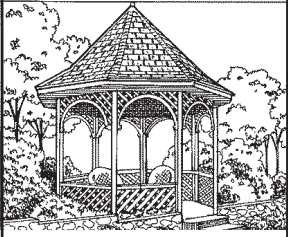


SECTION 3



Village of
CHEVY CHASE

News & Views

NOVEMBER 2023

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Bulk Trash, Recycling, curbside

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

5:00 p.m. deadline for Clothing & Blanket Drive
Donations to be dropped off in plastic bags at 3619 Shepherd Street

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Masala Grill Food Truck
4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Gazebo Park

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Last bulk trash until March 2024!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Council Meeting, in-person/Zoom hybrid
7:45 p.m. CCUMC Library
(see Council Meeting above for details)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

Silver & Sons BBQ food truck
Gazebo Park

** 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

WARM CLOTHING, BLANKET DONATIONS ACCEPTED THROUGH NOVEMBER 12

Every year Section 3 residents generously donate gently used warm clothing and blankets for the needy served by Martha's Table. The **Dorsey/Williams** family's front porch at 3619 Shepherd Street will again serve as the drop-off point. This year's cutoff is November 12. All donations will be delivered before Thanksgiving, so as the temperature drops, those in most need will have warm clothing. This is a valuable way to teach the meaning of giving at Thanksgiving.

The annual event was started in memory of Bill Prigg, who for many years lived where the Dorsey/Williams family now live. They continue the Prigg family tradition of collecting warm clothing and blankets for the needy. Mr. Prigg would drive downtown at night to provide blankets to the homeless sleeping in doorways and on grates. In his later years, he worked with Martha's Table, a nonprofit organization in DC with a wonderful outreach and history of serving those most in need.

What is appropriate to donate? Warm clothing for all ages—kids to adults. A special need continues for socks, mittens and gloves along with blankets, sweaters, pants, jackets and coats.

Dig in, clean out the back of your closets – if you haven't worn it in a year or two, will you ever? Ski pants or warm jackets don't fit the kids anymore? Take a good look, collect what you can in plastic bags and deliver them to the Dorsey/Williams porch. Last year we had two SUVs filled to the brim—let's see if we can top that this year.

Thanking you in advance for your generosity.

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COUNCIL ACTIONS

The Council met on Wednesday, October 11 in the CCUMC library and via Zoom. All members were present. The meeting began at 7:47 p.m.

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

BUILDINGS & ROADS

The Village Manager reported that the **Howard** family of 3707 Taylor Street got a permit for a new permeable driveway.

The **Saifee** family of 6813 Florida Street received a variance to add a second story addition over existing non-conforming parts of their home. Like the existing structure, the additions will intrude into the 30' front setbacks by 4' on one side and 5' feet on the other.

There was a discussion of the proposed traffic plan for Corso Chevy Chase developed by the State Highway Administration with improvements recommended by Section 3's consulting traffic engineer. Interested individuals asked for a Zoom meeting with the traffic engineer to better understand the plan and how it would affect the community. The Village Manager is arranging this and will share the details with the community. Vice Chair Larry Lanpher reminded everyone that ultimately the decision on traffic is in the hands of SHA.

The Raymond Street storm drain project has hit a snag with WSSC asking to review the entire plan. The Village Manager and our civil engineering firm Clark|Azar are working with WSSC to resolve objections raised by the Commission.

A resident raised the issue of gas leaf blowers, the use and sale of which will be banned in Montgomery County as of July 2025, and encouraged the Council to ban them in Section 3 even before that date. To better inform the community, it was decided that the Village Manager would research the status of bans among our neighboring jurisdictions (see story this issue).

FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Vice Chair Lanpher noted that because we have already signed a contract for the Raymond Street storm drain project, we are not in danger of losing the ARPA funds from the government to partially fund the effort even if the project is somewhat delayed.

CHARTER AMENDMENTS

The Council unanimously passed each of the three Charter Amendments previously introduced and published in the September *News & Views*. They include:

Charter Amendment Res. No. 2023-1 to amend Section 703 to raise the threshold for competitive bidding from \$10,000 to \$15,000, or such other amount established by the State of Maryland as the amount requiring the advertisement of procurement solicitations on the eMaryland Marketplace, whichever is greater.

