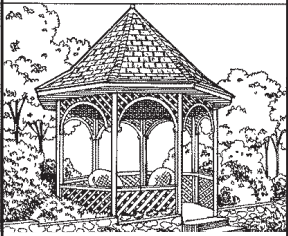


## SECTION 3



Village of  
CHEVY CHASE

# News & Views

SEPTEMBER 2023

## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Bulk trash, recycling, compost, curbside

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

#### Party-in-the-Park

Gazebo Park environs, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Rain date: September 17, same time, same place

(See story this page)

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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.

### WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 13, 20 & 27

Recycling, compost curbside

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Food Truck: Silver & Sons BBQ

Gazebo Park, 5:00-7:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

Council Meeting (Hybrid in-person/zoom)

See Council meeting listing above

*\* 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

## PARTY-IN-THE-PARK SET FOR SEPTEMBER 10

Section 3's biggest event of the year, the Party-in-the-Park, is around the corner. Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 10 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. We'll have a live band, the Moonlighters, great food from Mindy's Caterers, and the Ice Cream Man, Copperfield Davis, will be there. We'll have a wonderful train for the little ones and a basketball hoop game for everyone.

Bakers, start planning. The highlight of the event is the cakewalk led by **Jen Roberti**, who will be cornering you soon to make a cake. Last year we had lots of winners and over 35 imaginative, wonderful cakes, many of which were home-made. If you want bring a cake, please contact Jen in advance.



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## COUNCIL ACTIONS

The Council last met on Wednesday, July 12 via Zoom. Council Chair Susan Manning was absent as was Secretary Ellie Nader. All other Council members were present. The meeting began at 7:50 p.m.

### BUILDINGS & ROADS

Permit services coordinator Gabriel Nathaniel reported that four permits were issued since the last Council meeting:

- 7004 Georgia St. to **Deborah Harris** to remove and construct a portico and to remove and replace a permeable driveway;
- 6705 Georgia St. to **Tom Jester and Jennifer Giblin** to demolish part of the rear portion of their home and to have a dumpster on the property;
- 6808 Florida St to **Marie Ionata and Nick Restifo** to improve the front porch, front walkway and to demolish the rear shed and slab and replace it with a smaller shed; and
- 7001 Georgia St. to **Tabitha Bailey and David Mostofi** for a permeable driveway.

The Village Manager and the Permit Services Coordinator are now regularly touring on-going jobs within the community to better follow their progress.

The Village Manager provided a further report on the Corso development project at the former 4H site, noting that the developer would hold a community meeting on July 25 to provide an update on its site plans. The Manager indicated that she and the Vice Chair (and perhaps others) intended to attend the meeting. The Manager advised that the Council has identified a traffic engineering firm to advise the Council on traffic and parking issues and that we were awaiting a conflict check (subsequently there were no conflicts and the firm, Mead & Hunt, Inc. has been engaged) and is now advising the Council on these matters. There ensued then some discussion of Corso issues with Section 3 residents, including on traffic and parking.

The Village Manager reported that municipal talks with Pepco seem to be resulting in some major concessions on the part of Pepco. We are working with the attorney hired by a group of municipalities to represent us in dealings with Pepco and the Public Service Commission—all aimed at making the process to acquire our own streetlights more reasonable.

A second round of demo lights should go up soon, the Village Manager reported.

The Village Manager has been updating affected residents on the progress of the large waterline replacement project. Shepherd

and Delaware Streets should be milled and paved soon. Work has begun on Taylor Street.

The storm drain project is stalled while the project is re-designed based on the test pits on Raymond Street. (see story this issue for a more complete report).

Trees on Taylor Street and the no outlet segments will be trimmed before WSSC work begins. The Village Manager reported that she has contacted both homeowners and our arborist.

Yellow curbs will be painted in areas where WSSC and our contractors are not working. We will bring them back to paint curbs after the final milling and paving.

### FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

The Council members had no follow up questions during the meeting based on their review of the financial reports.

The Village Manager is working on preparing all the necessary materials for our annual audit.

The Village Manager is busy shifting authorized signers on accounts from Carolyn Greis to Katey Vale.

### COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

The Welcome New Neighbors BBQ is July 13, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. The event promises to be lots of fun for all. New neighbors were contacted and individually invited.

