# SECTION 3

Village of

News&Views

OCTOBER 2022

#### CALENDAR

**CHEVY CHASE** 

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 5
Recycling, Bulk Trash Day, curbside

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6
Deadline to sign up, pay for October 8 wine tasting

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

B-CC Used Book Donation Drop-off 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., B-CC High School

Chevy Chase Fire Dept. Open House 10:00a.m. to 3:00p.m., 8001 Connecticut Avenue

Section 3 Wine Tasting Event 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Friedland home, 6805 Florida Street

#### Wednesday, October 12

Council Meeting 7:45 p.m.

**Hybrid in-person at the CCUMC library and Zoom**Residents will receive the meeting ID and passcode via email. Anyone wishing to attend the meeting should contact the Village Manager to get meeting ID and passcode

#### Monday, October 31

Halloween Parade and Food Truck Night Gazebo Park. Parade at 4:45 p.m., Food Trucks 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2 Recycling, Bulk Trash, curbside

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

**Council Meeting** 

Hybrid in person/Zoom meeting, 7:45 p.m.

\* 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

## OCTOBER 8 WINE TASTING FEATURES ROSÉ, WHITE WINES

This fall we are trying something new, a wine tasting event. The pandemic pretty much shut down our traditional June wine tasting event so we thought we'd try a slightly different version this fall with a full complement of six different wines for participants to taste.

Here's how it works: You sign up in advance (so we know how much wine to buy) and bring your own wine glass. Because this is an event for only those who enjoy wine, we ask everyone to pay for the wine in advance.

Section 3 residents offer their homes for each type of wine and serve light hors d'oeuvres with the wines. In the past we toured three houses and have 9 different wines to choose from, but because we are only doing two wines, the price per person this fall is only \$10! The wines selected are all affordable so if you like one, you can take the information sheet to purchase yourself. We aim for bottles under \$16.

We will start out with an interesting collection of rosé wines (rosé all day anyone?) at the **Friedland** home at 6805 Florida Street. After everyone has availed themselves of rosé samples, we will move on to the **Miller/Crohan** home at 3806 Raymond Street where we will finish with three interesting white wines. The event will run from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Email the Village Manager to reserve your spot asap, line up your baby sitters, and deliver your \$10 check made out to Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase to **Ellie Nader** on Fulton Street no later than Thursday, October 6.

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The Council met on Wednesday, September 14. Council members Carolyn Greis, Ellie Nader, and Tom Carroll were present and constituted a quorum. Council Chair Susan Manning and Council Vice Chair Larry Lanpher were unable to attend due to conflicts. The meeting began at 7:50 p.m.

The Council approved the minutes of the July meeting as published in the September newsletter.

#### Buildings & Roads

Consistent with the previously approved FY 2022-23 budget, the Council voted to approve up to \$420,000 for the Raymond Street storm drainage project. D & F Construction has estimated that construction will cost \$350,000. At the advice of our civil engineers, Clark|Azar, the Council added another 20 percent to the approved expenditure to account for contingencies, including the likelihood that the contractor may have to do a great deal of hand digging.

The approved cost is considerably less than our civil engineer's original estimate, a savings Section 3 was able to achieve by piggy-backing onto an existing Montgomery County contract that covers drainage projects. The County already has approved the project and, while major construction will not take place before spring 2023, the contractor will be doing extensive test pits to help guide construction.

In the meantime, the project's Georgia Street extension is under review by the County; hopefully we can tackle both aspects of the plan as one mobilization. We also hope to share some costs with Chevy Chase Village and Martin's Additions.

The Village Manager reported that WSSC is close to completing work on Georgia Street. The only remaining items on the dead end of Georgia Street are the reconstruction of the curb by the fire hydrant at the end of the street and milling and paving of the asphalt before winter.

WSSC's contractor will be doing work over the winter and the Village Manager will be sitting down with officials to avert many of the problems and delays that occurred on Georgia Street . WSSC started the first phase of the job—which extends from Brookville Road at Windsor Place down to Taylor Street and continuing to the dead end of Georgia Street—in late April and it took until September 19 and 20 for the first homes to be hooked up to the new water line...far too long. We want to thank Georgia Street residents for being so patient and understanding through this construction project. Section 3 is not a party to the agreement between the con-

tractor and since WSSC is a state-chartered agency, we are required to allow their contractors to do their work. Nevertheless, the Village Manager will continue to encourage officials to complete further work promptly and with consideration for resident concerns.

