

SECTION THREE  
VILLAGE OF  
CHEVY CHASE

# News & Views

APRIL 2010

## CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, APRIL 3

Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon

Hunt starts at 11:30 a.m. sharp; luncheon to follow

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

Household bulk trash pick-up, curbside

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

Council Meeting, CCUMC Room 109 7:45 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

Household bulk trash pick-up, curbside

### TUESDAY, MAY 11

Annual Meeting and Elections

Voting 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Meeting 8 p.m.

Speaker on Water-loving plants, shrubs and trees

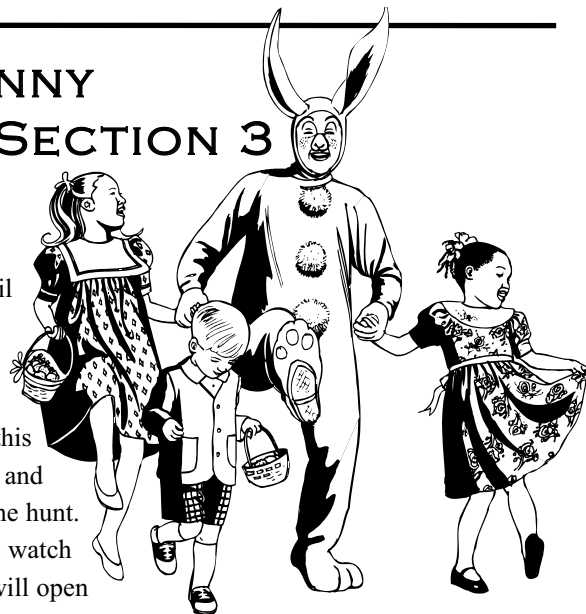
## EASTER BUNNY COMES TO SECTION 3 APRIL 3RD!

The Easter Bunny is coming to Section 3 on April 3rd in time for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon. Come gather round the Gazebo Park for this year's hunt—bring a basket and children six and under for the hunt.

Older siblings are invited to watch and have lunch. The gates will open at 11:30 a.m. sharp for children 3 and under

and, after a five minute head start, children 4 to 6 will be allowed in. Then we'll all sit down for a luncheon with children, parents and grandparents, with finger foods and drinks all around the park. So join us!

Special thanks to **Debbie Glynn** for helping to organize this event, to the **Barry family** for the generous use of their front yard, to the **Mimikakis/Owens family** for the use of their yard for the hunt and for the kind services of the Easter bunny (**David Glynn**) and the MC, **Chris Lombardi**. We hope you'll all join us!



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## NEW PLANT EXCHANGE COORDINATOR

Travel through any older neighborhood and you see blooming iris in one yard and then the same iris or hosta in another—all because over time, neighbors divide perennials and exchange them. To help facilitate this effort, MaryLou Steptoe has agreed to be our plant coordinator and will be sharing garden information with other interested individuals. If you'd like to find a good home for items in your yard that you have an abundance of, she will help find a home. If you are looking for items for your garden, she may be able to help you there as well. She hopes to start an email group to communicate with interested gardeners, so feel free to contact her with your wants and needs (want to find, need to get rid of...) at [MaryLou.Steptoe@gmail.com](mailto:MaryLou.Steptoe@gmail.com).



*\*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.*



The Council met on Wednesday, March 10th. All Council members were present.

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

The meeting began at 8:00 p.m.

### PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

The Council discussed the recent notification that Chevy Chase Village Police will no longer be able to provide Section 3 or any other municipality with contract police services. They had been providing up to 16 hours a month in supplemental police services to Section 3. The County serves our community but we began several years ago to augment their services at a time when we had had a rash of burglaries of neighborhood homes. The Council agreed to explore the possibility of hiring off-duty County police as they do in Somerset and the Town of Chevy Chase (Section 4). The Village Board of Managers decided to curtail all contract services due to a dramatic loss of income this year and anticipated tight budget for next year.

The Council reviewed the costs of snow removal for this past winter—three major record-breaking storms plus regular snow plowing services totaled \$37,690.20. This covered plowing, salt and sanding, snow shoveling of senior's sidewalks, digging out of fire hydrants and "trimming" of corners with a front-end loader. The December blizzard has already been declared an emergency by the President, which means some FEMA funds will be available to defray some of those costs. It's expected that the February storms will also be declared emergencies but it's not clear if both storms will be declared or only one. New FEMA regulations that went into effect last November are making the possibility of both storms being declared emergencies less likely. In any event, Section 3 will apply for whatever funds are available to reimburse communities for some of the special expenses incurred.