Charter Amendment Res. No. 2023-2 to amend Section 601 to change the date of the annual meeting from the second Tuesday in May to the second Wednesday in May, or such other date in the second week in May as may be determined by majority vote of the Council.

Charter Amendment Res. No. 2023-3 to amend Section 602 to clarify that write-in candidates are not eligible for election; to delete the requirement that voters have a reason to vote absentee; and to allow cancellation of an election if uncontested after the passing of the nomination deadline.

These amendments shall become and be considered a part of the Charter of Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase on November 30, 2023 (fifty (50) days from adoption), unless on or before November 20, 2023 (forty (40) days from adoption), there shall be presented to the Section 3 Council, or mailed to it by registered mail, a petition signed by twenty percent (20%) or more of the persons who are qualified to vote in municipal elections of Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase, requesting any or all of the proposed amendments be submitted on referendum to the voters of Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase.

A complete copy of the Resolutions and Charter can be obtained from Andy Leon Harney, Village Manager.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

The Village Manager reminded everyone that the food truck Hangry Panda will visit Section 3 on October 24. For Halloween we will have two food trucks: El Sazon Mexicano and Rocklands BBQ. The Village Manager is scheduling more trucks for the remainder of the year.

Residents were asked if they had any other questions or issues they wished to discuss. There were no other issues raised. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Two new residents in Section 3—the littlest kind! Congrats to **Katie Bren and Ben Bruno** of Taylor Street on the birth of their son **Vincent**, already called Vinny, born on October 3. Congrats too to **Liz and Zach Morgan** of Brookville Road, whose daughter Persephone Mary was born a day later, October 4. Both families are delighted with their newest family member.

Congratulations to Georgia Street resident **Gary Kret** who has two marble and cast bronze sculptures now on display at the gallery of the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities at 200 I St. SE. Kret is one of the finalists in the Commission's FY24 Art Bank Program Grant. The exhibition DC Art Now 2023, runs from October 15 to December 14. Website: garykret.com Instagram: [garykret.artist](https://www.instagram.com/garykret.artist).

NEIGHBORING JURISDICTIONS' ORDINANCES ON GAS LEAF BLOWERS

On October 9, 2023, the Montgomery County Council passed a ban on the sale of handheld, backpack, and walk-behind gas-powered leaf blowers and leaf vacuums starting July 1, 2024, and banned the use of such equipment in the County effective July 1, 2025. The County has also authorized a rebate program running from July 2024 to December 2026 to partially offset the cost of replacing a gas-powered leaf blower or leaf vacuum with an electric leaf blower or leaf vacuum. The County's action follows similar bans in a number of other jurisdictions.

There was a discussion at the October 11 Council meeting of whether Section 3 should ban the use of gas-powered leaf blowers prior to the July 2025 county-wide ban, and the Village Manager was asked to draw up a summary of the local municipal ordinances with respect to gas leaf blowers. We researched D.C., Somerset, Chevy Chase Village, the Town of Chevy Chase, Martin's Additions, and Section 5 of the Village of Chevy Chase. Here are our findings in alphabetical order:



Chevy Chase Village. Gas blowers have been banned since January 2022. Contractors were all sent letters and the Village heavily promoted the change in the law with letters to all residents, articles in the newsletter, etc. The use of all leaf blowers, electric or battery powered, is limited to approved hours: between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. weekdays, and between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays. The use of a leaf blower with an average sound level exceeding 70 dBA at a distance of 50 feet is prohibited. Multiple blowers may violate the noise limit. First time offenders will receive a warning, subsequent violators will receive a \$500 citation for each violation.

District of Columbia. DC's ban on the use or sale of gas-powered leaf blowers was passed in 2018 and became effective January 1, 2022. Companies or individuals who use gas-powered leaf blowers in the District are subject to fines of up to \$500 for each offense. The District offers subsidies for the purchase of electric equipment to individuals as well as commercial enterprises.

Martins Additions. no ban

Somerset. Gas blowers banned as of September 1, 2022. Lawn maintenance equipment can be used weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. A single piece of equipment can also be used those days from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Weekends and holidays, lawn maintenance equipment can be used from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Town of Chevy Chase. The use of gas-powered leaf blowers is banned except from October 15 to December 31. All other gas-powered landscaping equipment can be used from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on weekdays, and from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays. All electric or battery-powered landscaping equipment can be used from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on weekdays, and from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays. The first violation for using gas powered leaf blowers out of the October to December period is subject to a \$200 fine, while a second violation is punishable by a \$400 fine, and \$1,000 for a third violation. The Town is considering a full year ban starting in 2024 but has not yet passed such an ordinance.

