

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

News & Views

JUNE 2019

CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

Farmer's Market
Taylor Street at Brookville Road
8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

Bulk Trash Pick-up, curbside

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

Bulk Trash Pick-up, curbside

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

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

THURSDAY, JULY 11

Welcome New Neighbors BBQ
Gazebo Park, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

FARMERS MARKET OPENS JUNE 1

Bring your bags, draw up your list of organic veggies and baked goods and join us at Taylor and Brookville for this year's Farmers Market. **New Morning Farm** from Pennsylvania promises to bring all sorts of goodies for opening day. **Crêpes Parfait** food truck will also be coming in future weeks but will miss opening day. Each week we hope to have one truck for breakfast, but alternate for some variety. Join us, bring your friends, make this opening weekend something special for everyone! Market opens at 8:00 a.m. and closes at 12:30 p.m.

DID YOU KNOW?

The County's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has made thermal imaging cameras available through the County's library system. If you are a Library cardholder, you can borrow the cameras to monitor energy use in your home.

The easy-to-use cameras are designed to create visual heat maps to reveal hot and cold spots via color-coded images so you can easily identify if your home is losing or gaining energy. The cameras attached directly to the battery port of iPhones or Android phones and can be checked out with a library card but you may have to wait as there are only four Android compatible FLIR-brand cameras and four iPhone compatible cameras available.

Wondering where the AC is cooling the outside? You can get a good indication with these cameras. The Chevy Chase branch is one of four libraries with these cameras.

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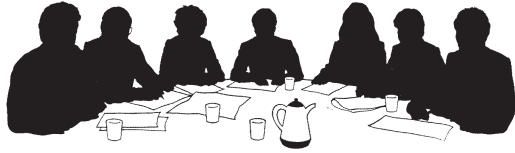
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RECORD RAINS THIS YEAR

The Washington Post has just reported that in the past 365 days, Washington has received 71.5 inches of rain and melted snow. That makes it the wettest period since they began keeping records in 1871. So if you thought you hadn't seen so much rain, you were right!

And if a lot of your events have been rained out (like our Food Truck Night), it's because 2019 ranks as the 35th wettest year on record year-to-date with a disproportionate number of rainy days between Friday and Sunday. For those of you who have new trees in the greenway in the past two years, water them as much as possible, at least twice a week if it doesn't rain so that they have the best chance to get established.

**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 ANNUAL MEETING SHEDS NEW LIGHT ON AREA DEVELOPMENT

Master Planner Elza Hisel-McCoy detailed all the activity going on in both Chevy Chase Lake and Bethesda in the next few years. The amount of new building and the extent of that building is dramatic and a bit overwhelming. It's one thing to see it on master plans, it's another thing when you see it coming up out of the ground. Hisel-McCoy presented artist renderings of some of the many buildings going up and detailed their heights and usage.

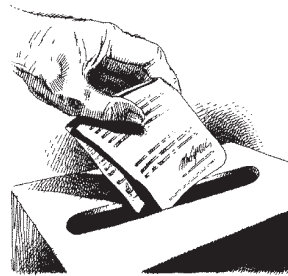
At the business portion of the meeting, Council Chair **Bill Brownlee** summarized some of the many things that had taken place during the year. He recalled our cold, wet winter and some of the many challenges caused by sump pump outfall freezing, the joy of finally seeing the demolition of 3602 Taylor Street, and our many community-building social activities. Brownlee also discussed the way the Council responded to the lack of legislation to protect our community from 5G cell operators installing equipment in our community without our permission, the short term rental legislation at the County level and finally, the Accessory Dwelling Unit legislation which threatens to increase the density of our community. He turned the program over to Vice Chair **Susan Manning** who discussed our response to the upcoming 5G installations in greater detail as well as the short term rental program. Manning discussed the community-wide need to address stormwater management issues which continue to create problems for our community. Manning turned the program over to our Buildings and Roads Representative **Carolyn Greis**.

Ms. Greis then detailed some of the many building projects that property owners have undertaken this past year. She reported that a whopping forty building permits were issued this past year as compared to twenty-six last year, and that the following were built: 14 fences, 6 driveways (replacement, reconfiguration or new), 7 patios or decks, 1 exterior kitchen, 5 additions, 1 play-house, and, once again this year, 1 pool. Five demolition permits were issued, 4 permits for the construction of new homes, 4 permits for dumpsters, and 2 permits for PODS. Finally, 8 variances were issued to residents or builders in the past year. She closed by pointing out that despite some obvious "construction fatigue,"

what makes it easier for neighbors to show patience is that we know our neighbors and we are a close-knit community.

Section 3 has so many community activities (for example, four this month: the Food Truck Night, the Shred Event, the Annual Meeting, and the House Tour) that without volunteers, these activities would not be possible. Secretary **Melissa Brown** took a moment to thank some of the many volunteers, including **Jan Augustine** who manages our website as webmaster, and **Ellen McKenney** who welcomes every new family with both wine and flowers. Two of our residents gave of their time and energy by dressing up in costumes to the delight of all our kids: **Scott Shuchart** who dressed up and led the Halloween Parade and **Ricky Mojica** who donned a bunny suit for the Easter Egg Hunt and Lunch. Oh, the things we do for our kids!

Finally, Treasurer **Mike Dietrich** went over the budget and then proposed that via ordinance, we approve the budget which mandated the same \$.02 (two cents) per \$100 assessed valuation for real property and \$.05 (five cents) per \$100 assessed valuation for personal property and utility-owned property within the Section.



The meeting adjourned with this year's volunteer registrar Kathryn Allen providing the election results: 30 votes each for Bill Brownlee and Susan Manning, and 31 votes for Carolyn Greis.

At the end of the evening, the Council took the oath of office and decided to keep the same positions for each of the Councilmembers.

