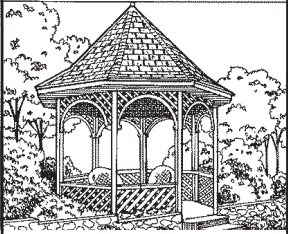


## SECTION 3



Village of  
CHEVY CHASE

# News & Views

FEBRUARY 2023

## CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1, 8,  
15, 22**

Recycling & compost curbside

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 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.



**TUESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 14**  
Happy Valentine's Day

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8**

**Council Meeting, 7:45 p.m.**

**Hybrid in-person CCUMC Library/Zoom**

See February meeting for Details

## TAXES TAXES TAXES

Tax filing deadline is April 18 this year...really just around the corner. When you prepare your taxes, don't forget to include the code 1614 for Section 3! If you use a tax professional, remind them to do the same.

*\* 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**

## LEARNING MORE ABOUT YOUR COUNTY NEIGHBORS

We all know about the U.S. census, taken every 10 years, most recently in 2020. But did you know that every year the federal government also takes the American Community Survey (ACS) of 3.5 million households and gathers data on race, income, education, occupation, commuting, housing, etc.? The government also issues annual population and housing estimates for the whole country, for states, counties, cities and towns along with age and race characteristics.

In late January, the Research and Strategic Projects (RSP) Division of the Montgomery County Planning Board presented its Montgomery County Demographic Trends report to the County Council. Based on the decennial census, ACS and annual population estimate, RSP was able to report on a number of interesting demographic trends.

With a 2021 population of 1.05 million, Montgomery County is the 44th largest county in the country, and second only to Fairfax County, VA in the DMV. The county population continues to grow at just under 1% per year and is largely clustered around core centers and corridors. District 1 (which includes Bethesda, Cabin John, Chevy Chase, Friendship Heights, Palisades, Glen Echo and Potomac) has a population density of 2,367 persons per square mile.

Montgomery County enjoys an increasing level of diversity. In 1960, less than 4% of county residents were non-white. As of the 2020 Census,

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## COUNCIL ACTIONS

The Village Council met on Wednesday, January 11. The meeting began at 7:50 p.m. with all Council members present.

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

### BUILDINGS & ROADS

The Council discussed the Corso Chevy Chase development at length and decided to hire both a traffic consultant to analyze the impact of the current entry and exits as well as the option favored by Section 3 and the State Highway Agency. It was also decided to hire an attorney/ advisor who can make certain that we are fully aware of all our options in the Local Map Amendment Process. The Village Manager has researched possible attorneys and advisors and will contact them on behalf of the Council.

The Council approved the one-year pilot Boundary Survey Grant program as published in the December newsletter.

The Council approved the amendments to the small cell tower ordinance as published in the December newsletter with two small non-substantive changes in Section 6-502 (c) where the letter (d) was deleted and the letters (ii) was deleted from item (c) as they were confusing and unnecessary in the listing of the items included in "Communications Facility" definition.

The Village Manager reported that the Public Service Commission will be holding a meeting on January 25 regarding the status of municipalities' efforts to own their own streetlights. At the same time, she reported that we are working with the manufacturers regarding properly sized LED demo lights to replace the two we had installed. The new lights will have a built-in dimmer and a steep "skirt" or hat to obscure the light array and cut the glare while protecting the night sky.

Gabriel Nathaniel reported that building permits were issued to:

- The **Bailey/Mostofi** family of 7001 Georgia Street received a permit for a temporary storage facility in their rear driveway.
- **Alison Mandel** of 3614 Taylor Street was issued a permit for a fence at the rear and side yards.
- The **Fitzgerald** family of 6807 Florida Street was issued a permit to replace a perimeter fence at their north, south and east property lines and to enclose pool equipment at their rear yard.
- **Terrence Clark** of 7007 Georgia Street was issued a permit to install roof mounted solar panels and energy storage system.

### FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Tom Carroll, Council Treasurer, asked members of the Council if they had any questions about the monthly financial statements they received. He indicated that we were looking at investment options and would wait and see what the Federal Reserve does regarding interest rates.

### COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

The Village Manager reported that the Farmers Market is back open and will run until around mid-March before taking a planned season break, after which it will resume at the beginning of May. We are also working on getting more food trucks for January and February.

The Council Chair recognized the 30 years of service by the Village Manager.

The Council Chair made a motion to close the meeting according to the Open Meetings Act, Maryland Code, General Provisions Article, Section 3-305 (b) (1) to discuss the employment, compensation, and performance evaluation of the Village Manager. The motion was seconded and the vote unanimous. The public meeting ended at 9:10 p.m. when the Council went into closed session.

## COUNTY RAINSCAPES PROGRAM APPLICATIONS FEBRUARY THROUGH MARCH

The RainScapes Rebate Program application portal of Montgomery County's Department of Environmental Protection will reopen on Wednesday, February 1. The portal will have information on RainScapes installation and will offer guidance on selecting the right type of project to get started. However, the portal will only be open through March 31.

RainScape is a landscape or design technique that helps reduce stormwater runoff from individual properties, including rain gardens, conservation landscapes, green roofs, water harvesting, permeable pavement, and pavement removal.

