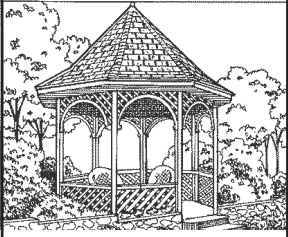


## SECTION 3



Village of  
CHEVY CHASE

# News & Views

NOVEMBER 2020

## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Election Day

Jane Lawton Rec Center, B-CC HS are the closest in person (with masks) voting

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Bulk Trash and Recycling Curbside

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

S'Mores Front Yard Parties

Set up your portable firepit on your front walk or sidewalk, 7:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Council Meeting via Zoom @ 7:45 p.m.

Meeting ID to be sent via email with agenda

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Thanksgiving

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

Recycling and Bulk Trash Curbside

LAST BULK TRASH UNTIL MARCH 2021

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

Council Meeting via Zoom @ 7:45 p.m.

Meeting ID and password will be sent via e-mail

## ORDINANCE REVISIONS DISCUSSED

The bulk of the 90-minute October Council meeting was spent discussing the draft changes to the ordinances. In addition to the draft revisions, several residents suggested that we include a way to preserve trees, especially on "tear-down" properties. Unlike many of our neighboring communities, Section 3 has only recently begun experiencing developers who clear-cut and tear down existing houses. At the suggestion of those attending the meeting, the Council is investigating options to address this concern, which directly affects stormwater, quality of life, and the character of the entire neighborhood. This issue will be discussed further at the November meeting.

The other issue that received a good deal of attention is one area that the Council is considering, but had not drafted a definitive proposal: lot coverage. The challenge in Section 3 is that we have such diverse lot sizes and we need to find a ratio of open space to impervious areas that will preserve the character of the community, retain some much needed greenspace, and allow sufficient area for adequate stormwater runoff. Said Council Chair Susan Manning, "The challenge is finding that sweet spot" that will reflect all our priorities without unduly burdening homeowners. The Council continues to study the issue, hoping to discuss lot coverage again at the November meeting.

All the proposed ordinances will be posted on the website for the community to review. A number of residents have already drafted comments for the Council and the Council welcomes additional feedback. If you are interested, please join the November 11 Council meeting via Zoom, ask for a copy of the current draft ordinances amendments, and let the Council know your thoughts.

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## S'MORES PARTIES IN SECTION 3 NOVEMBER 7

If you have a portable firepit, plan on bringing it and chairs out front—on the sidewalk or your front walk for a special community-wide s'mores series of parties. Bring your masks, visit with neighbors across the street or down the block—but let's get as many people out as possible, socially distant of course, to enjoy s'mores in their own yards, all at the same time. So get the firewood, the graham crackers, chocolate and marshmallows ready. Mark the date and time on your calendars and plan on something fun for the whole family!



## COUNCIL ACTIONS

The Council met via zoom on Wednesday, October 14. The primary topic on the agenda was the draft changes proposed to update our ordinances (see story this issue).

This report will focus on the other business that took place during that meeting.

The meeting began at about 7:55 p.m. All Council members, with the exception of **Bill Brownlee** who passed away since the last meeting, were present.

Before beginning the meeting, the Council took a moment to recognize the life and contributions of Council Vice Chair and former Chair Bill Brownlee.

The Council approved the minutes of the September meeting as they appeared in the October newsletter.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Police continue to patrol our streets: working both overnight shifts sometime between midnight to 6:00 a.m. and day shifts.

### BUILDINGS & ROADS

**Carolyn Greis**, head of Buildings and Roads, reported that two permits were issued to construct fences: one to the **Millian-Jest**

family of 3602 Spring Street to build one in their rear yard and one to **Jon Mark Properties, LLC**, to build one in the two front yards at 6822 Delaware Street. The **Dorsey-Williams** family of 3619 Shepherd Street was issued a permit to build a patio in their rear yard, and the **Berkeley** family of 3800 Raymond Street received a permit to install a sump pump. The **Dillon** family of 3801 Bradley Lane received a permit for a temporary storage unit.