Residents were notified of thefts from blue USPS outdoor mailboxes. The Village Manager has been working with a postal inspector and those affected have been urged to file reports. In general, it is recommended that you deposit your mail inside post offices so that you are not at risk of having your checks stolen, “washed” and presented for payment to someone other than the person whose name is on the check. Payment online is also reliable, of course.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

## COUNTY ADDS ELECTRONICS TO RECYCLE

The County Department of Environmental Protection has expanded its list of products it will accept for recycling at the Shady Grove Station (16101 Frederick Road, Derwood).

The County requires its contractor and nonprofit partners to erase data from equipment that will be reused and destroy remaining memory devices. However, it is recommended that anyone bringing computers and other electronics for recycling erase personal data before dropping them off.

The County will now accept cameras, clocks, drones, empty printer ink and toner cartridges, remote controls, small handheld electric tools and vacuum cleaners, surveillance cameras, and audio and VHS/cassette tapes.



## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

We have many new neighbors we want to welcome:

**Laura and Chase Ferrell** will be moving into 6810 Florida Street in late September or early October. Lauren and Chase both work at Medstar Washington Hospital Center. Chase is a physician anesthesiologist and Lauren is a nurse practitioner in surgical critical care. The couple is expecting their first child, a boy, in December.

**Liz and Zac Morgan** are moving in late this month from DC to their new home at 6702 Brookville Road. They are expecting their first child in October.

**Laura and Nick Gordon** just moved into 7007 Georgia Street. Nick works for a multi-family developer called MRP Realty and Laura works for a federal IT contractor, Obsidian Global. They are looking forward to walking to the Farmers Market down the street and meeting neighbors.

**Paul and Annie Vinovich** have moved into 7106 Georgia Street with their children, **Madeline**, age 3½, and **Ralph**, 18 months. Paul is a former congressional staffer currently serving as Chairman of the Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics. Annie, also a former Capitol Hill staffer, is a lobbyist for Bank of America.

**Kenny and Madeline Hodge** have moved into 6823 Delaware Street with their six-month-old son **Kenneth “Walker” Hodge**. Kenny is Vice President of Government Affairs for Jeffrey J. Kimbell & Associates, a healthcare-focused lobbying and policy consulting firm in DC; and Madeline is Director of Federal Government Relations for Walgreens Co. Kenny, Madeline, Walker and their dog Lucy are moving from the Riggs Park neighborhood in Northeast DC, where they lived since moving back to the DC area in 2019. They are excited to meet all their new Section 3 neighbors and hope to see everyone at Gazebo Park soon.

**Michael Goldstein, Sarah Golabek-Goldman** and their 16-month-old daughter **Maya** have moved into 6704 Brookville Road. Mike is a primary care physician with One Medical downtown and Sarah is a DOJ attorney working on issues relating to people with disabilities. Having moved from the Eastern Market neighborhood, they are just getting accustomed to the suburbs!

**Chloe Post and Michael Cogo** have moved into 7105 Fulton Street. Chloe is Director of Alumnae Engagement for National Cathedral School and Michael works on the operations side at La Pasta, a local artisanal pasta and sauce manufacturer.

**Shanta and Somil Trivedi** have moved into 7007 Connecticut Avenue. with their children, **Dylan**, age 7, and **Serena**, age 5. Shanta is an assistant professor of law and faculty director of the Sayra & Neil Meyerhoff Center for Families, Children & the Courts (CFCC) at the University of Baltimore School of Law. Somil is Chief Legal & Advocacy Director with Maryland Legal Aid and was formerly Senior Staff Attorney in the Criminal Law Reform Project working closely with the ACLU’s Campaign for Smart Justice.

## ROLLING RECYCLING BINS FOR PAPER TO BE DELIVERED SOON

In early September, all households (other than those who opted out) will receive a new forest green recycling bin imprinted with the Section 3 logo. Please use the new green bins for paper recycling only and move them curbside for collection Wednesday mornings. The blue recycling bins you already have should be used for mixed bottles, cans and plastics (but no plastic bags please). Thank you to everyone who participates in our neighborhood recycling efforts! Your commitment to environmental stewardship helps create a cleaner, greener future for us all.

## CCUMC HOLDING FALL FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 17

Chevy Chase United Methodist Church invites members of its congregation and Section 3 families to a special Fall Festival on September 17 at 7001

Connecticut Avenue. The festivities will be held on the CCUMC playground, parking lot and in the sanctuary. There

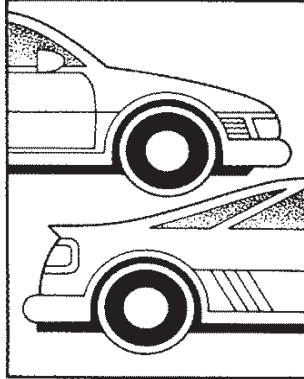
will be a bouncy house, face painting, a cake and pie auction, food and fun. The event takes place from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with a chamber music concert at 2:00 p.m. It’s also an opportunity to meet their new pastor, Rev. Katie Saari who became pastor July 1.