Section 5 of the Village of Chevy Chase. no ban

24TH NOYES STORYWALK “LEAVES” EVERYTHING TO THE IMAGINATION!

Families can enjoy this perfect fall story, *If You Find a Leaf*, written and illustrated by Aimee Sicuro, by observing posted signs at Warner Circle Park in Kensington from Friday, October 13 to Sunday, November 12, 2023. Warner Circle Park is located at 10231 Carroll Place, right across the street from the Noyes Children’s Library in historic Kensington.

If You Find a Leaf follows a child collecting fall leaves while she imagines what each different leaf could be. The story celebrates the changing season and “encourages children to let every leaf spark a new idea.” In addition to the related crafts and activities posted on the Foundation’s website, the free StoryWalk includes an invitation for families to find the featured leaves and trees in Kensington’s parks and neighborhoods.

Families are encouraged to check out the Foundation's Events page for crafts related to the *If You Find a Leaf* StoryWalk, and to share a selfie while at the StoryWalk or a photo of a completed craft on the Foundation's Facebook page (facebook.com/MakeMoreNoyes). Families can also post to Facebook or Instagram and tag the Foundation @makemorenoyes.

The Noyes Children’s Library Foundation launched its Noyes StoryWalk program in January 2021 as an early literacy initiative when libraries were closed during the COVID-19 pandemic and continues to enable families to enjoy books together outdoors. A complete list of the Noyes StoryWalks, including background information and accompanying crafts, is available at www.noyeslibraryfoundation.org/Events.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

As usual Section 3 lawns were adorned with wonderful decorations. The Hoffman family of Taylor St. wins the prize for the most skeletons ever!

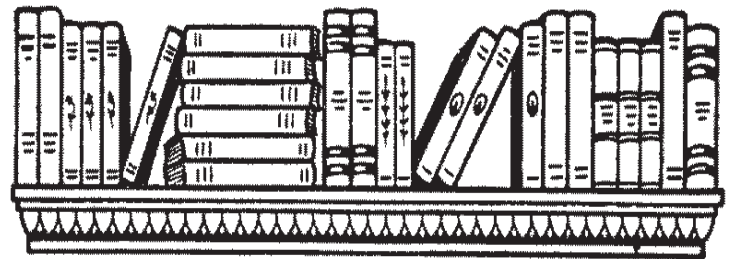


HIDDEN HISTORIES OF CHEVY CHASE

The Chevy Chase Historical Society is excited to announce a new lecture series covering important but lesser-known subjects, the Hidden Histories of Chevy Chase. The new series will begin with our Fall 2023 lecture by Renata Lisowski, Director of the CCHS Archive and Research Center, about the Rollingwood Burial Ground for Enslaved People.

Lisowski will address the history of enslavement in Montgomery County, trace the series of land sales which resulted in the disappearance of the burial ground from the landscape, and discuss the process of determining who may have been buried at the Rollingwood Burial Ground.

The program will be held November 5 at 3:30 pm at the Lawton Community Center and will be followed by a reception at which light refreshments will be served. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact CCHS at (301)-656-6141 or info@chevyCHASEhistory.org.



BCC USED BOOK SALE COLLECTION DAYS

There are still two more dates for donating books to the BCC Book Sale: Sunday, November 5 and Saturday, January 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The book sale itself will take place on March 9 and 10 to support BCC scholarship programs.

Organizers are looking for gently used books (but not textbooks) in good condition. They do not accept CDs, DVDs, record albums, audio books, college and grad school textbooks, encyclopedias/dictionaries, oversized coffee table books, games and toys, cassettes, VHS tapes, magazines and journals, pre-2020 travel or test prep books, or books in poor condition.

ROSEMARY HILLS ES CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Rosemary Hills has identified 26 families who are food insecure. To help them, the PTA is sponsoring a drive that will result in three boxes of food for each family plus a gift card to a grocery store for perishables. PTA President Katey Vale, a Section 3 resident and Councilmember, has a box for donations on her porch (7103 Florida Street) for those who wish to contribute and don't have children at Rosemary Hills.

