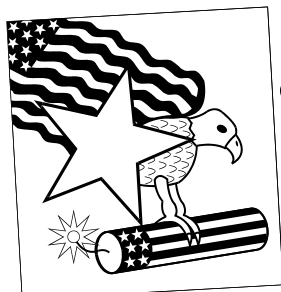


SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
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News & Views

JULY 2010



CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY,
JULY 7**
Bulk trash pickup—
curbside

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

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

THURSDAY, JULY 15

Welcome New Neighbors BBQ
6:00-8:30 p.m.
Gazebo Park
First come first served!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

Bulk trash pickup—curbside

No August Council meeting

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS EVENT SLATED FOR THURSDAY, JULY 15

Get ready for some delicious Rocklands Barbeque, music by Mitchell Crispell and lots of fun at the annual Welcome New Neighbors event. Come and enjoy the delightful company of Section 3's own along with the wonderful new neighbors who have come to join our community.



As always, we've had enough turnover so that there'll be quite a few folks to meet. We've got a tent, so regardless of the weather, we're having barbeque! This annual event has become a part of the fabric of summers in Section 3—a chance to meet neighbors and catch up, a chance for children in different summer programs to reconnect, and most of all, a chance to meet new neighbors and make them feel welcome.

It's a first-come, first served event, so mark your calendars now! The food begins being served at 6:00 p.m.—we'll have both ribs and chicken and lots of good veggies and that fabulous corn bread Rocklands serves! Adult beverages will be available along with juice and milk for the children. Soda and water will be plentiful as well. And of course, the ice cream man will make an appearance!

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BROOKVILLE ROAD SIDEWALK UPDATE

It appears that all the easements needed to complete a sidewalk on the eastern side of Brookville Road have been completed. Chevy Chase Village is in the process of getting the last few sign-offs but expects that construction will begin sometime this fall. Many thanks to all our residents who took the time to write in support of this wonderful effort.

The design of the sidewalk will be different from most you've seen because of the unique set of circumstances on Brookville Road. There are no storm drains on that portion of Brookville Road from Bradley Lane down to Western Avenue. For that reason, the State requires a porous surface...however, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires that wheel chairs and strollers be able to navigate on the sidewalk. The solution is a unique combination of a honeycomb grid onto which gravel with a porous binder will be applied to provide a level, easy to navigate surface. Kudos to the staff and leadership at Chevy Chase Village for sticking with the plan and finding a solution that will benefit us all.

**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, June 9, 2010. All Council members were present. The meeting began at 7:50 p.m.

The minutes of the May meeting as presented in the newsletter were approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

The Village Manager indicated that there had been no responses from our ad on the Fraternal Order of Police website and that we would probably have to explore getting assistance from a policeman who supplies off-duty security work. We had been reluctant to do so because these services involve additional expense and because we wanted to get the same individual or individuals every month. The Village Manager said she would see if we could get the same one or two police officers to patrol our community for 16 hours a month beginning in July.

There were no other police issues to report.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

Carolyn Greis, Council representative for buildings and roads, indicated that the **Bailey-Mostofi** family had received a fence permit. The **Cross** family's demolition of their old garage is complete, having had a little help from our winter snow storms and a shed is in its place. We have been notified that the **O'Brien** property at 7104 Florida Street will soon be conducting additional work and we are awaiting word on the **Strauss** property at Connecticut and Bradley Lane. For the Strauss property, they were to have started working on enhancing the stucco fence which surrounds the two lots but the developer has been silent of late. The new owners of the property at 3600 Taylor St. had indicated they were going to put on a large addition to the Brookville Rd. side of the property but no request for a letter of introduction has been forthcoming.

Regarding the drainage reservation which runs from Fulton Street down to Brookville Road through several properties, the Village Manager now has all the deed information from our survey firm, Charles P. Johnson, Associates and will be making an appointment with an attorney at the Chevy Chase Land Company to determine if they have any records regarding the ownership of the "drainage reservation."

The Council discussed the Edelen's application for a Special Exception use to expand their daycare center at 6705 Connecticut Avenue and their revised submission which we received from the Park and Planning staff at a June 4 meeting. According to the revised application, the Edelens have altered their plan such that

three groups will now be arriving in the morning hours to drop off children in a proposed staggered plan. A small percentage of the children (6) will leave after a half day and the other 18 they propose to have for a full day program, will leave in two groups at the end of the day. This was done in an effort to minimize the potential traffic problems that the Council and the larger community fear will impact Section 3 roads. Based on the traffic study the Council commissioned, the Council remains concerned that this third grouping would not improve the morning drop-off situation and its impact on our traffic.

