

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

News & Views

DECEMBER 2018

CALENDAR

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3
Street Cleaning—NO on-street parking, please

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5
Last Bulk Trash Pickup until March 2019!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12
Council Meeting
CCUMC Room 107, 7:45 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20
TIP DAY for Our Trash Collectors

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9
Christmas Tree Pick-up Curbside
(note trees can be put out on any Monday—No plastic bags or tinsel please as they are turned into mulch)

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Council Meeting
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GONE—AT LAST!

November 20 was a special day for the neighbors living near the incredible hulk that was 3602 Taylor Street. At long last, after much legal wrangling and delays upon delays, the house has been demolished. Construction began in September of 2016 and by June 2017, their second stop work order spelled the ultimate end of the former owner's involvement.

Foreclosure proceedings by the lender began in November of 2017 but were not concluded until June 2018. It took another five months and several county citations (lawn untended, decayed tree needed to be removed) before the owner finally complied with the last citation ordering the demolition of the structure.

The house was distinguished by its record of having been condemned by the County not once, but twice. The most recent citation, which had a November 1st deadline, drew an order to appear in court for the lender/owner. The remaining work will level out the property and then seed it. It is our understanding that once the lot is filled with topsoil properly and seeded, it will be for sale.



WARM CLOTHING, BLANKET DONATIONS DEMONSTRATE SECTION 3 GENEROSITY

This year's generous contributions of warm clothing and blankets will help many needy families. Martha's Table, a nonprofit serving the very poor and homeless population in the District, got a ton of quilts, blankets and comforters along with warm jackets and coats for men, women and children. They also got all the wonderful donated hats, scarves and gloves. The women's sweaters went to A Wider Circle where they have a clothing closet for poor clients who need nice clothing to go out on job interviews. Their clothes closet does not offer more casual clothing, so those items like fleece and sweatshirt jackets and T shirts went to Bethesda Cares, a nonprofit working to provide meals, assistance and clothing to the homeless population in and around Bethesda. When Section 3 holds large events where we serve food, we donate the leftovers to the Bethesda Cares meal program for the homeless in the area.

**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.*



COUNCIL ACTIONS

The Council met on Wednesday, November 14 at CCUMC in Phillips Hall. The meeting began at 7:55 p.m. All Council members were present.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

Corner marking of sidewalks that were replaced near new ADA compliant ramps will begin soon—it was supposed to have started on November 13 but the marker supplies had not yet come in. All of Section 3 has been surveyed, every corner and every front property corner so that if residents need a building permit, they only have to pay to have the two rear property corners surveyed. We have not had to update corners since the community was first surveyed by CPJ Associates back in 2009. But recent improvements have caused us to have to remark those boundaries particularly at intersections.

One of two community police patrols can no longer afford the time to work in Section 3 because of his Montgomery County duties, so we have advertised on the police bulletin board and have two candidates to interview. Council chair Bill Brownlee and Carolyn Greis will be conducting those interviews so that we can bring a new person on board before the holidays.

The Council discussed at length opting in to the Montgomery County pilot program for ibikes and scooters proposed for this area (see story this issue). The Council agreed to opt into the pilot program with the understanding that we could influence the Memorandum of Understanding that the County signs with individual vendors and that at any time we could opt out of the pilot if it became problematic for our community.

BUILDINGS & ROADS

A number of permits were issued according to Buildings & Roads Representative Carolyn Greis:

A building permit for a fence at 3607 Spring Street.

A building permit for an enlarged patio at the **Robboy-Waterman** home at 6803 Florida Street.

Three permits: For demolition of the existing structure and two building permits for two homes at 3615 and 3613 Raymond Street.

A building permit for the **Hunseder/Shubert** home at 3704 Raymond Street. for a window well for an egress window in the basement.

Two permits: One for the demolition of the structure and the foundation and one for the associated use of a dumpster at 3602 Taylor Street.

A permit for demolition and for a dumpster at 3602 Taylor Street.

It appears that demolition of 3602 Taylor Street will begin, weather permitting, on Monday, November 19.

