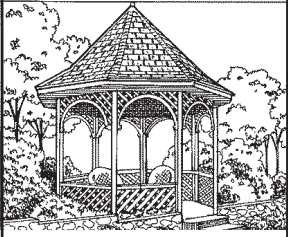


SECTION 3



Village of CHEVY CHASE

News & Views

JULY 2023

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

Bulk Trash & Recycling, curbside

WEDNESDAYS, JULY 12, 19, 26

Recycling & compost, curbside

THURSDAY, JULY 6

Compost crew, curbside

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

Council Meeting in-person/Zoom hybrid
CCUMC Library, 7:45 p.m.

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 passcode. above

THURSDAY, JULY 13

Welcome New Neighbors BBQ

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

(Rain date July 20, same time & place)

See story right

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Party in the park (raindate: September 17)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Council Meeting see listing above

The Council does not meet in August.

** 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

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBOR BBQ SLATED FOR JULY 13

Every July we take a moment to officially welcome neighbors who have moved into Section 3 in the last year. It's a fun evening for old and new neighbors—a time to catch up, to meet new folks, for kids to meet one another, and for all of us to take part in a wonderful Rocklands BBQ, our event caterer. We'll have ribs and chicken, corn muffins, cole slaw and baked beans.

The cook tent and buffet will be set up on Fulton Street and the tables on Florida Street. All our new neighbors will wear Hawaiian welcome leis, so that everyone will know to introduce themselves. Name tags will be provided for everyone.

At Gazebo Park, the event is slated for 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.—first come, first served. The rain date will be July 20, same time, same place. Please don't bring pets as we don't want dogs helping themselves to chicken from the hands of a three-year-old! Copperfield Davis, our wonderful ice cream man, will round out the night with ice cream desserts for all.

We hope you'll come and meet old friends and new neighbors.



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COUNCIL ACTIONS

The Council met on Wednesday, June 14 at the CCUMC library. **Tom Carroll** was out of the country. All other Council members were present. The meeting began at 7:45 p.m. with a presentation by three of our four State representatives. **Delegate Emily Shetty** was not able to attend, but her chief of staff attended in her stead.

STATE DELEGATION

Sen. Jeff Waldstreicher and **Delegates Jarad Solomon** and **Aaron Kaufman** each took time to discuss key legislation passed in the last session then took questions from residents. The topics covered included gun control legislation, educational priorities, economic development and transportation.

Gun Control: In light of the Supreme Court's 2022 *Bruen* decision, which limited legislatures' ability to restrict firearm possession in public, the Maryland legislature passed new laws that will prohibit guns in Government buildings and polling places, in special purpose zones where large crowds gather like stadiums, political protests, in locations that hold vulnerable populations such as preschools, schools, and hospitals, and in places where alcohol is served.

They confirmed that those who get licenses to carry a gun must take 16 hours of classroom training in firearms.

The representatives tried to get legislation passed that would require advance notice to parents when active shooter drills were to take place in schools. It did not pass the Senate, but they will bring it up again next year. Part of that advance notification would also include notices sent home regarding safe storage laws for guns in the home.

Del. Aaron Kaufman, who lives in Rollingwood, discussed his successful effort to get legislation on the books which would enable parents of students with disabilities to be compensated for attorney fees and expert witness fees if they win a lawsuit against a school system for not properly meeting the needs of their disabled child. Kaufman pointed out that to his knowledge he is the only Maryland elected official who has been disabled since birth and his efforts made this new law possible. Del. Kaufman worked hard to get legislation to make it easier for municipalities to purchase and own their own streetlights this year. It passed the house but did not get a vote out of committee on the Senate side. He hopes to bring it up again next year.

In terms of education, they reported the legislature allocated \$8 million to the new Institute for Health Computing in partnership

with University of Maryland, University of Maryland Medical School and the Universities at Shady Grove, located opposite Pike & Rose on Rockville Pike. This is part of a Montgomery County effort to attract life sciences and technology firms and spur bio-medical and health computing research. It is expected that this development will be both educationally beneficial and will stimulate economic development as well.

The legislature allocated an increase in funding for school construction, funding for Montgomery College, and the construction of underground parking to be built by the Farm Women's Market and over which will be a large urban parkland.