### BUILDINGS AND ROADS

The property at 7104 Florida Street has been served a citation by Montgomery County. The County's contractor will "clean and lien" the property. A tax lien on the building will be placed to cover the cost of the cleanup. In addition, the Council agreed to serve the builder/developer, Mr. Jim O'Brien and his partners with a demand letter followed by several municipal citations. At this time, the property has no valid permits from either the County or

Section 3.

There has been no activity on the two lots at Connecticut and Bradley Lane. It's assumed that having received a letter from Section 3 that their plans are now before Montgomery County. It was decided to postpone repairing the sidewalk on Connecticut Avenue in that block until after construction is over as the trucks going in and out of the site will doubtless damage the sidewalk additionally.

The Village Manager reported that there are now only three hold-outs regarding the Brookville Road sidewalk in Chevy Chase Village and that the Village is in discussions with each of those property owners.

Following on the heels of the Village-wide survey, the Council decided to hire a firm to do a thorough title search on the entire "drainage reservation" from Fulton Street down to Brookville Road to determine ownership of that reservation and clarify these facts for all the affected homeowners.

The Council agreed to limit parking on Bradley Lane during the run of the Children's Hospital Design House also located on Bradley Lane. The Village Manager is also contacting Chevy Chase Village to see if parking can be restricted on the Village side of the street to allow school buses, emergency vehicles and regular traffic to ply the street during their open hours. If the parking becomes a problem on adjacent streets, then further parking restrictions will be implemented.

**Anne Zehner** and her consulting engineer and Section 3's consulting engineer Bill Bissell, Buildings and Roads representative **Carolyn Greis** and Village Manager **Andy Leon Harney** met to discuss drainage issues on Ms. Zehner's property.

The Council agreed to have the Village Manager explore the pros and cons of applying for a Maryland Energy Department grant of up to \$5,000.

The Council discussed the status of the GIS Survey. All the existing files and records of building permits, plans, etc., have been organized and handed over to our contractor to be scanned and entered into our main system. The Village Manager reported that a handful of properties still have to be photographed to complete the photographic record as well.

The Council agreed to break out the care and feeding of the street trees from the landscape contract for the next three year contract period. New contracts will be going out for bid for waste collection, landscape services and now tree maintenance for a three year period beginning July 1, 2010.

The Council discussed the possible application by the Edelens for an expanded childcare facility on Connecticut Avenue and agreed to ask them to provide additional information to the Council and the community.

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## EDELEN FAMILY APPLIES FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE FOR ENLARGED DAY CARE PROGRAM IN SECTION 3

**Stephen and Patricia Edelen** have applied for a Special Exception to enlarge their current family daycare program from 8 children to 24 children. The larger group child daycare center requires a special exception from the County. There are no ordinances in Section 3 regarding special exception uses.

### WHAT THE EDELENS PROPOSE

The Council has asked the Edelens to provide it specific details regarding their proposed day care program, however as of this writing, they have not provided any additional information. Failing that, we have only the material submitted by them to the County to report to the community. In their filing they propose to expand their current half-day program which they run in the basement of their home at 6705 Connecticut Avenue from 8 children to an all-day program for 24 children. The current program did not require any special exception and is allowed under Montgomery County law as long as it is operated by the homeowner living in the home and serves no more than 8 children. The current program is licensed by the County—no other permissions are required. The proposed special exception allows up to 30 children, however, if the applicants say they will only serve a lower number, they are limited to that number.

The Edelens propose to offer a bi-lingual daycare program following in the style of the Reggio-Emilia educational approach to learning for children ages 2 through 5. They propose to serve two different groups: 12 children ages 2-3 years, and 12 children ages 3-4 years. They maintain that there is off-street parking for 11 cars, including the family's two-car garage. Children would sign up for either the 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. program, or the 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. program and arrivals would be staggered over an hour from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. in the morning and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the evening for departures. Children would also alternate outdoor playtime so that younger children and older children would not be outside at the same time to minimize noise and maintain safety. There would be a total of 4 staff people, 2 resident, 2 non-resident.

