

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

News & Views

FEBRUARY 2011

CALENDAR

There is NO bulk trash pick-up in February.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Senior's Brunch
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
CCUMC Eppworth Bldg.
RSVP to Village Manager, please!



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

First Bulk Trash pickup of 2011 Curbside!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

Everybody's Irish Party
Gazebo Park
6:00—8:00p.m.

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COUNCIL ADOPTS DONATION POLICY

Twice during 2010, the Council has been approached to provide funding for specific requests from community groups, once from the Rosemary Hills PTA for Promethean Boards, and once from the Chevy Chase@ Home Group. For the request from the Rosemary Hills PTA, the Council, relying on an approach taken by Councils in previous years, decided to make a base donation and then match donations from the community (in this instance, up to \$75 per household with a ceiling on the total donation of \$2500). With regard to the request from Chevy Chase @ Home, the request was for Section 3 to donate \$3,000, a little over \$10 per household, to support their general operations.

Never before has the Council been asked to make a donation to an organization providing services for a fee to a limited number of people who might be Section 3 residents. After careful consideration, including reviewing the donations policies of neighboring jurisdictions, the Council adopted a policy to govern its actions regarding all donation requests as follows:

Section 3's Council does not view itself as a grant-making governmental agency. Its main responsibility is to use taxpayer funds to support services to the entire community that promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents of our community. However, from time to time, there may be worthwhile projects and causes for which a modest donation from Section 3 would be in keeping with these larger goals. It is with great care that we enter into any decision to provide donations to specific organizations and causes.

With that in mind, the Council has adopted the following policy statement regarding donations to be made now and in the future:

Requests for donations can be made only by Section 3 residents and must be made in writing.

Any donation must directly or indirectly benefit a large number of Section 3 residents.

We donate only to nonprofit groups that serve the community.

We make only one-time donations for specific items and do not fund operating expenses. Where possible, we pay for those items directly rather than through the nonprofit or reimburse the nonprofit based on receipts submitted to us. In all cases, recipients must provide a letter of receipt indicating the amount received and confirmation of what the money was used for. This is for audit purposes and to be accountable to our residents.

Wherever possible, we will make a portion of our donation in the
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**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, January 12, 2011 at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church. All Council members were present. The meeting began at 8:00 p.m.

The minutes of the December meeting, as published in the newsletter were approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

The Council discussed the reflector “flag” on the hydrant on Shepherd Street near the park and decided that such a large, wide marker was unnecessary, except in extreme circumstances and a better, year-round solution to making the hydrants more visible, especially at night, would be some reflective tape. The GIS survey can produce a map of all 25 hydrants in Section 3 in a matter of seconds should they need to be dug out or identified. The local fire station captain was consulted and felt that any effort to make it easier to find hydrants at night would be greatly appreciated by the fire department. The Council agreed that the Village Manager should get the appropriate reflective tape and have each hydrant marked.

An advertisement has been placed on the Fraternal Order of Police website and responses are beginning to come in for off-duty Montgomery County police to patrol our streets. To be certain that we have the kind of coverage we want, we plan on hiring two police officers, each of whom will work about eight hours a month, at random times that fit in with their primary job schedule in one-hour blocks of time. The officers will have a regular patrol route, will be scheduled by the Village Manager, and will be asked to pay attention to individuals parking too close to stop signs, going the wrong way at the wrong times on our one-way street, and any suspicious persons in the neighborhood. The Council agreed that a probationary period would be necessary to be certain that we had the right people for the job and that the schedule worked for both the Village and the off-duty officers.

BUILDINGS & ROADS

Council Chairman Bill Brownlee and Village Manager Andy Leon Harney met with the President of the Chevy Chase Land Company about their plans for the new more densely populated Chevy Chase Lake area. Reflecting the experience in the community, Brownlee and Harney both pointed out concern about traffic coming to and from the area and creating more problems on the Connecticut Avenue corridor. They also expressed a desire by our residents for neighborhood shops and services like those now at

that location including the Chevy Chase Supermarket, some sort of hardware store, perhaps a drug store, gas station(s), and other convenience stores that serve the community.

The zoning overhaul process continues; both Bill Brownlee and Andy Leon Harney have attended meetings of the Zoning Advisory Panel. The Council discussed recruiting interested residents to attend these meetings and the Chevy Chase Lake Sector plan meetings so that our community continues to watch over these developments and we get more involved.

WSSC has met with the Village Manager and located the two places where lateral connections must be made from the sanitary sewer that is being installed in the 7100 block of Connecticut Avenue. In order to protect trees belonging to one neighbor and possibly plantings belonging to two others, WSSC will work closely with the Village Manager to be certain that the full extent of excavations are understood and that residents can be reached to make decisions about the work being performed.