**Susan Hamburger** of 3600 Taylor Street was granted a variance to build a screened porch onto the existing deck in her rear yard which will intrude 3' into the 20' rear setback.

Construction work at 3602 Taylor Street is progressing on schedule. A resident suggested that repairs be made to the sidewalk because its current cracked condition is a dangerous tripping hazard. The Village Manager suggested asking the builder to put in a plywood sidewalk, and it was agreed that the request would be made as soon as possible. The builder has also filled in the ruts in the greenway on Georgia St which still needs sod.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The Village Manager has been working with our auditors; the draft audit is almost complete. After November 1, as soon as the final report is submitted, any resident who wishes to see a copy need only ask the Village Manager.

### COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

The Village Manager asked for feedback on this October's

**COUNCIL ACTIONS, CONTINUED NEXT PAGE**

## WILLIAM H. BROWNLEE, 1927-2020

Former Council Chairman Bill Brownlee passed away October 3 at his Shepherd Street home surrounded by his four children. Brownlee stepped down as Council Chair last year to become Vice Chair. He served our community for over 20 years first as head of Buildings and Roads, then as Vice Chair and finally as Chairman.

Born in England 93 years ago, Bill remained a confirmed anglophile his entire life. His late wife Sheila was also from England where they met in 1949. Married in 1953, the couple had four children, Ian, Gordon, Stephen and Janet.

A graduate of St. Andrew's School in Delaware, Bill went on to Cornell, served during World War II in the US Army, and, after working in his father's family business, went on to work with IBM for a successful 30-year career.

After retiring, Bill began his second career in service to others. In addition to his work in our community, where he and his family lived for nearly 61 years, Bill was a trustee and alumni

board member of St. Andrew's, a trustee of St. Anne's Episcopal School in Delaware, an usher at his church, St. John's in Lafayette Square, and an usher at Roundhouse Theatre.

Bill loved people, walking and rowing. He began rowing at St. Andrews, continued to row at Cornell (class of 1950), at the New York Athletic Club and regularly plied his own single scull on the Potomac until his 92nd year. In 2017 and 2018 he won the World Indoor Rowing Championship in his age class, confiding in the Village Manager that "at my age, there wasn't a lot of competition"—but he bested an 87 year old!

Bill cared deeply about this community, about his neighbors and his family. He will be sorely missed. The Council is in discussions with his family about a suitable way to remember him. Contributions may be made in his memory to St. Andrews School, 350 Noxontown Road, Middletown, DE 19709.

The Section 3 Charter calls for a vacancy to be filled by Council appointment and for that office holder to serve until the next election, which in this case will be in May 2021. The Council will discuss a potential replacement at its November meeting.



## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

A special welcome to **Brian Armstrong**, **Ashley Hoppin** and their two children, **Oliver**, age 12, and **Henry**, age 9, who have moved into 3715 Bradley Lane. Both boys attend the Maret School. Brian is a filmmaker at RedRock Films in Takoma Park. Ashley, also a filmmaker and producer, is vice president, production for National Geographic.

Welcome to **Erin and Jon Sowanick** and their three children, **Paige**, age 10, **Charlotte**, age 7 and **Bennett**, age 2 who have moved into 7110 Georgia St. Jon is Sr. V.P., Financial Advisor, Portfolio Management Director at The Street Group with Morgan Stanley. The Sowanicks are moving from Shepherd Street in Martins Additions.

Welcome to **Ben Friedell and Nazneen Mehta** who have moved from downtown to 6714 Georgia Street. Ben is V.P., Corporate Development and M&A for National Renewable Energy Corporation and Nazneen is Associate General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs at Facebook.

The **Nucci/Patten's** third child, **Jax Brennan Patten**, was born September 15. He weighed in at 8 lbs, 14 oz and joins sister **Penelope** and brother **Jeremy Jr.** on Spring Street. Congrats to parents **Antoinette** and **Jeremy!**

It is with great sadness we report the passing on October 11

of Section 3's first Village Manager, **Anne Zehner**. Anne lived at the foot of Delaware Street. Prior to that, she and her husband and four boys lived in at the corner of Taylor and Delaware Streets. Widowed in 1976, Anne single-handedly raised her four sons. Long time Section 3 residents will recall that she was an assistant to the Vice Principal of B-CC for many years.