### THE PROCESS

Programs run out of a home with 30 children or fewer are not considered by the County to be a commercial use. The Edelens have submitted their application (you've probably seen the sign). The process from here on in is that the Office of Zoning & Administrative Hearings (OZAH) sends a notice to all confronting

and abutting property owners to notify them of their application. Others can request to be on the notice list as well. A copy of the application by the Edelens along with their supporting materials will be sent to the Development Review Division of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) where a zoning analyst will be assigned the case and will prepare a Technical Staff Report (TSR) which makes a recommendation about whether the application satisfies the Zoning Ordinance requirements and recommends what conditions should be attached to the Special Exception or Modification. The analyst then puts together all the other elements of the technical staff report from the Community Based Planning Division about the applicable Master Plan, from the Transportation Planning Division and from the Environment Planning Division. Traffic patterns, environmental issues, noise, health and safety of the residential neighborhood are all areas of consideration.

If comments and letters from the community are received by the zoning analyst at an appropriate time, those letters are attached to the technical staff report which is available on the M-NCPPC website 10 day's prior to the Planning Board's public hearing.

The Planning Board holds a public hearing on the application, generally on a Thursday. The public hearing is a "timed" hearing in which the zoning analyst delivers his/her Technical Staff Report (TSR), then the applicant has 15 minutes to present his or her case. The applicant may reserve time for a rebuttal. Government officials have seven minutes and then the community goes next...citizen associations have 10 minutes, abutting neighbors have five minutes and any other individual has three minutes.

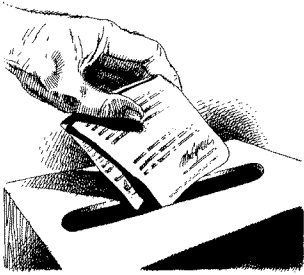
Following presentations, the Planning Board may have questions and then members will discuss the application and vote. Their recommendation, along with the TSR, is forwarded in writing to the Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings (OZAH).

The OZAH assigns a Hearing Examiner to conduct the second required public hearing. At this hearing, there are no time limits and witnesses are sworn in, there is cross-examination after each witness testifies, and a transcript is made of the hearing. The applicant presents its case first through exhibits and testimony, other parties, both pro and con have an opportunity to present their case through exhibit and testimony. The applicant has the right to put on rebuttal witnesses and enter exhibits.

The record includes hearing testimony and all exhibits submitted. Testimony and exhibits that were presented to the planning board are not part of the record and are not considered by the Hearing Examiner unless they are submitted before or during the Hearing Examiner's hearing.

After the close of the record, the Hearing Examiner will

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## MAY 11 ELECTION SLATE

This year two positions on the Council are open and both incumbents are running again. Here are their candidate statements:

### DAVID OHRENSTEIN

It was an honor to have been appointed to the Council last October to fill the position vacated when our neighbor Jon Newhard and family moved out of the area. Over the past five months, I have had the opportunity to “learn the ropes” of the many important responsibilities of the Council and would appreciate the chance to continue my service for another term.

Our family has lived in Section 3 for nearly eleven years, including a move just a few hundred feet up Spring Street! We have always valued the great sense of community of the neighborhood and the benefits that come from our local form of government. I have spent 20 years, in government, legal practice, and now with a trade association, working on government policy issues at the federal and international level. It has been a rewarding experience the past several months to roll up my sleeves and work with fellow Council members on issues that affect the immediate quality of life in our neighborhood.

I have particularly enjoyed my Council role as Treasurer. During a precarious economic time, Section 3 remains financially healthy and able to deliver the special services we all value – from street maintenance, to big trash days, and of course the great community social events! We also are fortunate to have solid reserves available to deal with unexpected events like the added snow removal for this winter’s storms. I look forward to working with my Council colleagues to continue this prudent financial management if I am able to continue my service.

Section 3’s local form of government is one of its many strengths. It has been a privilege to be part of it for the past several months and I would appreciate your vote to serve another term.

### DONNA HARMON

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve on the Section 3 Council, and I hope that you will consider re-electing me for a second term. Over the past two years, I have learned so much about the workings of our wonderful community. From drainage issues and street lights to the new Geographic Information System (GIS) and the budget, this Council’s sole focus is the welfare of Section 3, and I would like to continue this work.