As soon as we have a "winter" schedule, we will share it with the affected residents. No bypass lines (the big pipes carrying water above ground that could not currently be seen on Taylor and Georgia Streets) will be installed over the winter.

The Village Manager reported that we will be installing dimmers on the two demonstration streetlights recently installed on Delaware Street between Spring and Shepherd Streets and at the intersection of Shepherd and Fulton Streets, respectively. The new dimmers will cut the brightness by 50 percent. We are awaiting a contractor to install the dimmers provided by the manufacturer and are on hand. We continue to explore additional lighting options that are less bright and smaller.

The Village Manager is participating in a series of meetings between Pepco and municipalities in its distribution area to reach an agreement with the utility to create a fair process for municipalities who want to own their own streetlights. These meetings are the result of a mandate by the Public Service Commissioners to Pepco.

In accordance with the Council's agreement at the July meeting, a letter outlining our concerns about the 4-H Center redevelopment effort was sent to the developers of the planned Corso Chevy Chase senior living community. Grant Epstein, the head of Community Three, the local partner in the development, indicated that they plan to submit their plans to the Montgomery County Planning Board at the end of September or in early October. Mr. Epstein will be at our October council meeting. The Village Manager offered to share the letter with anyone interested.

Carolyn Greis, our Buildings and Roads Representative, reported that the stop work order has been lifted from the developers of 3706 Spring Street and a new permit issued for the construction of a house on that property. The developers must comply with all conditions of the permit, including conditions intended to prevent further harm to the neighbors' properties, or face further stop work orders. The newly issued permit does not include the work to connect the outfall from the planned sump pumps to the storm drain system for which a separate permit, also approved by the county, must be subsequently obtained.

Greis went on to list all the permits issued since the July council meeting. The **Lanphers** of 3708 Raymond Street were issued two permits: one to demolish the existing shed in their rear yard and the other to construct a new one, as well as a pergola over the existing deck also in the rear yard. The **Hyland** family of 6806 Delaware Street received a permit to use a dumpster in their driveway.

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#### NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Congrats to **Susan Manning** and her legal team, who were the recipients of an award from the Capital Area Immigrant Rights (CAIR) Coalition in recognition of their work on behalf of immigrants seeking asylum, including a recent success before the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in a case establishing important rights for refugees who go before an immigration judge without the assistance of counsel.

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of a long-time Section 3 resident. **Edward Stephens** of 6813 Connecticut Avenue passed away on August 19. He was a graduate of Gonzaga High School and the Georgetown School of Foreign Service and attended graduate school at the University of Munich on an Adenauer Fellowship. He served in the Army in Germany and went on to a career in government service, serving overseas and with the Pentagon. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, **Emily Lloyd Stephens**, and son **Allen Stephens**.

Congrats to **Carolyn Greis** who, along with her tennis team, won top honors in a regional tournament held recently in Newport News, Virginia sponsored by the USTA (United States Tennis Association) and will be headed to Nationals in early October in Oklahoma City.

A welcome to **Nancy and Marc Rosenwasser** who moved into 7008 Fulton Street, just in time for the Party-in-the Park, where they had a chance to meet lots of neighbors. Their grand-children had a chance to ride on a mini-train right down their street! The couple have been living in Bethesda for the last six years. Nancy is a retired schoolteacher and Marc is retired after working as a television network news executive.

Welcome to **Brendan and Kathryn Bell** who have moved into 7108 Brookville Road with their two children, **Brendan** and **Grace**. Katie, who grew up in the area, has parents who live nearby.

Congrats to Spring Street neighbor **Amber Steel** who gave birth to twin boys on September 20. The twins, **Easton Ford Steel and Oliver Ocean Steel**, are doing well and will be coming home to Section 3 soon. They are officially Section 3's newest neighbors!