The delegation talked about the new approach the State Highway Administration is taking to Connecticut Avenue and to the need for lights and crosswalks to keep pedestrians safer. The State Transportation Trust Fund is supported by the gas tax; a challenge with the shift to electric vehicles is how to fund the transportation trust fund. A resident brought up delays on the Purple Line now slated to open in 2026. Del. Solomon pointed out that the entire project was thrown off the initial schedule when the first contractor walked off the job and the entire project had to be re-bid, all of which forced delays from which the project still suffers.

Finally, Del. Solomon pointed out that after a two-year fight, the legislature passed a change in the law for municipalities so that we no longer have to advertise changes to our charter four times in the local newspaper of record—in our case, the Washington Post. As of Oct. 1, we will only be required to advertise in the Post once, saving all municipalities a lot of money. This change was initiated by Section 3.

We thank the representatives for taking the time to come talk to us, to answer questions and to tell us the kinds of issues being raised in Annapolis.

Once the delegation's segment of the program was completed, the Council went on to the regular business meeting.

BUILDINGS & ROADS

Permit Services Coordinator **Gabriel Nathaniel** recounted 6 permits issued since before the Annual Meeting. They included:

- **7102 Brookville Road** The **Weinstein/Crispell** family received a permit to install a new pressure treated roof deck to replace the old deck in the same location.
- **7009 Florida Sreet** The **Deitrich** family received a permit for a 3'6" front fence.
- **3707 Taylor Street** The **Howard** family received a permit to put up 6' board and batten fencing on their two sides of their rear yard for a total of 231 linear feet.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Congrats to our policeman, **Yves-Didier (Diddy) N’Kodia**, and his wife **Elizabeth** on the birth of their son **Jeremiah**, born May 31. Jeremiah weighed 6 lbs, 8 oz. Diddy works the midnights shift already for Montgomery County Police, so he’s used to a little sleep deprivation...

A belated welcome to **Bailey Orr Whitman**, born almost a year ago to parents **Alex and Casey**. Bailey joined brother **Lucas** (5) and sister **Cassaday** (3) at home on Taylor Street. We were unaware of Bailey’s existence until we met him at the June 14 ice cream truck!

It is with sadness that we report the passing of a long-time former resident, **Russell Weil** who lived at 6822 Delaware Street for over 50 years with his wife, the dancer and choreographer Virginia Freeman, and their children Hannah, Nicholas, and Ella. Russell volunteered for many years on the Fire Board at our local Fire Station on Connecticut Avenue representing Section 3. He was an attorney specializing in maritime law. A celebration of his 90 plus years will be held August 19 at St. John’s Church Norwood Parish (at the corner of Wisconsin Avenue and Bradley Boulevard) at 10:00 a.m. It will be a service and interment with a light lunch in the parish hall afterwards. All who knew him and the family are welcome.

MCDOT SEEKS BICYCLE DONATIONS FOR BIKE MATCH PROGRAM

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) is asking residents to donate extra or unused bicycles in good condition to the County’s BikeMatchMoCo program.

The free Bike Match program, which launched in June 2020, matches donated bicycles with requests from individuals in need who live or work in Montgomery County. BikeMatchMoCo has distributed more than 500 bicycles so far, and demand is still high. More than 200 adults still hope to receive bikes.

“By donating your unused bicycle, you can provide someone locally with a means of transportation, which can improve their access to employment, education, healthcare and other essential services,” said County Executive Marc Elrich. “A donation also can

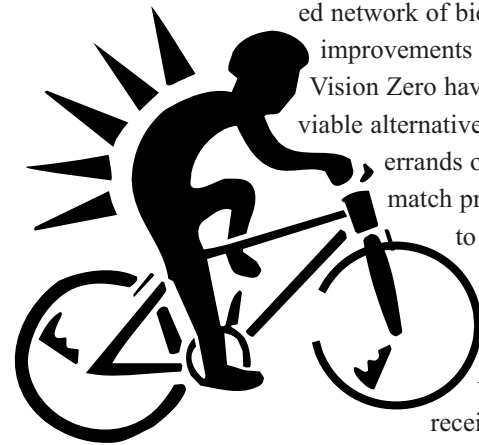
help you reduce clutter at your home, put your unused bike to use and boost the quality of life for someone else in our community.”

The bike match program also accepts donations of and requests for children’s bikes. Donated bikes must be in clean, ready-to-ride condition when dropped off.

“We have seen an incredible demand for adult bicycles,” said MCDOT Director Chris Conklin. “More people are choosing to use bicycles for recreation, fitness and transportation. The expanded network of bicycle lanes, and safety

improvements implemented as part of Vision Zero have made bicycling a viable alternative to cars when running errands or commuting. The bike match program is instrumental to getting bicycles to people who otherwise could not afford one.”