The Council discussed the draft traffic study and felt that the potential for accidents and back-ups within the community remains and that since no one can enforce the staggered arrival and departure times, there is still a strong likelihood that there will be people backed up on Connecticut Avenue and traveling through our already congested streets to get to the daycare center for drop offs and pickups. All this was conveyed to Park & Planning staff and all the letters/emails the Council received from Section 3 residents were presented to staff. Joe Cutro, the Council's traffic consultant, prepared a traffic study that, while based on the initially proposed staggered arrival and departure times of two groups, looked at the impact on Section 3 streets in terms of "events of concern"—possible accidents and parking problems, "lock-ups" or traffic jams on our narrow streets, and the very real possibility that people would try and park on narrow streets already congested by rush hour traffic, children walking to school, etc.

The Council voted unanimously in support of the following resolution:

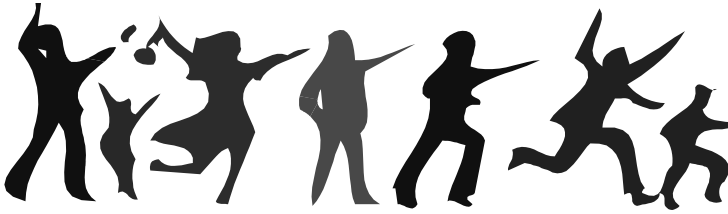
"Whereas Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase has been presented with the first ever application for a Special Exception use for a property in the neighborhood, with the proposed use the expansion of a home-based daycare center at 6705 Connecticut Avenue from 8 children to 24 children.

Whereas the Council determined that given this unprecedented proposal and its impact on the neighborhood it would survey the views of Section 3 residents on the proposed Special Exception use.

Whereas the Council received a significant number of responses from residents, with the overwhelming number of respondents expressing one or more of the following concerns:

1. The precedent it sets for our community to have a resident operating a large home business.
2. Traffic congestion on Connecticut Avenue and/or increased car traffic and parking on our local streets, particularly Raymond, Georgia and Bradley, related to drop off and pick up of children from the center (drop off between 8-9 a.m. largely and pickup largely between 5-

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

We want to welcome some new neighbors, **Alison and David Mandell** and their two boys, **Michael** age 3½ and **Max** age 1½. The Mandells lived in Cleveland Park before moving out to Section 3 and are delighted to be here. We were delighted to hear that Alison had read about our community by catching up with News & Views on line!

On June 16th, **Elinor Nott** had the first of two major hip surgeries she will have this summer. Happily, the surgery went well and she is recovering nicely. One of the nice things about Section 3 is that when someone needs a helping hand, everyone chips in, so special thanks to Natasha Saifee and Donna Harmon for organizing two weeks of dinners for the family as they adjust to the special demands on their lives right now. And special thanks to all those who have helped to make Elinor and her family's lives a little brighter during this challenging time with meals, visits, and carpools.

Congrats to **Susan Healy** of Delaware Street who received the **Outstanding Parent Award** for her work with the Learning Disabilities Association of Montgomery County. She is the newsletter editor of their publication and works closely with the group on public relations and event planning for their membership.

Welcome to **Laura Chap** and her husband **John Hanssen** and their two children **Charlotte**, age 4, and **Tim**, age 1, who have moved into Laura's old house on Shepherd Street. Rick and Janet Chap, Laura's parents, sadly have left Section 3, but will be back frequently no doubt...they've moved nearby to a newly renovated (by Mike Theide and Bethesda Contracting) home on Curtis Place. We're delighted to have the Chap-Hanssen family with us!

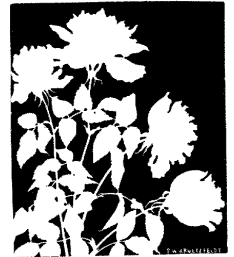
It is with great sadness that we report the passing of **John Eckert**, who lived at 6813 Florida Street. John cared for his father **Phil** for many years before Phil moved to a nearby assisted living facility. The family will be receiving condolence calls in early July, but a date has not yet been determined. Interested residents can contact the Village Manager, who will let them know when the family communicates a date.

Other recent deaths of former Section 3 residents whose passing wasn't noted in the last newsletter include **Mary Smith** of

Spring Street who passed away May 1st. Mary spent most of her life on Spring Street and was much loved by all her neighbors. She was active and involved in the community up until the last few years of her life. She fell into ill health and moved to an assisted living facility where her niece **Mary Kathleen Kenealy** worked as head nurse. She will be missed.

Another well-known former resident of Section 3 was **Hsaio Li Lindsay** of Delaware Street, who passed away recently. Mrs. Lindsay returned to her native China about 12 years ago, but raised her family at 6812 Delaware Street house with her husband, Lord Lawrence Lindsay.

HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR IN PERFECT WEATHER



Neighbors had an opportunity to see the creativity and good taste of five of Section 3's residents on this year's House and Garden Tour May 16th. **David and Florence Isbell's** gardens on Bradley Lane were awash with stunning perennials for both sun and shade. The small garden at **Jody Jose and Ellen Wilson's** home demonstrates how superb transforming an almost room-like a garden can become with the right choices of plant materials and their arrangement. The front garden with its fence rich with climbing roses, the lovely bench for seating and the delightful combination of colorful perennials was a delight to all who took advantage of the event. The lush garden of the **Steptoe/Carson** family with its bubbling pond and the Xian soldier amidst the rich green textures demonstrated to all visitors how transforming a garden can be to one's mood—the setting is absolutely tranquil. Gardener **MaryLou Steptoe** recruited interested neighbors for the plant exchange that is community wide (see story this issue).

The transformation of a classic Section 3 bungalow by **Melissa Brown and Chris Whatley** showed us all that with a few tasteful changes, the history of the house can be honored and updated. Finally, the tour of the **Greis/Nott** home now in the process of being remodeled demonstrated to all how the clever use of space can grow a house far beyond just square footage. The clever uses of modest "bump-outs" and "bump-ups" has made this house both airy and much more functional for the family.

We thank everyone who brought towels, soaps and lotions, and eyeglasses to the event. We donated dozens of towels, hundreds of soaps and lotions to Shepherd's Table and 24 pairs of eyeglasses to the Lions Club. A special thanks to all who made donations and to the five families who took the time to open their homes and gardens to their neighbors.

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6 p.m.).

3. Increased noise from 12 to 24 children using the facility's outdoor areas during the day.

4. The impact of granting the proposed Special Exception use on property values in the community.

Whereas the Council determined the need to have a traffic study done by a consulting engineer to determine the impact it would have on our community. "

Whereas the preliminary findings of the traffic study commissioned by the Council found that the additional traffic related to the proposed Special Exception use would put undue pressure on our already narrow streets ("the most geometrically restricted (i.e., the narrowest) streets of any jurisdiction in Montgomery County, with the possible exception of Washington Grove"), raise the probability of traffic incidents and that "local residents, both in Section 3 and the Town of Chevy Chase, can and should view these events as distractions to both public safety and their quality of life."

For all of these reasons, the Section 3 Council hereby resolves that it cannot endorse this Special Exception use."

The Council also directed the Village Manager to draft a detailed letter in response to the revised submission to be sent to the Park and Planning staff and to the OZAH hearing examiner. The letter will be reviewed by the entire Council prior to being sent on to the Park and Planning staff.

At the request of the Park and Planning Staff, Bill Brownlee, Council Chairman, and the Village Manager met with the staff preparing their evaluation of the submission. The impression they went away with was that staff had already made up their minds about the submission and in one instance, apparently had already drafted a memo regarding noise prior to hearing from representatives of the community. That staff person promised to review the noise issue raised by several near neighbors and amend her memo. Council Chairman Brownlee and the Village Manager provided staff at Park and Planning with two letters expressing continuing concerns about the noise issues. They promised staff the final traffic study along with any resolution the Council might pass at their June 9th meeting (see above).

The Village Manager reported to the Council that a person leaving the Edelen daycare center had had an accident on June 7th exiting the driveway in which she ran into a northbound SUV so severely that both cars had to be towed from the scene.

The Council agreed to have representatives address the Park and Planning Board at the July 1 hearing and to ask the traffic engineer the Council commissioned to participate as well to discuss the findings of the traffic study.

The Village Manager reported that of the three bidders asked to bid on the milling and paving of the Florida Street project, only two bids, Chamberlain Contractors and AB Veirs were received. The lower bidder was AB Veirs. Both contractors have excellent reputations. Since both contractors were going to subcontract out necessary concrete repairs on the street, the Village Manager indicated that she would try and get the work done by a reliable contractor for less than both bids and just leave the milling and paving, if possible, to the selected contractor, AB Veirs. The work will be done before the end of the fiscal year. We agreed to delay work until after school ended so as not to interfere with school bus routes on that block.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council reviewed finances and agreed that the Village Manager would seek the best available rates for CDs coming due. The Council reviewed the bids for both landscape contracting and trash collection. The Council voted to select Chapel Valley Landscaping as our new landscape contractor and to retain Montgomery County Sanitation and Recycling as our trash contractor. The Council is happy with both selections. Montgomery County Sanitation and Recycling has done an excellent job over the past three years and has been very responsive to community needs. Chapel Valley Landscaping has an excellent reputation and does the work in the Town of Chevy Chase and came well recommended.

The one area yet to be resolved is how to best handle tree care in Section 3. We are meeting with several contractors to determine the best way to handle our street trees and will develop a more detailed plan before the next Council meeting.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

The House and Garden Tour this year was a big hit. The weather proved exceptional (see story this issue) and everyone had an excellent time. The Council sent special thank you flowers to all the hosts for opening up their homes or gardens to everyone. Donations for Shepherd's Table and the Lions Club were excellent.

