of Vermont.

Mike Dietrich of Florida Street will attend the University of Denver in the fall, not too far from his brother **Liam** who is at Colorado College in Colorado Springs. Parents **Mike and Farrell** will be empty nesters but probably skiing a lot.

Izzie Afnan of Florida Street will head to Tulane University.

Brooke Beebe of Fulton Street is off to Fairfield University in Connecticut.

Sophia Burke of Taylor Street is headed to American University of Paris where she hopes to study art history. It's going to be a hard slog for parents **Matthew Burke and Sarah Sibbald** to go to parents' weekend!

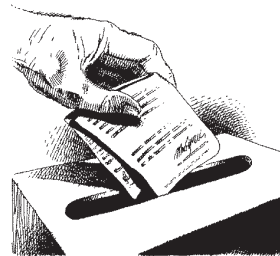
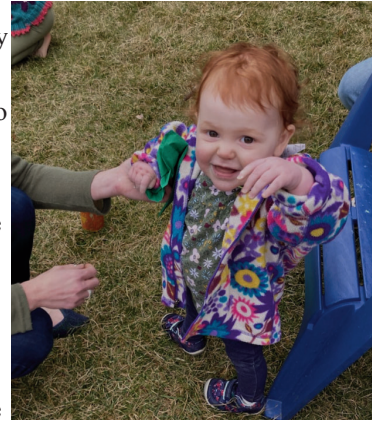
Kate Jacob of Raymond Street is headed to University College London. The Jacobs' other daughter **Eleanor** will take her junior year from Dartmouth in Madrid which means the Jacob family will be doing some fun travel next year!

Conor McInnis of Taylor Street is headed to Boston College.

COVID PARENTS AND BABIES GET TOGETHER

We have dozens of Section 3 children who have been born since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic! It's a remarkable group...some families with very young children have connected by text, email and phone, but we haven't had many opportunities to connect in person.

On Saturday, May 6, the same day as the reopening of the Farmers' Market, we invite ALL Section 3 COVID babies and their parents to a brief, low key get together. We'll have bubble machines and juice boxes for the kids and coffee for the parents from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in Gazebo Park. We hope you'll come to meet other parents in the community and introduce your children to their future classmates. Join us!



VOTING ENDS MAY 9 AT 6:00 P.M.

Every of Section 3 resident should have received an election ballot by now. Voting opened April 25, ballot box at 3709 Shepherd Street any day until May 9 between 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Judge Bill Rowan has volunteered to act as election registrar and will count the votes.

It is an uncontested election this year, with incumbents **Susan Manning** of Florida Street and **Larry Lanpher** of Spring Street running and **Katey Vale** of Florida Street running for the first time. Their statements are available on the Village website, click on *News & Views* and go to the April 2023 newsletter. Long time Buildings and Roads Representative, **Carolyn Greis** is leaving the Council after 18 years of service. Even though the election is uncontested, we urge our residents please to vote.

SECTION 3 RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ANTISEMITISM

Montgomery County has seen an unfortunate rise in the number of antisemitic incidents. Reports run 261 percent higher than last year, including many incidents in our public schools. In late 2022, the Montgomery County Council unanimously passed a resolution condemning antisemitism. At its April meeting, the Council unanimously adopted a version of a Town of Chevy Chase proposed resolution printed here condemning antisemitism. The Council agreed as well to publicize County events in support of education to help eliminate antisemitism and other expressions of hate or bigotry.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, we in Montgomery County have seen a sharp increase in antisemitic incidents, which have horrified County residents of all faiths;

WHEREAS, the County Council unanimously passed a resolution condemning antisemitism and all forms of hate speech and bigotry towards any racial or ethnic group;

WHEREAS, the County Council resolution states that Montgomery County commits to countering antisemitism and hate through engagement with community leaders; and

WHEREAS, we elected municipal officials in Montgomery County believe that the voices of our communities should be added to the County's, in expressing our condemnation of these antisemitic acts,

THEREFORE, we, as local elected municipal leaders of Montgomery County, resolve the following:

Antisemitism has no place in our communities, at our schools, in our public areas, or on our doorsteps. As local elected leaders, we fully condemn this age-old hatred of the Jewish people and stand in solidarity with the Jewish community. We stand firmly against any and all actions that aim to intimidate the Jewish community through the use of hate speech, display of hate symbols, such as Nazi Swastikas, or through physical assault. We oppose with equal fervor, any expression of hate or bigotry against people of any race, religion, ethnic identity, or sexual orientation.

We support activities undertaken in our schools that educate our children about the history of antisemitism, raise awareness of this bigotry, and encourage students to oppose antisemitism and other hate speech or activities when they see or hear them.

We also believe that activities must take place in our communities to raise greater public awareness about antisemitism, both historically and contemporaneously. We believe that vigorous, consistent public education will provide the most effective defense against this and other age-old hatreds that have no place in our dynamic, diverse, and inclusive communities.

COUNCIL ACTIONS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

The Council discussed the shape and attractiveness of the greenways. It was decided that with all the work going on, we would first tackle the greenways that present a tripping hazard where the soil is much lower than the sidewalk. The Village will consider which areas are too shady to plant grass successfully and offer residents alternatives approved by our landscaper and the homeowners. We are also going to look into trimming back suckers on trees in the greenway.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

CHEVY CHASE AT HOME OFFERS TALK ON LOCAL BIRDS OF CHEVY CHASE

On Thursday, May 4, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., Chris Wright will discuss via Zoom approximately 30 bird species common right here. Many of these birds are familiar, but each has a story, and usually, a song, ... details that make them memorable and identifiable. You will find that 30 birds are not so overwhelming that you can't recognize each of them just as you recognize your neighbors.