Residents who wish to donate or receive a bike should complete the online form on MCDOT’s BikeMatchMoCo website. Once a donated bike has been matched to a recipient, a MCDOT representative will facilitate the donation and pickup. The bike donation deliveries are conducted separately. All information is confidential.



END OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION



Kids and adults gathered around the Ice Cream Truck on the last day of school, June 14. In two short hours we managed to provide ice cream for 220 residents young and old. Thanks to Copperfield Davis for providing every kind of ice cream pop you could imagine! We’ll see him again at the Welcome New Neighbors BBQ.

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- **3606 Taylor Street** The **Davis** family has a permit for a two-story addition and interior renovations. They also received a permit to place a port-a-potty on the premises for the duration of the job.
- **6705 Georgia Street.** The **Jester/Giblin** family got a permit to demolish the existing two-story addition and a concrete patio on the side and to build a single-story mud room and screened in porch. They previously were granted variances (see *News & Views* January 2023) for some of the now-permitted work.

Corso Chevy Chase: The Village Manager reported that the Local Map Amendment allowing a zoning change for the Corso Chevy Chase Development was unanimously passed by the Montgomery County Council on June 13. The LMA contains several binding elements, including the requirement that the developer execute a traffic study, and work with Section 3 and the Town of Chevy Chase, in addition to the State Highway Administration, on the Connecticut Avenue traffic plan for entry to and exit from the development. The developer is also required to provide sufficient on-site parking so that visitors do not spill over onto neighboring streets.

A resident expressed the view that Section 3 should have tried to stop the Corso Chevy Chase development zoning amendment from being approved and suggested that, if the Village had engaged an attorney, we could have done more. After extensive discussion at several public meetings, the Council has not taken a position opposing the Corso Chevy Chase development in its entirety, and has instead focused on specific issues like traffic, parking, setbacks and massing. Regarding professional advice, the Village Manager explained that a search in the spring revealed several land use attorneys working in Montgomery County, of the several identified as possibilities, all represented developers. At the time, Section 3 decided to focus on direct engagement with the zoning process, with the Village Manager and Vice Chair Larry Lanpher taking the lead. As a result, the developer is bound by several additional requirements that will benefit Section 3 and give us a seat at the table during the planning process. Section 3 is currently in the process of identifying a traffic engineering firm to help us evaluate the developer's forthcoming traffic study.

There will be further opportunities down the road to make voices heard, especially during the traffic study and the site plan.

Pepco/Public Service Commission and Municipal Streetlights: The Village Manager reported that work with Pepco and municipalities on streetlights has been progressing, and those items to which all parties agree and disagree are now before the Public Service Commission. Great strides have been made. At the

same time, she reported that Pepco is about to present another set of tariffs which will include both rates and process for municipal streetlights and conversion to LED lights—both Pepco owned and Municipal-owned. In a very recent development, Pepco agreed to consider including offerings for a warmer white light, and not just 3000K bright glaring lights. Pepco also agreed to consider a rate for lights on dimmers, something they have repeatedly rejected in the past. The Village has submitted comments on the draft Pepco tariffs to both Pepco and Public Service Commission staff.

WSSC Waterline Replacement Project: WSSC's contractors are currently working on Brookville Road, and then will move to Taylor Street and the dead-ends of Delaware and Florida Streets. Unfortunately, those above ground "by-pass" waterlines that you saw on the dead-end of Georgia Street will once again appear on Taylor Street on the north side of the street.



Milling and Paving of Shepherd Street & parts of Delaware Street: After a tie-in of the new waterline on Brookville Road is completed, a WSSC contractor will mill and repave all of Shepherd Street from Connecticut Avenue to Brookville Road and Delaware Street from Shepherd Street to Taylor Street. Since we don't yet have a schedule, anyone planning a trip this summer should NOT park on the street—too much going on! As soon as we have more of our streets re-paved, we will bring in our street sign painters to revive yellow curbs, straighten signs and install some new no parking signs.