The Wine Tasting event was also very successful... the **Beebes** said goodbye to their last guest around 1:00 a.m.! Everyone had a great time, special thanks to all three hosts for making it such a fun evening and to **Ken Harney** for selecting interesting, affordable wines.

Planning is underway for the July 15 Welcome New Neighbors Barbeque (see story this issue).

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

STATUS OF EDELEN DAYCARE EXPANSION APPLICATION

As of this writing, the staff of Park and Planning has recommended that the Edelens application for a special exception use be granted but the Planning Board itself has not held its hearing. The revised submission by the Edelens envisions 18 children attending full day daycare and 6 attending for a half day for a total of 24 children. There were a number of misstatements in the memo drafted by Park and Planning Staff and the Council has sent a letter to the Planning Board outlining those errors and the Council's continuing concerns about the proposal.

The Council has heard from a number of residents and welcomes any additional input citizens might have. The overwhelming response has been negative with most of the concerns surrounding traffic issues. On July 1 there will be a hearing before the Planning Board. Council Chairman Bill Brownlee and the Council's traffic engineer, Joe Cutro will speak as well as a number of other residents, the Edelens and their attorney and possibly their traffic consultant. The Planning Board will make their recommendation to the hearing examiner and there will be another final hearing on July 23rd. It is the hearing examiner on July 23rd who will make the final decision on this case.

WINE TASTING EVENT BIGGEST EVER

This year's wine tasting event attracted more than 50 Section 3 residents. Special thanks to Ken Harney for his selection of the affordable wines tasted, to the Harneys, the Kanes and the Beebes for serving as hosts. Apparently the evening was quite a success; the last guests didn't leave the Beebe's home until 1:00 a.m.!



NEW TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD?

The last day you can register to vote in Montgomery County is Tuesday, August 24. For further information call the Board of Elections at (240) 777-VOTE (8683) or go to 222.777vote.org.

PLANT EXCHANGE GETS BOOST AT HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR

Plant exchange chairperson and avid gardener **MaryLou Steptoe** signed people up while there were on the House and Garden tour if they were interested in exchanging plants with other Section 3 residents. We've already witnessed a number of exchanges! If you have too much of something or want something, let her know and she'll try and share that information with those on her distribution list. If you're not an avid gardener, but you have a plant you'd like recycled elsewhere...let her know and perhaps magically, some one of your neighbors will take it off your hands! You can contact her at MLSteptoe@gmail.com

FLORIDA ST. MILLED, PAVED

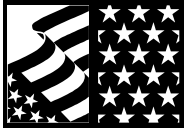
After two years of waiting, Florida Street is finally milled and paved. Following some preliminary work by D & F Construction on the concrete gutters, AB Veirs Company came in on June 28th and within hours, despite some incredible challenges with large equipment and narrow roadways, managed to remove the top 2" of asphalt and repave the whole street by 1 p.m. The street needed a little time to cure, but everything was back to normal by the next morning. Many thanks to all Section 3 residents who had to move their cars to accommodate the equipment and the work.

RECYCLING COMPUTERS

Many Section 3 residents have excess computers that we thought it wise to mention a wonderful non-profit group helping those who could not afford computers to have one.

The all volunteer group, called Project Reboot, solicits donations of new and used computer equipment and software. The group removes all existing software, swipes the hard drives clean and refurbishes the equipment. They are licensed by Microsoft and all applications are freeware. They personalize systems for those with disabilities, for instance, screen readers for the blind. The equipment is redistributed at no cost to non-profit, educational and charitable organizations. Those receiving computers are low income families and individuals referred by cooperating churches, synagogues, schools, senior centers and other nonprofit groups working with low income folks.

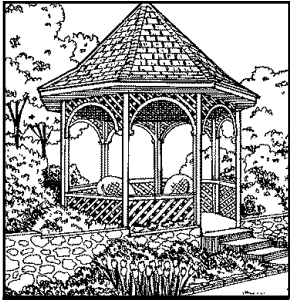
The group accepts all PC products, all LCD and large monitors manufactured after 2002. They will take speakers, monitors, printers, all peripherals. If you are interested, they accept donations on Mondays and Wednesdays and are located near the Home Depot on Shady Grove Road in Gaithersburg. You can email questions to reboot20850@verizon.net or go to either www.cpcug.org or www.cpcug.net for up to date information.



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GOING AWAY?



Remember to tell your neighbors when you are going and how to reach you. Arrange for papers to be stopped or collected—don't leave them in a pile announcing that you're not home!

Lock car doors, lock doors and windows. Arrange for someone to water your garden if necessary and pick up those wonderful free papers that litter our sidewalks..

STAYING HOME?

Help out a neighbor, keep your eyes and ears open. Report any suspicious behavior to the police.