I am very proud of the things we have accomplished as a Council and a community over the past two years. We have revised our Code of Ordinances so that these important regulations are more easily understood. We have installed GIS monument markers at each street corner and two markers at the front of each person’s property so that home improvements are less expensive and easier for every resident of Section 3. We have addressed numerous issues related to drainage, street lights, snow removal, serviceberry trees, and our beautiful Gazebo Park. We have also organized many community events, and I have taken particular pleasure in meeting so many members of our community through these events. It is a testament to the public spirit of Section 3 that we can put on these events relying largely on volunteer help, and that they are without exception well-attended, safe and fun.

If re-elected, I will continue to work with the Council to improve our community and to tighten the bonds that make it such a welcoming and charming place to live.

### NEW TO SECTION 3 AND WANT TO VOTE?

If you are listed in the yellow Section 3 Directory, then we know you deserve to vote here. If you have not registered to vote with the Montgomery County Board of Elections, please do so at once. Their number is (240) 777-8683 or you can go to their website: [www.montgomerycountymd.gov](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov) or pick up registration applications at the post office or public library.

## DESIGN HOUSE TO BENEFIT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AT 3911 BRADLEY LANE

The big brick Georgian home on Bradley Lane, across Connecticut Avenue in Section 4, which has been a designer showcase house in previous years and the venue for Chevy Chase Historical Society events, has been selected as the new Design House to benefit Children's Hospital. **Mary Kate Cary** in Section 3 is one of the many volunteers putting together this ambitious effort. Unlike previous years, the sponsors have elected to hold the house open during hours when parking is available on Connecticut Avenue. The showcase house will be open from April 10th through May 9th (see [www.dcdesignhouse.com](http://www.dcdesignhouse.com)) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from noon to 5 on Saturday and Sunday. As there is no parking on Bradley between Connecticut and Wisconsin, the temptation may be for area visitors to park on Bradley between Connecticut and Brookville. Because we are concerned about the flow of traffic for school buses and emergency vehicles, trash trucks, etc., not to mention everyday traffic, both Chevy Chase Village and Section 3 have agreed to restrict parking during those same hours on Bradley Lane. Should the parking become a problem for neighboring streets, at least in Section 3, we will address it with further restrictions.

The house promises to have a wonderful collection of designers and is well worth the walk to it for the charity it's benefiting. But if you see parking restrictions on Bradley Lane, you'll know why.

## BETHESDA COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL PLANT SALE MAY 6



If you love plants, you won't want to miss the annual sale at the Bethesda Farm Women's Market from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 6th. There will be a large selection of perennials grown in members' well-tended gardens, plus herbs, annuals, native plants and shrubs. Master gardeners will be on site to answer gardening questions. Proceeds of the sale will benefit various community projects, including landscaping at Bethesda and Davis libraries and a Montgomery College scholarship in landscape technology. If you need more information, contact Belva Finlay at (301) 656-4009.

## TALENTED TIM HEALY TO SERENADE SENIORS APRIL 6TH



Area seniors will be delighted to hear our own **Tim Healy** of Delaware Street entertaining them on his guitar at the Chevy Chase @ Home "Meet and Mingle" event on Tuesday, April 6th at 2:00 p.m. at the Chevy Chase

Village Hall.

In addition to being a talented performer, Tim and his wife **Susan** have sponsored regular guitar concerts all over the area in their guitar series.



On April 20th, at the same location, three experts will give a talk on how to add space and beautify your home all at the same time! Terri Scanlin, Kathy Beal and Judith Carrig will talk about ways to get rid of clutter, hold a yard sale or make good use of consignment shops. Join them on Tuesday, April 20th at 2:00 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Village Hall.