In retirement Anne volunteered at Hillwood Gardens Museum, Arena Stage, and Inwood House. Much loved by all her sons, she is survived by **Andrew**, **David** and **John** and nine grandchildren. Contributions can be made to the B-CC Foundation or to the ALS Association.

## FALL FEST A BIG HIT

We did it again! We managed to have a fun, socially distant event where everyone was masked when together, we tried a whole bunch of beers and both adults and kids had some delicious hors d'oeuvres for adults thanks to Mindy's Catering. We have so many new neighbors, we hope you had a chance to meet them.

Special thanks to our six "station hosts": **Nellie Benhard**, the **Sheckells/Dioguardis** who had a full-on tent set up, the **Schnures**, the **Dorsey/Williamses**, the **Hoffmans** and the **Wilsons**. We all tried some really interesting beers and had a wonderful time seeing old friends and meeting new neighbors.

## LEGO VISITS SECTION 3

To the delight of kids and kids-at-heart, the LEGO truck made a special visit to Gazebo Park on the morning of Saturday, October 17. Thanks to a special promotion for their new store at Westfield Montgomery Mall, LEGO came to us offering a choice of a more than a dozen different "mini-builds" as a way to reach their audience in our neck of the woods. Little did we know that LEGO put out the address where the truck would be on the news the night before. A total of 457 mini-builds were handed out in the span of two hours!

### COUNCIL ACTIONS, CONTINUED FROM LAST PAGE

Fall Fest. People seemed to enjoy the event (see story this issue) and our newest neighbors had a chance to meet people from around the community and chat with a wide range of residents.

The Village Manager recounted the plans for Halloween block parties to keep groups small and socially distant while still allowing our younger children to enjoy the holiday.

Plans for November include a special Saturday night "s'mores" series of parties. Like our earlier block parties, we will encourage families with portable fire pits to bring them out on the sidewalks and sit around them with s'mores at the same time all over the community so you can visit from afar with neighbors and everyone can enjoy a seat around a warm fire.

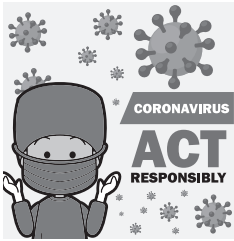
The Village Manager is always looking for ideas to support our community and give us a little lift during COVID.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

### VARIANCE REQUESTS

The **Richards** of 6822 Delaware Street are requesting a variance to build a 220 square foot patio with a walkway connecting it to the existing driveway, to be located entirely within the 30' setback in the front yard on Shepherd Street.

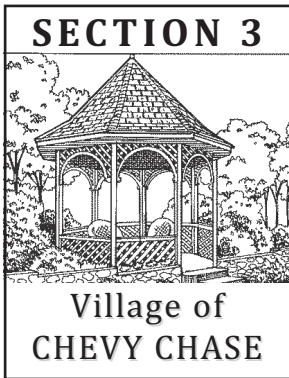
The **Sternberg-Sherwin** family of 3618 Spring Street is requesting two variances: the first to construct a front porch which will extend 5' into the 30' front yard setback across the entire front facade of their house; and the second to build a two-story addition in the rear yard which will intrude a maximum of 10' into the 20' rear setback.



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## **BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR— WEAR A MASK, KEEP YOUR DISTANCE, WASH YOUR HANDS!**

**COVID-19 INFECTION RATES ARE GOING UP NATIONALLY AND IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY. WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER. WE ALL NEED TO CONTINUE TO BE VIGILANT.**

**PLEASE WEAR A MASK IN PUBLIC, BE SURE TO MAINTAIN AT LEAST SIX FEET BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN AND ANYONE WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD OR “POD,” AND WASH YOUR HANDS REGULARLY. IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE WATCHING YOUR CHILDREN OR HELPING YOU AROUND YOUR HOUSE, PLEASE BE CERTAIN THEY TOO WEAR A MASK AT ALL TIMES.**