The Village Manager and the Buildings and Roads Representative for the Council will be attending a pan-Chevy Chase meeting on small cell tower legislation at the end of the month. The purpose is to review two different plans developed by two municipal attorneys that we might all adopt jointly so that providers of the new towers will have a unified set of standards and process with which to comply. It is our hope that we can achieve a level of agreement that could be shared with both State and County officials so that we can demonstrate our ability to manage these permits locally instead of having it forced upon us by the State or the County. In fact, it is our hope to influence any County legislation by what we jointly adopt. At the moment, neither jurisdiction (state or county) has arrived at a consensus as to what kind of legislation they intend to pass.

The Village Manager reports that Takoma Park has some demonstration lighting that is Pepco-provided and offers a warmer color than the standard 4000K LED lighting they regularly provide. Council members plan to take a “field trip” after dark to assess the lighting on the locations suggested by Pepco to try and move the ball forward on new street lighting or Section 3.

The Buildings and Roads representative and the Village Manager have selected 12 locations for the four different street tree species in our now bio-diverse choice of street trees. They will be planted in early December so that they can adapt to their new locations while dormant and bloom in the spring. Most of the locations are ones where trees were removed or died. Residents will be notified prior to planting.

The excessive spillover from drainage at 6805 Delaware Street is the result of a drainage pipe that formerly dumped water from sump pumps into the gutter and has clearly collapsed. The Village and the Altamar family have agreed to share the costs for running a new pipe from their overflow grate to the gutter to avoid icy sidewalk conditions. The family will pay for the repair to the edge of the sidewalk and then the Village will pick up the rest. D & F Construction has been hired to do the work and hopefully it will begin soon.

Serious drainage issues have cropped up at the dead end of Florida Street which have resulted in flooding of properties in Section 5 right at the other side of our boundary. After consulting (in the rain) with our landscape contractor, Section 3 is going to

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

A special welcome to our newest resident, **Theodore Jack Friedland** of Raymond Street who arrived November 8 to join sister **Addie**. Parents **Molly and Randy** are delighted with the little one who weighed in at a hefty 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

Welcome to **Erin and Matt McMahon** who have moved into 7004 Brookville Road with their children Brady age 5 and Dylan age 1.

A special goodbye to **Russell Weil** who recently moved to Silver Spring after living in his Delaware St. home for close to a half century. Russell was active in community affairs and most recently served multiple terms as a volunteer on the Fire Board representing Section 3. We will miss him.

HOLIDAY PACKAGE DELIVERY PRECAUTIONS

Every year around this time we spend a lot of energy and money selecting just the right gifts, many of them online purchases...and many relatives and friends send gifts. Sadly, this is also a time when more cars get “tossed” and packages that were delivered suddenly disappear in the hands of people who “shop” our streets looking for an opportunity.

What can you do? First, most obviously, lock your cars and don't leave juicy looking items visible inside. Second, consider signing up for the free My Choice service by UPS...they'll let you know about any package delivered by their service (whether you ordered it or not) in a timely manner so that if you are not home, you could call a neighbor and say “UPS just delivered a package to my front door, can you pick it up and take it inside please?” Amazon has a locker system whereby you can have packages delivered to nearby sites (like the Safeway at Arlington and Bradley) of your choosing and unlock them with a code provided by Amazon. You can also have packages delivered to you at work, which may be the safest, easiest way to keep them out of the hands of folks wandering by looking for any easy “pick”.

Consider these options as you send and receive packages during the holiday season, it just might save you a lot of grief.

GOING AWAY?

Please make certain to park your car in your driveway if you are traveling when it might snow here. Also make arrangements for someone to shovel your public walkway and if you wish, your private front walk and/or driveway. Section 3 streets are so narrow that we can only use a pick-up truck to clear our streets and that sometimes is extremely difficult if there are cars parked on the street.

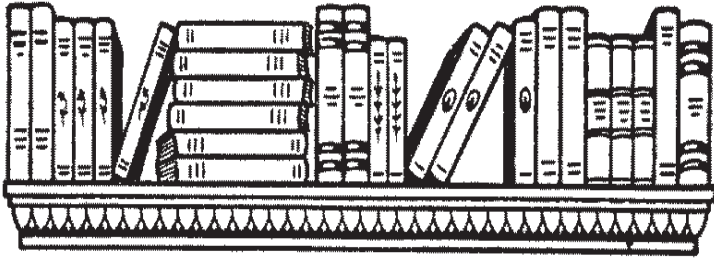
If you are a senior citizen, and your public walkways have been shoveled by our service in the past, they will again. If you've just qualified for Medicare, let us know asap and we'll add you to the list. But please remember, we only help with the heavy lifting. If it's icy, we expect you or someone you hire to put down salt and if it's less than two inches of snow, we do not bring in the hand shoveling crew. All shoveling of sidewalks for seniors is done AFTER the streets have been cleared, so please be patient.