## B-CC BOOK EVENT APRIL 25

It's nice to be from such an interesting place where alumnae are published authors. New authors and B-CC High School graduates Laurie Strongin ('83) and Sarah Pekkanen ('85) will hold a joint discussion and book signing at the Jane Lawton Center (formerly the Leland Center) on Sunday, April 25th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Laurie, who attended Chevy Chase Elementary School and Leland Junior High, recently appeared on "Good Morning America" to discuss her memoir, *Saving Henry*, which details her incredible fight to try to save her young son from a rare illness. The book has won rave reviews. Sarah, who attended Westbook Elementary School and Western Junior High, is the author of the novel *The Opposite of Me*, which just earned 2.5 out of 4 stars from *People* magazine and has been translated into four languages. Both women, who played together on B-CC's field hockey team, will talk about their experiences in getting their books published. Sponsored by the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Educational Foundation ([www.bccedfoundation.org](http://www.bccedfoundation.org)) and the Town of Chevy Chase, the free event promises to be well worth the trip. RSVP Carole Brand at [csbrand@verizon.net](mailto:csbrand@verizon.net) or (301) 657-2547.

## EXPLORE OUR WORLD DURING MARYLAND DAY 2010

Maryland Day—the University of Maryland's popular, and free, open house—celebrates its twelfth anniversary April 24. Now one of the top annual events in the state of Maryland, the university welcomes the entire region to "Explore our World."

All over Maryland's 1250 acre campus, visitors can "Explore Our World" with tours, exhibits and demonstrations. The university is broken up into seven specific areas of exploration, learning and fun: Science and Tech Way, Ag Day Avenue, Arts Alley, Sports and Rec Row, Biz and Society Hill, Terp Town Center and the Global Village on Hornbake Plaza.

All Maryland Day events on April 24 run from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. rain or shine. Everything is family friendly. Don't miss a scoop of Maryland ice cream at the Dairy—a new express line means quicker service! Admission and parking are free, and there will be free shuttle buses to and from the College Park Metro and on campus.

Plan your day online at: <http://www.marylandday.umd.edu/>

## COUNCIL ACTIONS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

The "chipper" visit was extremely successful. Section 3 residents had so many downed limbs (and a few Christmas trees) that it took two days and 4 truckloads of "mulch" to get it all out of town! Thanks to Paul Wolfe of Integrated Plant Care who coordinated the whole effort.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council reviewed and approved the tentative budget for publication in the newsletter (see story this issue). The budget will be voted on at the May annual meeting.

The Council discussed putting funds in the Bank of Georgetown. The bank offered very competitive rates. Several CDs are coming due in April.

## COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

Plans for the Everybody's Irish party are all set. The Council discussed the menu and went over the details for the event. Council members agreed to share responsibilities in serving the adult beverages. The Barry family has once again generously offered the use of their front lawn for the event.

Debbie Glynn is helping coordinate volunteers and activities for the Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon (see story this issue). The Council purchased an easter bunny costume so that we wouldn't have to rent one every year for a much higher cost.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

## EDELEN EXCEPTION, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

issue a decision.

Any aggrieved party may, within 10 days after the decision is rendered, appeal the decision to the County Board of Appeals which then reviews the decision as an administrative appeal based on the record compiled by the Hearing Examiner. The Board may allow oral argument on the record.

Individuals interested in this application are encouraged to attend the next Council meeting and share their response to this special use exception with the Council. Interested individuals also may communicate directly with the Planning Board staff. If you cannot attend the Council meeting on April 14th, you can communicate with any and all of the Council members via letter, phone call or e-mail. The Edelens have been invited to come and explain their proposed program to the community.

## 2010-2011 PROPOSED BUDGET



This year's budget presents a number of challenges. In this tight economy with deficits at the State and County levels which must be addressed, cuts are inevitable. It's uncertain at this time what the County will decide to allot for our tax duplication funding (the amount of money that the County rebates back to municipalities for the taxes paid by our residents for road and park maintenance). The County executive has proposed cutting our tax duplication funds by 5%, but the County Council sees many of our municipalities as fat cats in need of a financial haircut and is likely to cut more. Similarly, at the State level, we are looking at the possibility of a cut in our State Highway User revenue funds of 90% for the second year running with the possibility of that cut being made permanent. Last year we allocated about \$29,000 and the Board of Public Works took the already passed State budget and cut that by 90%, giving us just \$2,900. It's likely that we will get no more than that this year.

Our major source of funding is income tax revenues. The state has provided us with information on fiscal years 2006-2007 and 2007-2008, during which time income tax revenues went down a little more than 25%. Over the past several years, we have dropped our income tax revenue estimates and have been fortunate to always exceed those estimates. Based on findings by the State finance officer, we are going to hold that tax revenue estimate in next year's budget to the same level as this year's, at \$300,000.

