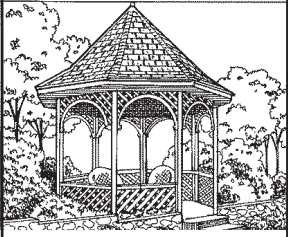


## SECTION 3



Village of  
CHEVY CHASE

# News & Views

JULY 2022

## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

Bulk Trash, recycling. Curbside

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

Council Meeting, Hybrid In-person Zoom  
CCUMC Library, 7:45 p.m.

Residents will be sent the zoom meeting ID and passcode via email. Interested parties may contact the Village Manager for meeting ID and passcode.

### THURSDAY, JULY 14

Welcome New Neighbors BBQ

Gazebo Park  
6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, JULY 30

Knife Sharpeners at Farmer's Market  
(see story this issue)

### AUGUST

No scheduled Council meeting; no newsletter

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Council Meeting, Hybrid In-person, Zoom  
CCUMC Library 7:45 p.m.

Residents will be sent the zoom meeting ID and passcode via email. Interested parties may contact the Village Manager for meeting ID and passcode.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Party-in-the-Park

5:30 to 7:30, Gazebo Park (rain date September 18)

## NEW COUNCIL E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Each member of the Council now has a new e-mail address. Please make the change in your contacts listings.

## WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS BBQ SLATED FOR JULY 14

We have had many new neighbors move in that we're eager for you to meet everyone. The pandemic has made it difficult to get together so we are delighted that we can do this again this year on July 14. Rocklands BBQ will be joining us with their delicious ribs and chicken.



Everyone who lives in Section 3 is invited. Name tags will be provided so that our newest neighbors can learn who you are. We'll have some musical entertainment for the evening as well.

Tables and chairs will be set up on Florida Street for groups and families to eat together. All our new neighbors will have Hawaiian welcome leis so that everyone knows to introduce themselves.

The event will be around Gazebo Park and is slated for 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.—first come first served! Rain date will be July 21. We hope you'll come and meet old friends and new neighbors.

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## COUNCIL ACTIONS

The Council met on Wednesday, June 8 in person at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church library and via Zoom. The meeting began at 8:00 p.m. All Council members were present, with Carolyn Greis joining at approximately 8:20 p.m. The minutes of the May meeting, as presented in the June *News & Views* under Council Actions, were approved.

### BUILDINGS & ROADS

The Village Manager reported that the initial Raymond Street stormwater plan, which was originally prepared to comply with comments by County officials, when drafted, County reviewers to be too difficult to execute. The County has therefore suggested a less complex plan that will not require reservoirs from stormwater runoff on neighbor's yards. The revised plan does not require that much of the sidewalk be dug up thus most of the work will be in the street. Our civil engineering firm, Clark Azar & Associates, is working on the revisions and will re-submit plans for review. Despite the less complex construction anticipated, it is expected that the price for the work will not change materially, given rising prices. At the same time, Clark Azar is working on a concept plan to be ready to discuss at the July Council meeting for the extension of the Georgia Street storm drain to capture water at Bradley and Brookville Road.

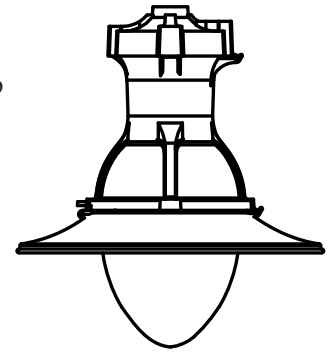
The Council decided that if possible, we'd like to be able to bid out the combined job and save some money on mobilization. The extension of the Georgia Street line has been surveyed and generally discussed with the County officials already.