Growing up near American University, Chris was taught to recognize bird songs and tell a robin from a cardinal right from the kitchen window (he confesses he didn't pay close attention to birds in those days.) Over 28 years at the Library of Congress, working in some of the most glorious indoor spaces in the nation, Chris wished he were outdoors. As a hiker and gardener, he focused on plants. He says he didn't really "see" birds until he went on a ferry ride with some friends when they got into a heated debate about the identity of a gull flying astern the ship. Intrigued, he began looking at birds more closely. These friends then took him on a birding trip in South Africa, where he was hooked.

When Chris retired in 2003, he joined the DC Audubon chapter and went on many bird trips to fabulous birding places in the United States like Big Bend in Texas and the Florida Everglades. Eventually, he saw almost all the birds one can normally see in the lower 48 (his U.S. life list is 629 species.) Now he concentrates on seeing birds in Montgomery County. In his yard alone, he's logged 85 species.

Register in advance to get the link by contacting info@chevyCHASEathome.org or calling (301) 657-3115.

WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT CONTINUES

WSSC plans to continue work in Section 3 starting in mid-May. WSSC's contractor, A & M Concrete, will make a connection at the intersection of Shepherd and Delaware Streets and then another crew hired by WSSC will mill down and pave all of Shepherd Street. They must replace the temporary patches on Delaware Street between Shepherd and Taylor Streets before that segment can be milled and paved. The plans call for their running pipe the entire length of Taylor Street, connecting all those houses to a new water line, then doing the same at the dead ends of Florida and Fulton Streets. All of that will then be repaved. Finally, they will install a new water line on Georgia Street between Raymond and Bradley Lanes and install waterlines and connect homes on Brookville Rd. from Section 5 all the way to Cummings Lane.

NOTE: For those who live on any of the affected streets, it would be wise to park off the street when leaving for vacation. Those with insufficient driveway for their vehicles should contact the Village Manager for help in finding alternative parking.

STORM DRAIN WORK IN SECTION 3

The Raymond Street Storm Drain Project has commenced. One drain has been installed and test pits dug up and down the street. The purpose of the test pits is to determine the spacing between gas lines, water lines, sewer lines...all the infrastructure we take for granted. Miss Utility only tells us approximately where a pipe is located, but not its depth...and sometimes, sadly, they get that wrong as well. So test pits are the safe and wise way to get accurate information before digging into an old street. The WSSC waterline construction crews have done the same thing.

As many of us live in old houses, we are often surprised when opening up a wall. The same has happened with Raymond Street. It appears that it will be difficult to squeeze in a 15' concrete pipe so close to the curb on the south side of the street due to the location of existing water and gas lines.

Findings are being sent to our civil engineer, thus the Raymond Street construction will pause as we re-engineer to find new routes for the storm drain project.

A storm drain on Florida Street between Raymond and Spring Streets appears to have collapsed. Section 3 has been working with Montgomery County, which maintains our storm drains,

for months to find a solution. The same contractor as the Raymond Street project has now begun work on a new drain that will run from mid-block down to the large concrete storm drain that runs down Spring Street then connecting with a Fulton Street drain. Again, there will be no on-street parking from mid-block to Spring Street as they work to resolve this drainage issue.

CRAPE MYRTLE BARK SCALE TREATMENTS

Last year Section 3 treated all Village-owned crape myrtle street trees for bark scale, a problem that has affected all trees in our area. We also launched a successful effort at co-op purchasing treatments for privately owned crape myrtles. Paul Wolfe, our arborist, reports that last year's treatments, both community and private, should be good for 2 to 2.5 years. Those interested in treating their **untreated** crape myrtles should contact the Village Manager by May 15. Mr. Wolfe will provide a cost estimate for each location. Once you accept, pay Section 3. Wolfe's crew will then perform all the work throughout the neighborhood on the same day. This cooperative arrangement is more efficient, thus less expensive way to get the community and private trees treated. Let us know, the deadline is May 15.



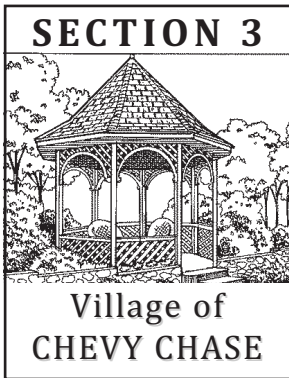
PLEASE BE MINDFUL, MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL PASSED AN ORDINANCE BANNING ALL PESTICIDE USE, EXCEPT IN THE AGRICULTURAL RESERVE. ALTHOUGH PESTICIDES LIKE 'WEED AND FEED' ARE SOLD, THEIR USE IS BANNED IN THE COUNTY.



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FARMERS MARKET SPRING REOPENING SATURDAY, MAY 6

Visit our wonderful Farmers Market as it reopens for the season! We welcome back New Morning Farm for its fifth year with us. Kai's Homemade Crabcakes will join the inaugural market. A favorite food truck Crepe Parfait will return May 13. Bring a bag and enjoy the wonderful organic vegetables, baked goods, cheeses and other delights!

Remember to bring a donation for the Capital Area Food Bank...the need is great and Section 3 residents continue to generously help our neighbors who are food insecure...don't miss it!