HALLOWEEN PARADE AND PIZZA PARTY A HUGE HIT!

This year's parade was led by not one but two dinosaurs—how amazing is that? **Liz and Zach Davis**, cheered on by their three kids and their cousins, the **DeLaquil** girls, led the crowd up the street where 15 large pizzas were rapidly devoured.

Special thanks to all those who helped hand out safety neon bracelets, pizza, water and juice and helped with decorating and clean-up. Without volunteers, these events would not be possible.



CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY

Are you interested in learning a new handcraft or meeting with other handcrafters who are already involved in a particular craft? The library offers meet-up opportunities on December 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 10:30 a.m. Sarah Stout, a lifetime artisan leads the group and shares her extensive knowledge of all kinds of handcrafts. Refreshments are served; no registration is necessary.

Those same dates are available for little ones to learn at Play date at the library where pre-school children play with Duplos, bricks and matching and sorting games and other STEM/STEAM activities.

The library also accepts donations of books, CDs, DVDs which are then sold to support the many activities of Friends of the Library. They accept cash donations as well.

LIGHTS ON FOR BIKES

More and more commuters and kids are riding bikes throughout the year. Please make certain your children have head-lights and rear lights and/or reflectors so that cars driving after dark can see them. If traveling on heavily traveled streets, consider suggesting to your children that they carefully ride on the sidewalk and always wear a helmet—you only have one head!

FIRE BOARD VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Are you interested in becoming more involved in the community and its welfare? We're looking for some good people to serve as volunteers on the Chevy Chase Fire Board. The group meets at our local fire station on Connecticut Ave. next to the library and makes decisions about improvements to be made to the facility and ways to better educate the public about fire prevention issues. The group meets monthly, the second Wednesday of every month. Please contact the Village Manager if you are interested in serving.

COUNCIL ACTIONS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

re-design the dead end "garden" and put in a swale that will direct water out to the street and the nearby inlet. Some of that cost for work done on private property may be shared by Nathan Billig and Gail Weineman to most efficiently direct the water away from the fence and into the storm drain.

The Council voted unanimously to rehire Snow Central to clear out streets and do senior snow shoveling as necessary this year.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council accepted the state mandated audit done by Lindsey & Associates of Towson, Maryland this year. Copies of the audit are available from the Village Manager at the request of any resident. We changed auditors this year and while the experience involved a good deal of education on the part of both the auditors and the Village Manager, the end result was a good product.

The Council voted to authorize Carolyn Greis and Andy Leon Harney to apply for Section 3 credit card from M & T Bank so that we can drop our card with SunTrust Bank.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

The **Parets/Carlin** family have moved into 3616 Taylor Street and the **McMahons** into 7004 Brookville Road.

The directory is being proofed and will be sent out in early December.

Clothing donations are going slowly, in part because of the rainy weather. We are hoping for a big finish as we had last year.

The Halloween Parade and Pizza Party went well (see story this issue). After many years of Ledo Pizza, we decided to try Papa John's Pizza which went within a half hour of the party starting—all 15 large pizzas! The only problem was that delivery was extraordinarily late so we will have to re-group for next year and decide how to handle that problem. Halloween night for pizza parlors is their biggest sales night of the entire year, so it's asking a lot of a single vendor to prepare so many pies.

The Farmers' Market is doing well but we still need to build a steady clientele. The lateness of the Holy Crepes truck last Saturday did not help. The Village Manager is working on some alternatives including a coffee truck that serves breakfast. We are going to try and get coffee and hot chocolate served.