So what does all this mean? Happily, Section 3 has always budgeted very conservatively. We are doing so again this year and take another \$100,000 out of our reserves and put it into our Capital Improvements Fund not which will be spent in the coming year. We may operate with a modest deficit, but we have reserves. So here are the specifics:

### INCOME SIDE

We are fortunate in that we planned on a large cut in our income tax revenues last year (from \$400,000 to \$300,000) Happily, this year we will receive MORE than we budgeted for according to the state finance officer. We have received \$235,259.56 in income tax revenues so far and the state anticipates sending us another \$155,979.89 before the end of our fiscal year. This means we will collect a total of \$391,239.45, or close to \$100,000 more than we budgeted.

Last year our tax revenue budget was \$400,000 and last year

we netted \$511,977.33.

To be exceedingly conservative, since we won't have a really good idea about next year's revenues until we see what is collected this April, the Council proposes that we keep the same budget level as we had last year and assume either no growth or minimal growth in income tax revenues.

Similarly, on property taxes, last year we budgeted \$39,000 and we collected \$44,465.52 (out of which we paid the County landfill fee of \$8,379.25 for our residents). This year the Council decided to recommend holding the property tax at the same level as we don't know what the State will do regarding property taxes. Montgomery County pledges no increases and a number of homes will be re-assessed this year.

Regarding State Highway User Revenues, the Council is budgeting only \$3,000 when in fact we should be receiving close to \$30,000. These funds are supposed to be saved for road and sidewalk repairs. To give you an idea what a drop in the bucket this sum is, last year, we received \$2,900 from this fund. When the Council decided to trim out all the dead wood on Connecticut Avenue in the interests of public safety after the tragic deaths of Kelly and Sloan Murray, it was because the State Highway Department had no funds themselves to do the work. The cost of the tree-trimming? \$2,900—exactly what we had been allocated for ALL the work in our community. It should be said that the entire State suffered in this area. Montgomery County had budgeted \$40 million for highway and road improvements, but only received \$1 million. Sidewalk and road repairs will have to come from our reserves, not from this fund.

### EXPENSE SIDE

A number of years ago, the Council decided to pay the County landfill charges for every resident. This is a fee (not a tax) which appears on your annual property tax bill but is not deductible. We don't know what this year's fee will be, but we have always paid it out of the property tax revenues. We anticipate the charge to be under \$8,000 total based on last year's fees.

We anticipate more extensive need for engineering consultants for both our continued GIS assistance and stormwater drainage issues. Probably the single most time-consuming, ongoing problems facing Section 3 involve stormwater management issues....we live densely, we expand our homes, and the water table is an elusive, ever-changing creature—of late, very high, very annoying. Almost every Section 3 home sports a sump pump and there are underground streams running from Connecticut Avenue down to Rock Creek, a tributary of which is just next to LaFerme's parking lot. Many of these water issues require the expertise of an engineer to resolve problems between neighbors and to prevent problems from occurring.

In terms of **Grass and Trees**, the Council has decided that we need to pay more attention to our street tree investment so that our trees thrive, not just survive. Towards that end, we will be hiring a separate contractor to manage our street trees. Our park maintenance contract will include both the irrigation system (which had always been separately contracted for) as well as the re-sodding of the park twice yearly. We have tried to balance the use of the park by both dog owners and those who want to use the park who don't have dogs. We have hours for dog use of the park along with rules which discourage professional dog walkers. The combination of more extensive use of a very limited size park and some serious weather challenges has led to the conclusion that we need to re-sod the park twice a year, once in the Spring and once in the fall. The budget reflects these changes.

The **Police** budget remains at what we expended last year but we have yet to begin negotiations with the County police for off-duty assistance. We anticipate being able to hire County police at approximately the same rate as the Chevy Chase police for two or three hour blocks of time, staggered throughout the month. We currently contract for 16 hours per month but because of staff shortages, we have rarely had that much coverage of late.

The **Recycling** budget this year reflects the need to buy two year's worth of leaf bags which we distribute to every resident in the fall. In order to get attractive pricing, we have to purchase a minimum order. Happily, our contractor has in the past agreed to store the next year's supply for free for us. This year's over budget figure reflects the acquisition of the rolling covered paper recycling boxes that we distributed to every resident.