Most requested items are canned beans, tuna, rice, pasta, shelf-stable milk, cooking oil, dried fruit, cereal, oatmeal, spices, peanut butter and jelly. Monetary gifts toward the gift cards are also appreciated. Checks should be made out to Rosemary Hills PTA and dropped at her home. Donations may be made via Zelle to president@rhpspta.org with a note: Thanksgiving Box—Section 3 resident.

VIRTUAL PRESENTATION: DRAWING YOUR LIFE'S MAP

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, November 14 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. to learn to draw your "life's map," via Zoom with David Oldfield, presented by Chevy Chase At Home.

An important and satisfying task of older adulthood is telling the story of your own becoming a unique person. Each of us has been shaped by events, experiences and relationships. Our characters have been formed by crises we have lived through, achievements and disappointments we have managed, and the full spectrum of ways we have touched others and been touched in return. The story of a long life fully lived is the great gift older adults offer – to their families and future generations, and to themselves. A fun and creative way of telling this story is by drawing your life's journey as a map. Maps use images to symbolize where we've been, what's impacted us, what we've learned, and how we've changed. Peaks of accomplishment and swamps of despair, crossroads of big decisions and shores of new beginnings – images are truly worth a thousand words!

Speaker David Oldfield has been inviting older people to construct maps of their lives for many years. He will share stories and illustrations from his recent book, *An Atlas of Aging*, which features the life maps of 20 older adults from around the world. David Oldfield is founder and director of Farther On, a movement dedicated to reframing the later years of life as an adventure to be lived rather than a problem to be solved.

This event is online and open to the community Register in advance to get the Zoom link at info@chevyCHASEathome.org or (301) 657-3115.

NEW COOK BOOK BY SECTION 3'S OWN JEREMY SCHECK

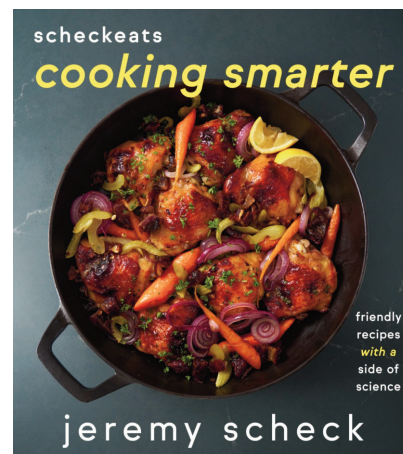
Jeremy Scheck, son of Deborah and Howard Scheck (Taylor Street) and grandson of Nathan Billig (Florida Street) will be giving a talk at Politics and Prose on Sunday, November 5 at 3:00 p.m. on his new cookbook, *Scheckeats—Cooking Smarter*.



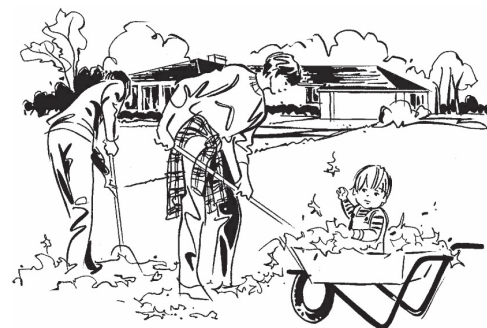
Scheck began his own catering business while attending BCC High School, making fantastic baked goods for clients. He went on to Cornell where he had a double major in Spanish and Italian and as well as taking courses in Food Science. He now lives in New York City, has a loyal

and growing following on Tik Tok and Instagram, started while still in high school.

The book, published by Harper Collins, tries to build on "blocks of culinary literacy." He minimizes single use ingredients and equipment and puts together enticing, family-friendly recipes for a new or an experienced cook.



LEAF BAGS

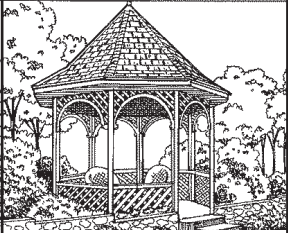


Those who signed up for leaf bags received 25 bags on Oct. 28th. If you forgot to 'opt in' and would like leaf bags, we intentionally ordered extras. Just let the Village Manager know and she'll get you 25 bags.



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GOING AWAY FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

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.