Carolyn Greis reported that five building permits have been recently issued. The **Godofsky/Parvers** of 3611 Shepherd Street were issued a permit to construct a patio and a grill structure in their rear yard. Two permits were issued for the construction of fences: one to the **Fuher** family of 6808 Delaware Street for a fence in their rear yard, and the other to the **Woods** family of 3707 Bradley Lane for a fence in their front yards (on Bradley Lane and Georgia Street) and their rear yard. The **Clarke** family of 3711 Shepherd Street was issued a permit to locate two AC condenser units in their east side yard. The building permit previously issued to the **Grossfeld** family of 3701 Bradley Lane was amended to allow a change of material for their new driveway from the restored pea gravel to permeable pavers. The Council also took up the variance request by **Catherine Graham** of 7008 Brookville

Road to replace an existing non-conforming deck which will extend 4' into the 20' rear yard setback. The Council voted unanimously to grant the variance given the undue hardship of not being able to renovate or improve an existing structure located within a setback if the variance were not granted. Without the proposed renovation of the existing deck, there would be no second means of egress from Mrs. Graham's home, and the variance request was narrowly tailored to overcome this situation. The Council reported that it had reached out to the developers of the former 4-H property to arrange a time for an introductory meeting. During the June 8 meeting, there was discussion of the planned Corso Chevy Chase senior living facility, with the Council making clear that it wanted the developers to know of Section 3 concerns. Several residents joined the discussion to express concerns.

Subsequent to the June 8 meeting, the Village Manager, Council Treasurer Tom Carroll and Council Chair Susan Manning met with Community Three, a local developer that is spearheading the project with Atlanta-based Galerie Living. Section 3 representatives emphasized the important interests of Section 3 and its residents: certain areas of concern such as setbacks, massing along Connecticut Avenue, parking and traffic issues. All parties agreed on the importance of coordination and dialogue. The meeting went well and the developer now understands that the facing municipality will also be conveying our perspective on their proposed development.

**Lighting Status:** Two demonstration LED lights went up in Section 3 in early June: on Delaware Street by 6816 Delaware Street and at the intersection of Shepherd and Fulton Streets. Our initial assessment is that the demonstration lights are too bright and out of scale for our streets. Our lighting designer will assess the status and make recommendations in late June. In the meantime, the Village Manager has been communicating with the manufacturer and it is working on potential solutions, including a smaller light with less glare and a dimmer for each of the current lights. The dimmers will be installed and set to the reduction in light based on recommendations of our lighting designer. The 8' bracket arm which allows the light to hover over the middle of the street was favorably reviewed, but much work needs to be done on arriving at a suitable lighting solution given the limited lighting types now available.





## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Under the leadership of **Claire Carlin Parets**, some of our youngest residents and their parents are meeting every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in Gazebo Park for a tiny tots music lesson. If you are interested in joining, contact Claire whose email is in the directory.

A belated welcome to another new resident of Section 3, **Audrey Quinn Fuller** daughter of **Anna Schiffer** and **Layne Fuller** of 3805 Raymond Street who arrived just before the new year, on December 29, 2021. We're happy to have Audrey in Section 3 and have Anna join our Covid Moms group.

Correction: the **Hyland's** newest baby's name was incorrectly listed in the June newsletter. Her name is **Carys Louise**, not Carys Elizabeth and their oldest, **Killian** is five, not four.

Welcome to **Amber Steel**, who moved into 3705 Spring Street in late June. Amber is an executive assistant with Burford Capital. She recently moved to DC from New York. Amber grew up in Bethesda and is happy to be back in Montgomery County. She has settled in just in time for the Welcome New Neighbors BBQ.

A welcome to **Geoff Dietz and Amy Feagles** who have moved into 7012 Florida Street with their son **Henry**, age 2, with another boy due in January! Geoff is a Manager of Government Affairs with French energy company TotalEnergies, and Amy is a lawyer specializing in White Collar Defense & Investigations as well as Antitrust-related matters with Gibson Dunn.

President Joe Biden recently announced his intent to nominate several individuals to serve as key leaders in his administration, including our own **Anjali Chaturvedi** as the nominee for General Counsel, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. She is a Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. During her career, Chaturvedi has worked in all three branches of the government and in private practice. She is also a certified yoga teacher and leadership coach.

## ICE CREAM MAN CELEBRATES SCHOOL'S END

Our favorite ice cream man, Copperfield Davis, came to Section 3 in his new spiffy teal blue truck bringing ice cream to celebrate the last day of school. We served 146 ice-cream lovers.