**Snow Removal** is always difficult to budget. In previous years, we have come away with a surplus, but this year, clearly, we did not (see Council Actions for more information). For next year, we are assuming that there won't be a 100 year storm again and that we can resume our "normal" budgeted amount.

The only repairs we anticipate for our **street repair** program is the sidewalks on Connecticut Ave between Bradley and Raymond Streets, but only after the construction takes place at the two corner lots.... Which may mean that this budget item gets postponed another year, we're not certain. The rest of the funds will be used for miscellaneous sidewalk and driveway apron repairs as we will have milled and paved the much delayed span of Florida Street between Raymond and Spring prior to the end of this fiscal year.

The **Street Sign** project will be implemented in 2010-2011. When combined with our new attractive street lights, our entire community will have undergone a face lift.

**Waste Collection** contracts run on a three-year schedule and this year's contract is going to go out to bid, in anticipation of greater costs, we have added \$7,000 to the budget.

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

We have taken another \$100,000 out of our reserves and put it in the Capital Improvement Fund which we hope to use for our new lighting. The cost of the lights will run about \$120,000.00, but there are legal, engineering, installation, and other fees that are as yet unknown. We will continue to maintain this fund for larger projects for the community in addition to our reserves.

### REQUEST FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR MAY 11, 2010 SECTION 3 ELECTION

I (name) \_\_\_\_\_ of (street  
address) \_\_\_\_\_ am unable to  
attend the election for Village Council members from 6:00  
to 8:00 p.m. on May 11th and therefore request an absentee  
ballot. I understand that I can pick up a copy of the ballot at  
the home of the Village Manager anytime after Thursday,  
April 15th and that I must return my ballot no later than  
5:30 p.m. on the day of the election in order for my vote to  
be counted. I also understand that facsimile votes will not be  
considered valid.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

### VOTER REGISTRATION

Unlike most jurisdictions, if you live in Section 3, we want you to vote in our elections—even if you're not a citizen of the U.S. Our only requirement is that you be 18 years of age and own or rent in Section 3. Those who have registered with us in prior years do not have to re-register. If you are listed in the Section 3 directory, you don't need to show us proof that you're a resident. If you're not listed in the directory, we will need a copy of a driver's license with your Section 3 address or a bill proving that you are indeed a resident.

Just fill out this form and submit it to the Village Manager (3801 Bradley Lane) prior to 5:00 p.m. on election day and we'll be happy to have you vote.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print your Name \_\_\_\_\_