The Council all agreed we should hold our holiday event again for Section 3 in early January at La Ferme where we would reserve the bar and serve hors d'oeuvres so that folks could catch up with one another after the holidays.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

COMPOST CREW SERVICES AVAILABLE

Section 3 families have the opportunity to protect the environment and contribute to sustainable solutions for our household trash by joining the composting program for food waste run by The Compost Crew. Just set aside your food waste from your other garbage. A comprehensive list of what can be composted is on the Compost Crew website:

<http://compostcrew.com/The%20List.pdf>.

The Compost Crew supplies a container that is picked up from your front step each week and replaced with a new clean bin and liner. And twice a year, you can get healthy organic compost for your garden.

Composting reduces each family's carbon footprint. By diverting the compostable portion of our solid waste away from the landfill and returning nutrients to our soil and food system, we significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions, while conserving valuable nutrients and improving the health of our local soil. Supporting The Compost Crew which is a locally-owned business also helps to create local jobs.

Section 3 already has 7 families who participate with The Compost Crew, with just 8 more families, Section 3 members will get a reduced rate. The more who join, the lower our rate goes.

How much will it cost? New customers can register for the initial two month period at a reduced price of \$17.50/month/home, a 45 percent discount against The Compost Crew's normal rate. As the initial rate concludes, the group will announce a long term discounted rate for the group so everyone can continue composting. Long term rates are based on the numbers of registrations in the neighborhood:

- <15 registrations: \$25.00/month
- 15-24 registrations: \$22.50/month
- 25-34 registrations: \$20.00/month
- 35-49 registrations: \$18.00/month
- 50+ registrations: \$16.00/month

If we have another eight families join, everyone will receive the \$25 per month rate.

Anyone in Section 3 can join! Just click on the link and sign up at <http://compostcrew.com/section3/>. If you have questions, contact Section 3 resident Kathy Millian at millianjest@gmail.com, or the Compost Crew directly at either info@thecompostcrew.com or (301) 202-4450.

SMALL CELL TOWER MUNICIPAL LEGISLATION PROGRESSING

Representatives of all the various Chevy Chase municipalities and several other nearby municipalities met at the end of November to go over options for a proposed ordinance that would be the same for all our neighboring jurisdictions when small cell tower vendors move into our area. Legislation and regulations at the federal, state and County level are still uncertain, but in the meantime it is important that we lay out our concerns and develop reasonable regulations within the parameters of the FCC rulings and the pending state and county legislation. Model legislation developed by the National League of Cities and the city of Bowie, Maryland has been adapted by our attorney, Ron Bolt and the attorney for Chevy Chase Village, Sue Ellen Ferguson. It is now up to the various jurisdictions, after lengthy internal discussions, to provide feedback so that when the group meets again in mid January, we have some consensus.

Why is this important to Section 3? Federal rulings have already made it clear that we will be required to accept the installation of small cell towers as will communities all across the country. How far these towers are from individual residences and where the equipment is placed in our already narrow greenways is of great concern. We are hopeful that our actions will demonstrate our desire to control our own environment while at the same time, making it easier for vendors to understand the processes we all require for permits to install equipment in our neighborhood. We will continue to keep you informed as the process evolves.

VARIANCE REQUESTS

The **Friedland** family of 3601 Raymond Street is requesting a variance to construct a 40' long fence at a height of 6' in their front yard along Brookville Road where the allowable height is 4'.

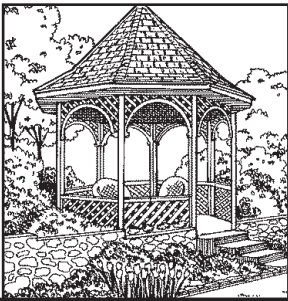
The **Weller** family of 6705 Connecticut Avenue is requesting a variance to add a half-story (gable roof) to the existing non-confirming garage which is located 5' from the north property line (extending 3' into the required 8' minimum side setback). The new gable roof would extend approximately 4' into the aforementioned setback.



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SNOW IN THE FORECAST? PLEASE CONSIDER
PULLING YOUR CAR INTO THE DRIVEWAY...THAT
WAY WE CAN PROPERLY CLEAR THE STREETS SO
YOU CAN TRAVEL SAFELY IN YOUR CAR
SOONER.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SHOVEL YOUR
FRONT WALKWAYS OR CLEAR THEM OF
ICE SO YOUR NEIGHBORS DON'T SLIP
AND FALL.