## 3706 SPRING STREET STATUS REPORT

As of this writing, both the County's and Section 3's stop work orders remain in effect. Both orders require that site safety and stabilization measures be completed and certified by a Maryland licensed geotechnical engineer, and neither order will be lifted until new architectural, structural and drainage plans have been approved for permit by both Montgomery County and Section 3. Section 3's stop work order also sets conditions for the repair of all damaged greenways by a landscape professional, for corrective measures addressing damage to adjoining properties as prescribed and certified by a geotechnical engineer and an arborist, and the return of the developer and all subcontractors to good standing in the State of Maryland including proper licensing and registration. Revised plans have been submitted to the county and are currently under review. Copies of these plans were provided to Section 3 for informational purposes, but no formal permit application has been submitted as the County has not yet issued a new permit. New plans are required before construction may continue because the level of the basement floor must be raised to accommodate the higher-than-expected water table level, and this change has a ripple effect on the architectural, structural and drainage plans that must also by necessity be revised. No other work beyond site stabilization measures may be undertaken at the site until both the County's and Section 3's stop work orders have been lifted. One positive development in the matter has been the property owner's agreement to reimburse the Sheckells/Dioguardi family for the expenses they have incurred due to their wet basement caused by the work done next door.

## VOTE IN THE JULY 19 PRIMARIES!



Early Voting is from July 7 to 14 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and the closest location for Section 3 residents is the Jane E. Lawton Community Recreation Center at 4301 Willow Lane. There is parking on site. That same location has a drop box for your mail in ballot.

Election Day is Tuesday, July 19 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; our local voting location is Chevy Chase United Methodist Church.

You can register to vote the same day at early voting locations or on July 19th primary election day as long as you have a Maryland driver's license, an ID card, a learners permit or other proof of residency in Section 3.

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At the same time, Pepco has before the Public Service Commission a revised tariff for streetlights. Council Vice Chair Larry Lanpher and the Village Manager are working with PSC staff and other municipal colleagues to submit comments to the Public Service Commission.

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE**

The Building Permits Coordinator is being trained by Carolyn Greis and residents will soon be able to contact Gabriel Nathaniel for building permits at [permitting@chevychase3.org](mailto:permitting@chevychase3.org). We will send out an email when that address is live. The Village Manager has reviewed applications for her part-time assistant and will be interviewing soon.

Both trash collection and landscape contracts will be put out for bid this month to begin work at the beginning of our fiscal year, July 1. The Council authorized Tom Carroll, Susan Manning and the Village Manager to review bids and enter into a trash contract, and authorized Carolyn Greis, the Village Manager, and Susan Manning to review bids and enter into an agreement for the landscape work.

**COMMUNITY & SOCIAL**

The Village Manager confirmed that Pepe's Food Truck would be coming on June 15 and the Ice Cream Man would be coming on the last day of school, June 17. The Council was consulted and it was decided that if we could get three residents to volunteer their yards for the wine tasting event, we would try and do that in July. The Welcome New Neighbors BBQ is slated for July 14 with a rain date of July 21.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

## **CHEVY CHASE AT HOME OFFERS VIRTUAL TOUR OF WALTER'S MUSEUM JULY 12**

### **HOME, HEALTH & HEART: VIRTUAL ART TOUR WITH WALTERS ART MUSEUM**

Art is an expression of the human experience. Over time, many artists have depicted the experience of poor health, poverty, and lack of housing. These works teach us about the lives of those often removed from history, but also expose the biases of the artists and their cultural milieu. Take a closer look at art and objects from the Walters Art Museum in this genre with one of their docents, and then discuss how artists and the culture of their time shaped those portrayals. Sponsored by Chevy Chase At Home and Bethesda Metro Area Village. contact [Chevychaseathome@gmail.com](mailto:Chevychaseathome@gmail.com) for more information on how to access the tour.

## **WSSC WATER LINE REPLACEMENT & SUMMER VACATIONS**

The pandemic has resulted in considerable delays in the WSSC water line replacement project in Section 3. Supply chain issues have further delayed what was first envisioned as a 2017 start to a 2022 start. And even after the start, we have had supply issues. The first phase, Windsor Lane (off Brookville Road to the north of Section 3) and the dead end of Georgia Street, is due to commence at the end of June and continue into early July. WSSC will next begin work on Brookville Road from Windsor Place south to about Cummings Lane.

Once that segment of the job is completed, WSSC will move on to various segments within Section 3 including Connecticut Avenue between Raymond and Shepherd Streets, all of Shepherd Street, Delaware Street between Shepherd Street and its dead end, Taylor Street between Connecticut Avenue and Fulton Street, the no outlet section of Florida Street, and the block of Georgia Street between Raymond Street and Bradley Lane.