WSSC has had a plumber photograph the lateral connection from a home on Georgia Street to their connection to determine if there are any leaks to explain the second “sink hole” under the sidewalk in four years. As yet, no one from WSSC has made a final determination as to the cause.

After much difficulty in getting permits and working without a permit, Verizon connected the **Slidell** family on Spring Street to FIOS only to discover that their subcontractor made the connection through a Pepco conduit. Section 3 has asked that Verizon see if Pepco will allow the connection to remain rather than once again dig up the street and inconvenience the neighbors. Verizon admits that their subcontractor acted inappropriately and feels that they will probably have to re-do the entire connection. As soon as they schedule the work and we give them a permit for the re-working of the connection, we will contact neighbors.

The owners of the two houses on Bradley Lane between Georgia Street and Brookville Road are aware that we plan to install a sidewalk connecting Brookville Road and Georgia Street. We will schedule the improvement as soon as our contractor, D & F gives us a schedule for that work, the installation of a special drainage grate on Georgia Street in the sidewalk and curb and miscellaneous repairs that need to be made throughout the community. All the work will be done simultaneously and coordinated with our GIS survey engineers so that corner markers can be properly placed in new concrete where it applies. Because of the narrowness of our streets, some trucks cannot make the turns without driving over our corners, or some trucks choose not to take the time to carefully turn the corners. As a result, there are a number of severely damaged sidewalk corners which must be replaced.

The survey of drainage issues on the dead end streets is

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Congrats to Section 3's own **Tracy Gensler** who is featured in the January/February 2011 Best of Bethesda magazine as "The Diet Guru." Tracy and her family live on Raymond Street. The trained dietitian is the nutritionist for thebestlife.com and lectures, consults and helps folks understand how to eat healthy all the time. Take a moment to read about how Tracy manages her own diet and stays svelte and healthy!

Town and Country magazine just featured Bradley Lane resident **Marna Tucker** in a big piece on the top 15 divorce attorneys in the country. Marna, an attorney with Feldesman Tucker et al, is listed as one of the top for the Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Virginia area. Marna is also a past president of the Washington, D.C. Bar Association.

Welcome to new neighbors on the no-outlet end of Georgia Street: **Jocelyn Linde** and her children **Luke**, age 10 and **Sydney**, age 8. Both brother and sister attend Sheridan School and are right at home with the **Velli** children who also go there as does **Ella Naddelman**!

At a recent estate sale in Section 3 at the **Eckert** home, some interesting blueprints of water and sewer lines on Florida Street were found being offered for sale. They were purchased and turned over to the Chevy Chase Historical Society.

If you have mementos or other items of historical interest, consider donating them to Section 3 or to the Chevy Chase Historical Society where they will be preserved and shared with other history buffs. Section 3 has donated all the plans of houses built or remodeled in Section 3 to the Historical Society with the proviso that they can only be copied or borrowed by the current owners of the home or Section 3 Council members and/or the Village Manager. In future years, this will be a well-preserved record of the many changes to homes in the community.

ATTENTION PARENTS:

Join the CCUMC Parenting Book Group, Sunday, February 13 at 7:00 pm in the Wesley Room, CCUMC for a discussion of *The Price of Privilege* by child Psychologist Dr. Ann Jacobs Smith.

POLICE PATROLS HIRED FOR SECTION 3

Beginning in February, off-duty Montgomery County police will be patrolling Section 3 roadways. We will have uniformed police in County cars plying our streets for the same number of hours that the Chevy Chase Village Police did in previous years. We have selected two seasoned officers who will split their hours so that if the timing of one officer's work schedule doesn't work for our needs, then the other will cover. Scheduling will be handled by the Village Manager.

The two officers are Brian Merryman and Chris Jordan. Brian is a graduate of the University of Maryland with a degree in Criminal Justice and Criminology. Chris is a graduate of Gettysburg College with a degree in psychology. Both work out of the Silver Spring district. The competition for the two positions was keen; Council members Bill Brownlee and Donna Harmon and Village Manager Andy Leon Harney interviewed a number of the 25 plus who applied. We were impressed with the overall quality of the applicants. We are thrilled with the choice of both officers and think they will be a real asset to our community and we're looking forward to a long relationship with them both.

With a dedicated officer on duty in town at random hours, we will have a more visible presence of police and expect to do more enforcement of parking regulations, stop sign compliance, speed and driving the wrong way on Shepherd Street during prohibited hours....so be advised!

FROZEN POOP IS STILL POOP!