Raymond Street Storm Drain Project: The test pits that were dug up all along Raymond Street revealed that there is insufficient room between pipes servicing our homes to install the planned 15' pipe to capture storm water. A heavy, reinforced 12 inch concrete pipe should fit. After a meeting of the civil engineers, the contractor and the Village Manager took place, the plan is being re-designed and it is hoped that the County will respond more quickly so that we can proceed. These changes are likely to increase the cost of the project, but we still expect it to be in the range initially indicated by our civil engineers. While this is higher than the contractor's initial \$675,000 pricing, we have sufficient funds in our Capital Investment Fund to do the job. We are still waiting on pricing for the extension on Georgia Street to cover up to and including part of Bradley Lane.

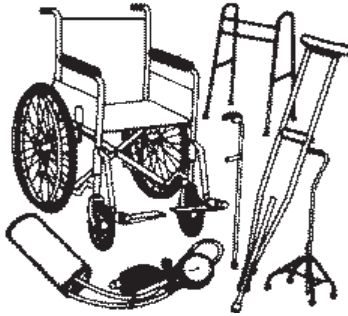
There is a 91' section on Raymond Street east of Delaware

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COUNTY COLLECTS DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Montgomery County has opened a new collection site for durable medical equipment at the Shady Grove Transfer Station in Derwood. The site is part of a statewide effort to keep this valuable equipment out of the landfill and into the hands of those who cannot afford it.

The Maryland Department of Aging's Durable Medical Equipment Re-Use program promotes refurbishing and re-using gently used wheelchairs, canes, crutches, shower chairs, home-use hospital beds and other medical equipment. Technicians at the state level sanitize, repair and store this equipment for those in need. Non-functional equipment is used for parts.



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Street which is completed. Repairs to the driveways and sidewalk will not be done until the whole project is tackled again.

Tree Trimming/Greenway repairs: We will be trimming both public and private trees hanging over the street and sidewalk on Taylor Street by the end of June, weather permitting. Residents have all been notified that the work will be done. Greenways will be repaired after all the WSSC and roadwork is completed, beginning with the tripping hazard areas and wheel compromised areas first.

FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

The Council agreed to increase the budget for waste collection by \$3,000 in order to continue supporting the use of Compost Crew for subscribed residents. Section 3 now pays \$16 per household per month extra for those who subscribe. The firm has raised its process to \$19 per household per month but did not notify us in time for our budget deliberations. The Council agreed to amend their contract on a sole source basis because the only other firm offering similar services would require all our current participants to purchase new bins and charge \$35 per month per household. The alternative firm also has no experience in a community of our size and primarily service apartment buildings.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

Hardy's BBQ was at the Gazebo Park on Wednesday evening, June 14. The Ice Cream Man will be in Section 3 to celebrate the last day of school.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

We are fortunate in this area that the Kensington Fire Station loans out this type of equipment free to County residents in need. Statewide, one can apply to receive free durable medical equipment by going to dme.maryland.gov or calling (240) 230-8000.

MONTGOMERY PARKS OFFERS A SUMMER-LONG SERIES, "FOODIE FRIDAYS"

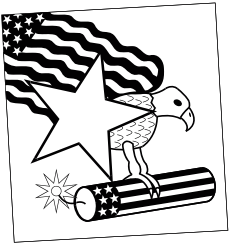
The County is sponsoring a series of talks on the fourth Friday each month from June through October at the Josiah Henson Museum and Park (11410 Old Georgetown Road). Pre-registration (ActiveMontgomery.gov) is required for the \$10 per person program which provides museum admission, light refreshment, including one alcoholic beverage per adult. The programs each run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The July 28 program is "The Bee's Knees". Local beekeeping expert Phil Frank will talk about honeybee role in food production and foods we would miss without them.

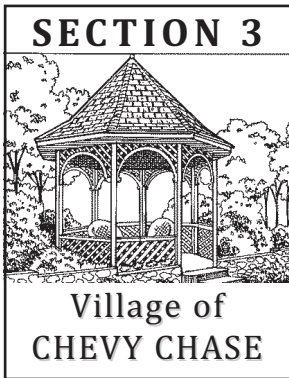


YELLOW CURB MEANS NO PARKING

Please take a moment to inform your landscape contractors that a yellow curb means no parking. We have had too many contractors of all sorts blocking people's driveways. If you have a contractor coming to your home and you give them permission to park on the yellow curb opposite your driveway, that's okay...they have your permission. For anyone else, it's a no-no.



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VACATION PLANS?

Taking only one car? Please park other cars in your driveway when you are going away. We have lots of road work underway and wouldn't want to tow your car!

Lock up the car, lock up the house, put away bicycles under lock and key. Let a neighbor know where you are going and when you plan on returning. Make sure they know how to contact you.