## TRAFFIC & PARKING CONCERNS ABOUT CORSO CHEVY CHASE BEING ADDRESSED

Since the July 12 Council meeting, Section 3 has hired the firm Mead & Hunt to look at both the parking and traffic studies done by the developers' consultants. The firm has extensive experience working with the State Highway Administration and Maryland local governments on traffic planning and traffic analysis.



On July 25, the developer held a Zoom session with the Town of Chevy Chase and any other interested parties. Councilmembers Lanpher and Vale, the Village Manager and members of the Section 3 community attended the meeting along with our traffic consultant. Unfortunately, they gave limited attention to discussion of either the parking study or the traffic study that had been prepared by a consultant to the contractor on the grounds that their consultant was on vacation.

In the meantime, both the Town of Chevy Chase and Section 3 have sent emails to the developer asking several questions regarding parking and traffic matters; we are waiting for responses. Our traffic consultants have dug into the County rules regarding parking and state warrants for traffic signals. They have spent a good deal of time looking at the traffic data in the area and analyzed the proposal by the developer. In terms of parking, our major concern is the adequacy of the spaces reserved both underground and above ground. What we do not want is staff or visitors parking on our already narrow and crowded streets. We have asked a number of questions of the developer regarding the on-site parking.

In terms of traffic, the developer proposes closing a gap in

the median strip and requiring everyone who leaves Corso to exit using the southernmost driveway opening and turn right (south) on Connecticut Avenue. The developer has not shared any alternative to allow drivers exiting from Corso to head north on Connecticut Avenue. Our concern is that many people wanting to go north from Corso would either try to cross three lanes to make a left turn at Shepherd Street and circle around to Taylor Street and out, or they would try to make a U-turn on Connecticut Avenue, causing accidents and traffic jams.

Section 3 is not satisfied with the developer's proposal; it wants a solution that avoids cut-through traffic, traffic jams, and accidents.

The Town has asked the developer to come up with a better solution. Our traffic consultants, spring-boarding a concept initially developed by staff at the State Highway Administration to address this very problem, is developing a proposed solution we will discuss Town of Chevy Chase officials on September 11. The solution is still a work in progress, but it will include a means for traffic leaving Corso to turn left to head north on Connecticut Avenue and avoid Section 3 cut-through traffic. We have a much better chance of getting a plan adopted if both jurisdictions agree on a solution.

Ultimately, the traffic solution will be the one that State Highway approves.

## CHEVY CHASE AT HOME HOSTS FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT SEPT. 19

Mark September 19 on your calendar to hear Pulitzer-prize winning journalist, Lewis M. Simmons speak about his book *To Tell the Truth: The Life of a Foreign Correspondent*. Simmons began his career in 1967 for the Associated Press at the height of the Vietnam War. He went on to international postings for The Washington Post, Time Magazine and Knight-Ridder Newspapers.

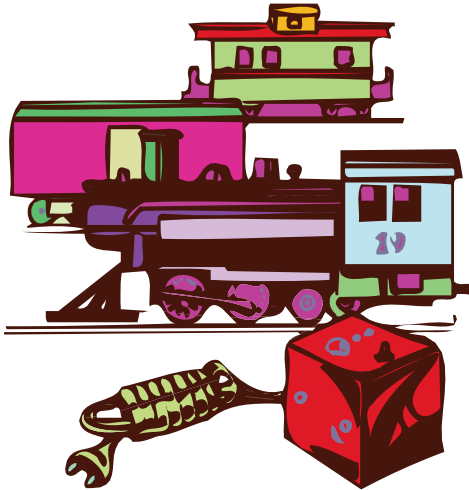
Simmons covered the Vietnam War, the Tiananmen Square massacre, was expelled from India for revealing Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's abuses and saved the life of a teen-aged Tibetan monk. His Pulitzer was awarded in 1986 for exposing the billions that the Marcos family looted from the Philippines. His newest book, *To Tell the Truth*, with a forward by the Dalai Lama, chronicles a world of poverty living side by side with extreme wealth, murder, larceny, and government corruption.

Interested individuals need to register in advance for this free Zoom event to occur September 19 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. by emailing [info@chevyCHASEathome.org](mailto:info@chevyCHASEathome.org) or (301) 657-3115.