Section 3 streets are littered with dog poop! We provide plastic bags for dog walkers at two locations in town—on Raymond Street and by the park—and yet this winter, apparently dog owners have become lax in remembering that their neighbors walk the streets where their dogs leave little reminders. We ask you to be a good neighbor and pick up after your dog—there is no excuse. And if you see someone forgetting to pick up after their pet—remind them of their responsibility.



BETTER SAFE...

CHEVY CHASE LAKE SECTOR PLAN BEGINS TO TAKE SHAPE

The goals of the major land-holding stakeholders in the Chevy Chase Lake area were outlined in a series of presentations on January 10th at the Planning Board Auditorium.

Representatives from the Chevy Chase Land Company, the Howard Hughes Research Institute and the Montgomery County Housing Opportunities Commission each made presentations to a standing-room only crowd of interested parties. The next meeting on the subject was to have been February 2nd, but the community representatives at the meeting asked that a larger venue and later date be selected for the next meeting. Section 3 was represented by Council Chair Bill Brownlee, Treasurer David Ohrenstein and the Village Manager.

What emerged from the meeting was the certainty that this area is now likely to be densely developed as a “TOD” or “Transportation Oriented Development” because the Purple Line is slated to bisect Connecticut Avenue where the tracks used to be located. And while the battles regarding the route of the Purple Line seem to be over, the funding for the project is anything but assured. The state, strapped for funds, must make a commitment and the whole project is in competition for a limited amount of federal funding. That being said, the assumption of the entire Sector plan is and will be based on the presence of a major station and transportation hub for the Purple Line. There is great concern on the part of the 23 member organizations of the Connecticut Avenue Corridor Coalition that development NOT precede the construction of this transportation node because the result would cause traffic gridlock for those of us who live along Connecticut Avenue.

The Chevy Chase Land Company envisions two high-rise buildings to be built on either side of the Purple Line station, higher density buildings with retail on the ground floor on Connecticut Avenue and lower densities as you get farther away from the main artery. Their architects view the area to be a walkable community. The Land Company said that it wanted to develop the area as heavy on residential rather than commercial but at the same time, they pointed out that they wanted to make it possible for people to walk to work or use public transportation. There was a clear emphasis on “limited parking” and they did not envision any “kiss and ride” parking lots but rather connecting walkways to all the major developments within the neighborhood which would be created.

The Housing Opportunities Commission, which owns a major building it recently renovated on the site close to the Chevy Chase Supermarket, is not clear as to what they might do in supplying mixed use housing on the site but they do want to increase

the supply of that kind of housing to meet employment demands at the Naval Hospital and the NIH complex.

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute is currently operating as a special exception use and has recently completed a \$75 million addition to the property. They have no future plans at this time to further develop the property although there is speculation that they might like to be included in the new zoning for the sector rather than go through the elaborate process for a special exception use every time they want to alter the grounds.

At the moment, there are plans because of the BRAC expansion of the Naval Medical area to add a third turning lane on Jones Mill Rd. by next fall. This would mean narrowing the existing lanes rather than widening the roadway. The intersection at Connecticut and Jones Mill is due to get some additional improvements while the intersection at East West Highway and Connecticut Ave, which has already undergone some improvement, will remain the same.

There was no discussion of how State Highway and the Montgomery County schools would handle the increased densities, nor were they included in the early discussions.

Council Chairman Bill Brownlee and Village Manager Andy Leon Harney met with David M. Smith, President of the Chevy Chase Land Company prior to this public meeting at the invitation of the Land Company. The purpose of the meeting was ostensibly to hear individual municipalities’ concerns regarding the upcoming changes in the Sector plan. Mr. Smith heard our concerns regarding increased traffic density and a desire for adequate parking on the site, a desire to have neighborhood based shops, including the retention of the Chevy Chase Supermarket and some of the other neighborhood convenience stores our residents regularly visit. The major concern expressed was in the timing of development—that if this was to be a “transportation oriented development” that the transportation should come first and the development should follow. Unlike the public meeting, in private, Mr. Smith was candid about likely building heights: the two buildings that would flank either side of the Purple Line station would probably be approximately 17 stories high, about the same height as the Classic Hyatt building on Connecticut Avenue.

We will continue to follow the development of these plans and voice the concerns of Section 3 citizens. We ask for volunteers to come out to these public meetings and follow the development of the plan so that our voices can be heard. The Connecticut Avenue Corridor Coalition of organizations is also watching the proposed development.

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about half-way completed. So far, those surveyed have no outstanding issues that are not being handled by the remedies they have individually adopted on their property.