#### HALLOWEEN NIGHT PLANS

We're looking forward to a fun time at the Gazebo Park for the annual Halloween Parade! Goblins and gremlins in second grade and under gather for a group photo in the Park and then follow their leader up

Shepherd Street, over Delaware Street and back

down Spring Street to the Park for the parade. In the meantime, we'll have two food trucks—Rocklands BBQ and Corned Beef King for everyone who wants to avail themselves of a night of no cooking. The addition of food trucks makes the holiday one everyone can celebrate even if they are not trick or treating.

Online ordering instructions will be sent out via email closer to the event.

Residents are urged to turn on lights and either place goody bags at the end of their front walks or driveways, or if they want visitors at their door, please just offer small bags of treats considering lingering COVID. If you do not want visitors, simply keep your front light off.



RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES ENJOYING THE PARTY-IN-THE-PARK.

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#### Council Actions, Continued from page 2

Catherine Graham of 7008 Brookville Road was issued a permit to construct a deck with stairs to grade in the rear yard, for which she was previously granted a variance, and also to build stairs to grade in the front yard. The Allan family of 6815 Delaware Street was issued a permit to rebuild the porch in their front yard on Spring Street. And three permits were issued to residents to build fences: one to the Grossfeld family of 3701 Bradley Lane for a perimeter fence in all four yards; one to the Lerner family of 3617 Shepherd Street for fences in their east and west side yards; and one to Melanie Gowen of 7102 Fulton Street for a fence in her rear and north side yards.

The Village Manager reported that the idea of cooperatively purchasing treatment for bark scale on privately owned Crape Myrtle trees received a good response; the application deadline was September 15.

#### FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Carolyn Greis reported that as of Monday, September 19, all new permits would be handled by our permit services coordinator, Gabriel Nathaniel, who can be reached at permitting@chevychasesection3.org.

The Village Manager introduced her new administrative assistant, Nancy Nantais, who will be working with her part time for about 16 hours a week.

The Village Manager indicated the auditor is busy working on our audit for this year.

#### COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

The Party-in-the-Park was very successful. While it was actually the Party-adjacent-to-the-Park because of rain creating mud in the park, the weather cleared so we could enjoy seeing one another outside. The train ride was a huge hit.

The Village Manage reported that we will have food trucks for Halloween night and that we would again parade up Shepherd and over Delaware and back down Spring to the Gazebo Park (see story this issue).

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

#### **NEW STAFF**

#### **PERMITS**

As of Monday, September 19, our new Permit Services Coordinator, Gabriel Nathaniel will be handling all questions and permit applications for new projects in Section 3. He received an architecture degree from Howard University and serves as a project manager for the architectural firm of Ballard & Mensua and also as a construction management consultant in addition to his work for Section 3.

You can email him at permitting@chevychaseseection3.org. If you have a permits in progress with Carolyn Greis, our Buildings and Roads representative, you should continue to communicate with her about those permits.

#### VILLAGE MANAGER ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

A warm welcome to Nancy Nantais, our new part-time administrative assistant for Section 3. Nancy will be working up to 16 hours a week with the Village Manager. You may have already met her at the Party-in-the-Park where she was a real help in both the lead-up to the event and at the event itself. Nancy lives in Bethesda with her husband and son who is a senior ar BCC. Her daughter Natalie is also a graduate of BCC, a college grad and now living and working in Providence, R.I. Nancy has worked with two members of the Maryland legislature, Delegate Lily Qi and Senator Waldstreicher and has a good feel for the importance of local government. She also served as a docent at the Supreme Court.

## NEW SECTION 3 DIRECTORY IN THE WORKS

We have so many new residents that it's time for a new directory. It's in the final stages, so please take a look at your current listing and let us know if you have dropped your land line, have a new baby, changed emails or cell phone numbers...we want to facilitate communication between neighbors so this infomation is important. It's also important to find playmates and babysitters...so please let us know asap. We hope to publish the new directory towards the end of the month.

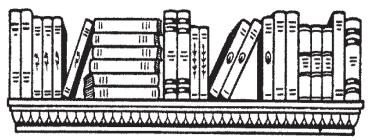
The directory is intentionally not available online to avoid resident personal information shared and available to scammers.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE OCTOBER

The Chevy Chase Fire Department will be holding its annual Open House at the Chevy Chase Fire Station on Saturday, October 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Events are for children

(and parents) include: the Extreme Dual Slide, Fire Engine rides, balloons, fire helmets and fire prevention material for children, the Jaws of Life, State Canine Police demonstration.