We will have a better understanding of how quickly this work will proceed, but if you are planning on being away for an extended period of time and you live on one of the streets in the plan, we ask that you park in your driveway and not on the street, just in case construction comes to your block before your return.

## **LOOK SHARP—THE KNIVES ARE COMING OUT JULY 30**

The Farmers' Market is going to have a new visitor on Saturday, July 30. Roaming Stone, a group of experienced knife sharpeners, are bringing their equipment to make your knives sharp!

We did this years ago at the Gazebo Park. The demand was so great that the knife sharpeners worked until 1:00 a.m.! We're hoping the demand won't be that great, but we want you to get your favorite knives sharpened. They will be at the Farmers Market from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and then will move to just outside Brookville Market where, thanks to Joe at the market, they will stay until 4:00 p.m.

**PRICING**

Straight Edge Knife \$7, Serrated Knife \$7  
Scissors (excludes hair/grooming shears) \$10  
Hedge Shears \$10, Pruners \$10  
Axe, Shovel, Spade, Edger \$11  
Mower Blades \$10 must be removed





## SURVEY ON 4-H PLANS

The Council wants to know your thoughts about the proposed 4-H development, “Corso Chevy Chase.” You should have received a questionnaire via email with a July 11 deadline allowing the results to be compiled prior to the next Council meeting. If you can’t find the email with the link, please contact the Village Manager.

## JUNE RAINSTORM CAUSES BROOKVILLE ROAD CLOSURE

One of the new variety heavy rain storms that seems to be plaguing the area resulted in a six hour closure of Brookville Road from Shepherd Street to just in front of LaFerme Restaurant on June 2. A large part of a tree at the corner of Taylor and Brookville Road fell onto wires, downing one in the street. The tree fell right in the middle of rush hour, around 5:00 p.m. and until Pepco could come and positively say that the wire in the street was or wasn't live, police blocked off the street.

Not until close to 11:00 p.m. did Pepco determine the wire was live and repaired it then police re-opened the street. Happily, we were able to get Mulheron Tree Experts there and they waited patiently for hours until Pepco officials came to give the all clear. They extracted a Volvo from under a limb. The car had been stopped at the intersection going southbound when the tree fell. Pleased to report that no one was hurt and the rest of the tree was removed.

In the middle of the entire crazy scene, cars stuck in the line tried to duck down Cummings Lane to get out (a no outlet street), others tried to cut through via Georgia Street where the WSSC waterline replacement sign obscured the no outlet sign—backing up at night in the rain must have been a nightmare at both locations!

At the same time a hook and ladder truck tried to leave these one by driving up Shepherd Street from Brookville Road, honking its horn to get parked cars to move out of the way. No power was lost at LaFerme Restaurant or any of the homes or businesses in the vicinity.

On the one hand, Pepco helped us by keeping the power on, but hurt us by taking five hours to get to the scene to tell us it was a "hot" wire. The traffic backup that was severe enough to make it onto WTOP traffic alerts. The next day we had a pile of gravel that had washed down the street but otherwise you could not even tell there had been such a chaotic scene the night before.

## COUNTY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Montgomery County Government, and programs that impact County residents, will observe schedule and program changes for the formal observance of Independence Day on Monday, July 4. In some cases, services also will have schedule changes on Sunday, July 3. Visit [montgomerycountymd.gov](http://montgomerycountymd.gov) for specific information.

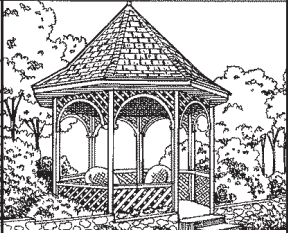


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## GOING AWAY?

LEAVE CARS LOCKED AND IN YOUR DRIVEWAY AND LEAVE ON A FEW LIGHTS. LET THE NEIGHBORS KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING, AND WHEN YOU PLAN TO RETURN. GIVE THEM PHONE NUMBERS WHERE YOU CAN BE REACHED. MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOMEONE TO CHECK ON THE HOUSE TO PICK UP STRAY PAPERS, DELIVERIES OR MAIL LEFT OUTSIDE.