Council representative for Buildings and Roads Carolyn Greis reported that a permit for a fence had been granted to the new neighbors at 3810 Taylor Street and that the **Jennings** family of Florida Street was in the process of getting a permit for a fence. At the moment, the only active building sites in the community are the **Harmon** home on Florida Street and the addition to the **Restifo/Ionata** home, next door, also on Florida Street.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council discussed the request for funding made at the December meeting from Chevy Chase@Home and further refined and adopted an overall policy regarding how the Council would treat that request for funding along with all future requests. The policy is in keeping with previous behavior by the Council (see story this issue). The Council agreed to make a one-time donation of up to \$1,000 to Chevy Chase@Home to support the refreshments at their bi-monthly "Meet and Mingle" events which are open to everyone.

The Council discussed the fact that a CD from Independence Federal was coming due and the new rate, like many others, is extremely low. They agreed that the Village Manager would explore the rates at federally insured local credit unions, particularly Mid-Atlantic Federal Credit Union.

OTHER

The Council discussed concern that one of the alternative options for funding the Montgomery County deficit proposed by County staff was to take 50 percent of the income tax revenues from municipalities in the County. This would decimate the treasuries of all the county's 16 municipalities and do great harm to all the programs and activities in Section 3. At the moment, the Montgomery Municipal League has not directly confronted this option as it appears it would require a vote of the entire legislature in Annapolis and was the least favored of all the options stated in a report to the County Council. Nonetheless, the Council agreed this needs to be closely followed and Council members made aware that such a suggestion cannot go forward.

The Council voted to go into Executive Session to discuss the Village Manager's activities and salary. The public session of the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

CHEVY CHASE@ HOME

As of January 15th, Chevy Chase@ Home has provided their members with services, such as transportation to appointments, social and cultural activities, help with marketing and errands as well as home services including computer and other tech help and minor maintenance tasks. All of these are performed by the group's ever-growing corps of trained volunteers. Volunteer assistance is included in the initial annual membership fee of \$250 per household. If you want more info about joining, contact Administrator Janet Regan at (301) 657-3115 or go to their website, www.chevychaseathome.org.

For members and nonmembers, Chevy Chase@ Home will continue their popular Meet and Mingle get togethers on the first and third Tuesdays of every month from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Village Hall. On February, 1, there will be a group discussion of "Recent Reads" where you can share thoughts about a favorite book you've recently finished. On Tuesday, February 15th, there will be Gentle Exercises with Sharon Chaiklin, a pioneer in the field of Dance/Movement therapy. and as always, there will be games, puzzles, tasty refreshments and an opportunity to chat with old friends and make some new ones.

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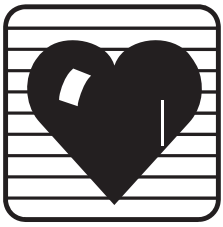
form of matching funds for donations made by Section 3 residents to the same organization and purpose (up to a ceiling determined by the Council), which we will publicize to residents. This will ensure we support organizations and purposes at a level linked to the level of resident support. The Council may decide to make a base donation plus a match, or to make the full donation based on matching resident donations up to a match ceiling per household as well as a ceiling for the entire donation.

All donations made will be publicized in Council meeting minutes.

With regard to the request from Chevy Chase @ Home, in keeping with the policy, the Council approved a donation of up to \$1,000 specifically for refreshments at the group's "meet and mingle events." Council Chair Bill Brownlee sent a letter to CC@home member Nathan Billig explaining the Council's actions.

IT'S TAX TIME!

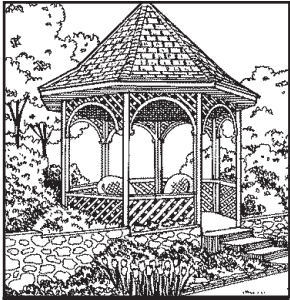
By now you're well into getting your 2010 tax return prepared. Don't forget to indicate that you live in Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase on your Maryland returns!!! It's the only way the state knows to credit us that portion of your income tax that flows through to municipalities!



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SENIORS' BRUNCH SLATED FOR FEBRUARY 19

Section 3 seniors, mark February 19th on your calendars for the annual "Mr. Omelette" brunch. This year we're holding it at the Epworth Room at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church right in our own neighborhood to make it easier for everyone to get there. The event, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., will include bagels and Danish, coffee and juice and of course, the famous name your own omelette, custom made for you by the area's premier omlette caterer.

Let us know if you can make it so we have enough food for everyone, RSVP via phone: 301 656-9117 or via email: villagemanager@chevychasesection3.org. We're looking forward to seeing you all there!