VARIANCE REQUESTS

Julia Hawley of 7105 Fulton Street is requesting the following three variances with regard to the proposed addition to her house as well as a proposed new garage on the property: the first to enclose an existing screen porch which extends 3.8' into the 8' north side setback; the second to construct a covered front porch and steps to grade which intrude 6' into the 30' front yard setback; and the third to build a garage which intrudes 15' into the 20' rear setback and 5' into the south side yard setback.

The **Wilsons** of 3704 Taylor Street are requesting a variance to add a gas-vented fireplace, the venting for which will extend a maximum of 1' into the existing 5' east side yard setback.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Congrats to the **Howell** family of Connecticut Avenue. B-CC senior **Stephanie** has committed to St. Mary's College of Maryland next year where she will be playing basketball and studying environmental science.

Sister **Samantha** will be a senior at Washington College next year. She is still playing basketball there and is a physics and computer science major with a psychology and math minor.

Spring Street's **Nick Haller** will be heading to Boston University next fall to major in Political Science after having attended Drexel University in Philadelphia this year studying Criminology.. Nick is a dedicated EMT and firefighter and has been working for Montgomery County and Prince Georges County departments whenever he is home and now into the summer.

Welcome to **Sandor Karacsony and Eszter Major** and their two children who have moved into 6812 Brookville Road. The family is moving back to the states from an overseas assignment. The children, **Aron**, age 11 and **Felix**, age 6, are looking forward to meeting other children in the neighborhood.

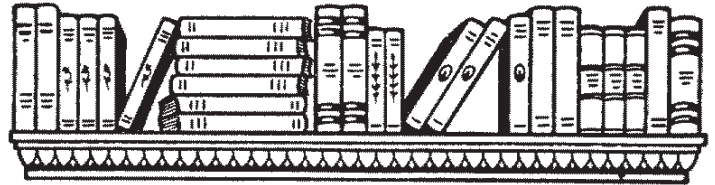
Welcome to **Colleen and Gerry Sinzdak** who have moved into 3608 Spring Street. The family has two children, **Cole**, age 4 and **Rory**, age 2. They attend Children in the Shoe daycare in Bethesda so they already know some of the neighborhood kids but are eager to meet more.

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of Raymond Street resident **Ken Harney** of Acute Myeloid Leukemia on May 23.

Ken and his wife Andy, the Village Manager, have lived in Section 3 since 1981. He was surrounded by his family at home when he died. He leaves his wife Andy and his four children: Alexandra Harney of Shanghai, Brendan Harney of San Francisco, Tim Harney of Brooklyn, and Phurbu McAlister of Silver Spring and five grandchildren.

The family will be holding a private service at a later date. In lieu of flowers, they have asked that those who wish to, do something unusual--donate blood. Throughout Ken's illness, he received countless blood transfusions from total strangers who donated their blood to help sustain him. Though his form of leukemia is rare, there are so many people with blood diseases requiring transfusions. The family felt that there is no better way to "pay it forward" than to help return the kindness by donating

blood in his memory. And if blood donation is not possible, the family asks that you find another way to make another person's life a little better. Through more than four decades of writing his weekly real estate column for the Washington Post, Ken worked to help and improve the life of his readers. The family asks that you help preserve his legacy by paying it forward.



CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY JUNE ACTIVITIES

On Wednesday, June 5 at 6:00 p.m. The Teen Writers' Clubs of the Maryland Writers' Association, a growing network of after-school writing programs for aspiring writers ages 11-17, is hosting a club at the Chevy Chase Library. Shelby Settles Harper will lead the Chevy Chase Library Teen Writers' Club. Shelby is a lawyer and citizen of the Caddo Nation of Oklahoma. She is an award-winning fiction author who has practiced law at both for-profit and non-profit entities, representing Indian tribes, individual Indians, women's rights issues, and other progressive causes.

On Tuesday, June 11 at 1:00 p.m. Unclutter, Declutter, Downsize your Home and Stress: Lori James and Theresa Taylor, two of the best in their fields, will walk you through strategies, processes, and plans that will help minimize the stress when you are downsizing. Registration ends June 4 at 11:00 a.m.

On Wednesday, June 12 at 2:00 p.m., join the Non-Fiction Book Group to discuss *Uncle Tungsten: Memories of a Chemical Boyhood* by Oliver Sacks. Copies of the book available one month before the session at the Information Desk.

On Friday, June 21 at 10:30 a.m., Chevy Chase Dialogue: (Formerly Jefferson Cafe.) All are welcome to join this civil and stimulating discussion on American life and the United States' role in the global community. The month's article up for discussion is "Rethinking Infrastructure in an Era of Unprecedented Weather Events" by Thaddeus Miller, Mikhail Chester, and Tischa Munoz Erikson. Science and Technology, Winter 2018. Copies will be available at the information desk.

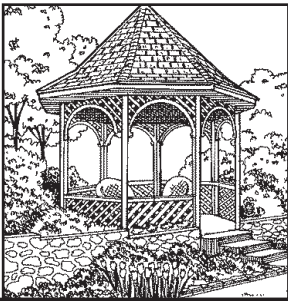
On Saturday, June 22 at 10:30 a.m., ScienceTellers presents Aliens: Escape from Earth! Program designed for 5-12 year olds. Free! A summertime program for children and their families.

On Wednesday, June 26 at 2:00 p.m., join the Fiction Memoir and Biography Book Group to discuss *We Have Always Lived In the Castle* by Shirley Jackson. Copies are made available one month before the session. Registration is not required.



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SUMMER VACATION IS COMING SOON!

Let your neighbors know if you are going away. Leave some lights on. Lock up cars you're leaving behind. Stop the newspapers and ask neighbors to pick up anything left on your doorstep.