## CHEVY CHASE SECTION 3 BUDGET

Income	Actual FY 07-08	Actual FY 08-09	Actual YTD	Budget FY 09-10	Proposed Budget FY 10-11
Building Permits	\$180.00	\$2,090.00	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$140.00
Cable TV	\$5,618.61	\$5,959.57	\$5,735.51	\$5,000.00	\$5,200.00
CCUMC Trash	\$0.00	\$6,150.00	\$0.00	\$2,310.00	\$2,550.00
Corporate Taxes	\$122.88	\$100.00	-\$145.62	\$0.00	\$100.00
County Duplication	\$32,322.00	\$32,322.00	\$32,322.00	\$32,322.00	\$30,000.00
Court & Misc fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Income Taxes	\$605,536.88	\$511,977.33	\$235,259.56	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00
Interest	\$45,897.37	\$47,876.61	\$28,384.42	\$25,000.00	\$20,000.00
Interest Income from Taxes	\$85.97	\$108.25	-\$5.98	\$0.00	\$25.00
Parking Fines	\$266.25	\$581.25	\$480.00	\$200.00	\$350.00
Personal Property Taxes	\$187.78	\$198.86	\$35.70	\$37.50	
Property Taxes	\$39,889.22	\$44,465.52	\$49,760.66	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00
State Highway	\$36,266.13	\$31,488.09	\$2,865.65	\$28,965.00	\$3,000.00
Total Income	\$766,302.59	\$531,667.00	\$354,841.90	\$438,897.00	\$406,365.00
<b>Expenses</b>					
Accounting Fees	\$6,229.95	\$7,192.08	\$6,284.26	\$7,200.00	\$7,500.00
Bank Service Charges	\$130.95	\$161.49	\$264.40	\$150.00	\$180.00
Charitable Donation	\$7,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community Promotion	\$16,997.56	\$17,030.58	\$18,259.71	\$18,000.00	\$20,000.00
County Landfill Charges	\$8,230.50	\$8,379.25	\$6,357.00	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00
Depreciation Expense *	\$10,368.23				
Dues and Conventions/Dinner	\$3,537.76	\$4,153.34	\$3,801.72	4,500.00	\$4,200.00
Engineering Study/Services	\$7,618.00	\$8,881.94	\$48,841.65	\$80,000.00	\$17,000.00
Equipment	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$1,338.98	\$2,000.00	\$500.00
Grass & Trees	\$32,898.57	\$45,000.00	\$18,104.13	\$35,000.00	\$59,000.00
Insurance	\$9,020.00	\$12,016.21	\$6,865.40	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Legal Fees	\$6,181.39	\$11,567.24	\$11,567.24	\$6,500.00	\$7,500.00
Messenger	\$57.22	\$0.00	\$42.01	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$430.43	\$798.01	\$809.64	\$0.00	\$800.00
Newsletter	\$8,304.92	\$8,966.35	\$5,631.57	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Office Supplies	\$431.59	\$500.00	\$476.50	\$500.00	\$600.00
Party-in-the-Park	\$11,846.41	\$16,000.00	\$12,143.10	\$15,000.00	\$16,000.00
Payroll and Taxes	\$48,442.50	\$48,000.00	\$43,040.10	\$55,000.00	\$65,490.00
Police	\$9,149.00	\$9,300.00	\$5,250.00	\$10,000.00	\$14,000.00
Postage and Delivery	\$2,085.53	\$2,092.00	\$1,723.85	\$2,500.00	\$2,800.00
Recycling	\$3,793.85	\$9,162.46	\$3,561.10	\$1,500.00	\$9,000.00
Rent	\$2,232.00	\$1,980.00	\$1,320.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,220.00
Snow Removal	\$4,395.50	\$6,917.00	\$37,690.20	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Street Lighting	\$6,247.83	\$7,619.85	\$3,736.84	\$9,000.00	\$10,000.00
Street Repairs	\$1,132.33	\$6,164.43	\$63.47	\$15,000.00	\$65,000.00
Street Signs	\$2,758.24	\$14,909.34	\$102.00	\$35,000.00	\$37,000.00
Telephone and On-Line	\$1,520.64	\$1,632.71	\$1,004.27	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Waste Collection	\$76,524.28	\$74,024.28	\$56,984.37	\$75,000.00	\$82,000.00
Water	\$197.25	\$303.47	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$400.00
Capital Improvement Reserve Fund**			\$4,530.39	\$500,000.00	\$600,000.00**
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$278,762.43</b>	<b>\$362,149.82</b>	<b>\$299,793.90</b>	<b>\$918,650.00</b>	<b>\$1,062,990.</b>

*Our fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. \* as of March 30, 2010*

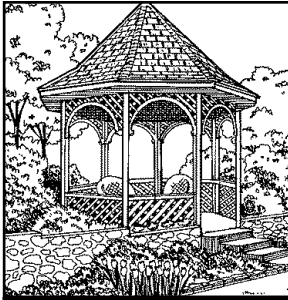
\* Depreciation expense is not included in the total as it cannot be compared to this current fiscal year as the depreciation hasn't yet been taken. \*\* Only a portion of this will be spent in FY 10-11.



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FORM  
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## MARYLAND RESIDENT INCOME TAX RETURN

OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 2008, ENDING

SOCIAL SECURITY #		SPOUSE'S SOCIAL SECURITY #	
Your First Name	Initial	Last Name	
Spouse's First Name	Initial	Last Name	
PRESENT ADDRESS (No. and street)			
City or Town		State	Zip Code
Name of county and incorporated city, town or special taxing area in which you were a resident on the last day of the taxable period. (See Instruction 6)		Maryland county <b>MONT</b>	City, town or taxing area <b>CH CH SEC 3</b>



**2009**

## TAXES DONE??

By now you've likely sent off your 2009 tax return prepared. If not, please remember to indicate that you live in Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase on your Maryland returns!!!

It's the only way the state knows to credit us that portion of your income tax that flows through to municipalities!