RainScapes can be installed on any kind of property, but those on private residential, institutional and/or commercial properties may be eligible for financial assistance. More information is available at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/water/rainscapes/rebates.html](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/water/rainscapes/rebates.html). Projects on residential properties could be eligible for rebates of up to \$7,500. Several Section 3 families have been able to install permeable driveways with help from the RainScapes program.

Visit [RainScapes.org](http://RainScapes.org) for more information about the program and help in selecting and planning a project. The website includes examples of RainScapes projects and a FAQ.



## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Congrats to **Hallie Slidell** of Spring Street. Hallie is a junior at Stone Ridge School and was recently named ALL MET second team in Field Hockey. Hallie has already accepted an offer to attend Davidson University after her senior year. Way to go Hallie, your senior year will be smooth sailing and worry free!

A welcome to **José Garcia-Cueto and Anna Toubiana** who will be moving into their new home at 3702 Shepherd Street with their two-year-old daughter **Ellie Garcia-Toubiana** in early March. José is an attorney with Clifford Chance where he focuses his practice on commercial and investor-state international arbitration and mediation matters in Latin America and the U.S. Anna is also an attorney, and is Legal Counsel at the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes in Washington, D.C.

## WSSC PROGRESS REPORT

WSSC is almost halfway through its project to replace a number of our waterlines, including many waterlines and valves that are a century old. WSSC has laid waterlines on Shepherd Street from Brookville Road to Connecticut Avenue, on Brookville Road all the way to Cummings Lane, and on Connecticut Avenue between Raymond and Shepherd Streets. And the work on the no outlet part of Georgia Street is completely finished.

House connections from the water lines to bring water to individual homes on Shepherd Street are being made as of late January, and new valves that will control smaller areas of pipe are being installed.

What's left to do in Section 3? The no outlet sections of Florida and Fulton Streets are next on the agenda, then Delaware Street from Shepherd Street through to the dead end; Taylor Street from Fulton Street to Connecticut Avenue; and the block of Georgia Street between Raymond Street and Bradley Lane. Once the house connections are finished on Shepherd Street, repairs have to be made to a severed sewer line near 3616 Shepherd Street. When warm weather sets in after March 15, the whole street will be milled and paved and look as good as new!

The work on Florida and Fulton Streets will involve above ground by-pass lines like those previously seen on Georgia Street, but initially they will just be laying the underground pipe in the street.

From February 2-7, WSSC will be doing connections to houses on Shepherd Street and the block of Delaware between Shepherd and Taylor Streets. We continue to send out emails regarding construction work, coordinate with trash and recycling, and work hard to accommodate everyone. We appreciate the patience and understanding shown by everyone in the community.

## COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Montgomery County's population was 40.6% white, 20.5% Hispanic or Latino (any race), 18.1% Black or African American, 15.3% Asian & Pacific Islander and 5.5% other race. District 1 is 68.7% white, 4.6% Black, 8.5% Hispanic/Latino (any race), 14.2% Asian or Pacific Islander, and 4.1% other.

Maryland is one of the most highly educated states in the nation (second only to Massachusetts), and 59% of Montgomery County adult residents have a bachelor's degree or higher. Those numbers jump up in District 1, where 57% of adult residents have a graduate or professional degree, 29% have a bachelor's degree, 12% have only a high school degree or some college, and just 2% have less than a high school diploma.

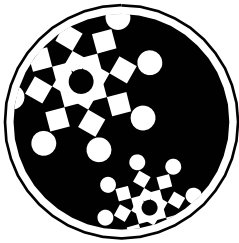
In terms of age, going forward, officials project that by 2045 the number of county residents under 34 will largely hold steady, the number of residents between 35 and 64 will decline somewhat, and more than 1 in 5 county residents will be 65 or older.

The median household income statewide is \$90,203. In Montgomery County, that figure jumps to \$112,854 and even higher in District 1 to \$265,145. Within District 1, 59% of households make \$150,000 or more, 14% make between \$100,000 to \$149,000, 15% make between \$50,000 to \$99,999, and 12% of our neighbors make less than \$50,000. Nearly 40% of District 1 residents work outside of Maryland—presumably nearly all of whom work in D.C.—compared to 25% county-wide. Almost 1 in 4 District 1 residents works for the government, while 7% are self-employed and the rest work in private business.

Within District 1, 75% of residents own their home, while 25% rent. Of those who rent, a full 48% spend more than 35% of their income on housing costs, which is a stark reminder that many of our neighbors struggle to get by.

## VARIANCE REQUEST

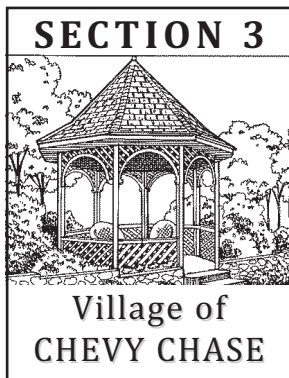
The **Mostofi/Bailey** family of 7001 Georgia Street is requesting a variance to construct a second-floor addition over an existing, non-conforming first floor structure which currently encroaches 4'-5" into the 30-foot front yard setback on Shepherd Street. The proposed second floor addition is approximately 438 square feet of which approximately 35 square feet will be in the required front yard setback.



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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.