If you pay your own property taxes rather than the bank, and you are a Section 3 resident homeowner, please remember to deduct the Solid waste charge of \$22.57 from your tax bill as Section 3 pays that for you. If your bank pays, they do it in two payments. When the County bills your bank for the second payment in December, they will make the adjustment to your account to reflect the Section 3 payment.

## KENSINGTON TOWN HALL TRANSFORMS FOR TRAIN SHOW SEPTEMBER 9, 10

All aboard! Calling all train enthusiasts from the smallest fans to the biggest history buffs, and everyone in between. On September 9 and 10 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., there will be an enormous display of electric trains at Kensington Town Hall. The



hall will be filled with model trains. A live band will perform between 11:30 and 1:30 p.m. On Sunday, September 10, Matthew Dodd will share railroad songs and stories from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The National Capital Trackers will run all the trains and answer questions, and the local Boy

Scout troop will sell food and cold drinks. Model trains first appeared at the Kensington Town Hall in 2011 to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the town's train station.

Admission for adults is \$7, \$2 for children, and \$15 for a family. This event benefits the Noyes Children's Library Foundation and the Kensington Historical Society. The Kensington Town Hall is located at 3710 Mitchell Street.

## RAYMOND STREET UPDATE

One of the Council priorities has been to install a storm drain on Raymond Street to handle the excess runoff that floods many residents' back yards. The Council voted to use federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to supplement monies set aside by the Council in the Capital Improvement Fund. The drawings were prepared, submitted to the County who maintain our storm drains. Some changes were recommended by the County officials. We hired D&F Construction to handle the job.

The first task of any infrastructure job like this, or the water-line replacement project, is to dig test pits. The purpose of these exploratory incisions is to determine the depth of the pre-existing infrastructure in our streets. Miss Utility can identify where your water line and the main water line, the gas line, and any underground communications cables or electrical lines are located. But they do not know their depth, a key bit of information.

D & F Construction dug some 40 test pits, only to discover, after careful analysis, that there is no way we can shoe-horn a 15 foot storm drain into our streets without moving many utilities. We were able to install some 81' of storm drain that will empty into the inlet at Delaware and Raymond Streets, but no more. So, we patched up the test pits, went back to the drawing board after studying the depths and determined that we could do the job with a heavy-duty 12" storm drain at slightly different depths than originally envisioned. The revised plans were resubmitted to the County and were approved with a few modifications. But in order to accomplish our goal, we will have to lower or raise the service at the street level of three water service lines and one gas line. This is not an uncommon circumstance, but it requires special application and approvals from both WSSC and Washington Gas. Those applications have been filed and as soon as they are approved, we hope to bring back our contractor, along with a WSSC and Washington Gas approved plumber, to execute the necessary changes. Our challenge is that our contractor is busy with many other jobs and may not be able to come back to the job immediately. As everyone who has ever dealt with quality contractors knows, they are in high demand. At the moment, we can't even provide a timeline as we are subject to the workload of each of the utilities and their approval process.

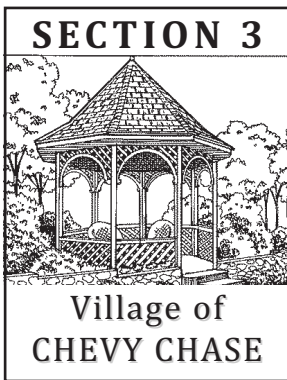
As soon as we have a better handle on the schedule, we will notify all residents, but particularly those who live on Raymond Street.

## 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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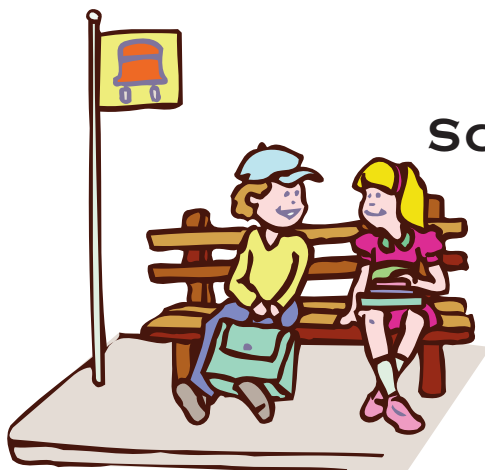
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## SCHOOL IS OPEN!

Please drive slowly and keep an eye out for children going to and from school. Remember to never pass a school bus dropping off or picking up children. School buses have cameras to record those who make this dangerous mistake, which comes with a \$570 fine.

Please help keep our most vulnerable community members safe!