## B-CC USED BOOK SALE DONATION DATES

Every spring B-CC holds a popular and vast book sale at the high school. If you've been looking for a good way to clean out your library to make room for new books, this is a unique opportunity! There will be three days to drop off your gently used books, the first of which is October 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the high school. The other two drop-off days will be November 13 and January 7. The sale will take place in March 2023.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR CH/ART ART WALK

Ch/Art will present its 3rd Annual Art Walk on Saturday and Sunday, October 22 and 23 from noon to 5:00 p.m. Come discover 67 artists showing their various artworks in 22 home studios in and around Chevy Chase, MD and DC. Ch/Art is a non-profit arts organization with 160 local member artists. The event is free and open to the public. Maps will be available at Brookville Market. Our own **Kirsty Little** of Georgia Street is one of the organizers. Stroll, bike, or drive around to see the art, sip some wine, and meet friends!

#### LEAF BAGS COMING SOON

Every fall Section 3 distributes 25 leaf bags to residents who request them. Please let the village manager know by October 15 if you are interested so we can arrange for delivery.

If you have a landscaping service, we hope you are asking them to refrain from blowing your leaves EVERY visit...unless they are using battery

pack or electric blowers; the gas blowers are noisy and polluting. The noise is troublesome to neighbors, Many of whom still work from home. If you have a lawn service, you shouldn't need leaf bags.

If you want to have your landscaper clear out all the dead leaves once in the fall and once in the spring, we understand...but that should take place closer to early December.

### PRESENT AT THE CREATION:

#### A VIRTUAL CHAT WITH SUSAN STAMBERG, FOUNDING MOTHER OF NPR WITH SECTION 3'S JOHN YDSTIE

Join Chevy Chase at Home (from your own home) on October 11 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. for an engaging conversation with Susan Stamberg, moderated by our own Section 3 longtime resident also of NPR fame, John Ydstie. Nationally renowned broadcast journalist Susan Stamberg is Special Correspondent for National Public Radio. She is the first woman to anchor a national nightly news program, and has won every major award in broadcasting. She has been inducted into the Broadcasting Hall of Fame, and the Radio Hall of Fame. Beginning in 1972, Stamberg spent 14 years as cohost of NPR's award-winning newsmagazine All Things Considered. Then, for three years, she hosted Weekend Edition/Sunday. Stamberg now reports on cultural issues for various NPR programs, with a special emphasis on visual arts. The program is presented by Chevy Chase ar Home, Bethesda Area Metro Village and Bradley Hills Village. To register and receive the Zoom link, go to chevychaseathome.org, then to their events page.



A PROUD WINNER
OF A TRIPLE LAYER
CAKE FROM THIS
YEAR'S CAKE WALK.

#### VARIANCE REQUESTS

The **Hoppin-Armstrongs** of 3715 Bradley Lane are requesting a variance to construct a roof over an existing stoop/stair landing which will extend a maximum of 2' into the 8' east side yard setback, given that the stoop itself is already built to the 8' setback.

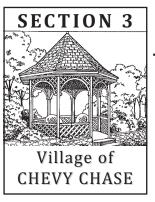
The **Rippeons** of 3807 Bradley Lane are requesting a variance to build a patio to be located entirely in the 20' rear setback at a distance of 8' from the rear property line.

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#### HALLOWEEN NIGHT

RESIDENTS ARE URGED TO TURN ON LIGHTS AND EITHER PLACE GOODY BAGS AT THE END OF THEIR FRONT WALKS OR DRIVEWAYS.



IF YOU WANT VISITORS AT THE DOOR, PLEASE JUST OFFER SMALL BAGS OF TREATS CONSIDERING LINGERING COVID. IF YOU DO NOT WANT VISITORS, SIMPLY KEEP YOUR FRONT LIGHT OFF.

IT IS HOPED ALL RESIDENTS WILL CLEAR LEAVES FROM THE SIDE-WALK TO INSURE EVERYONE'S SAFETY THAT EVENING.