

SECTION THREE  
VILLAGE OF  
CHEVY CHASE

# News & Views

MARCH 2010

## CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3**  
1st Bulk Trash Pickup in 2010, Curbside

**MONDAY, MARCH 8**  
Dead-limb pick-up Curbside **NO PARKING** on the street until chipper is through your block!

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10**  
Council Meeting  
CCUMC Rm. 109 7:45 p.m

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17**  
"Everybody's Irish" Event  
6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tent by Gazebo Park

**SATURDAY, APRIL 3**  
Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon  
Hunt starts at 11:00 a.m.; Luncheon to follow

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7**  
Household bulk trash pick-up, curbside

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14**  
Council Meeting, CCUMC Room 109 7:45 p.m.

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## SECTION 3 MEETS CHALLENGE OF 2010 BLIZZARD HEAD-ON!

We survived the challenge! Neighbors helped neighbors, the roads were slowly made wider, the trash was picked up and people could park on the street again. Kudos to all who braved the elements to shovel walkways, help out a neighbor and who had the decency to park off the street so our plows could get through. Unlike many others nearby, Section 3 residents took it to heart and got their cars off the streets and kept them off so that we could plow continuously during the great blizzard.

We had so much snow built up on corners that we had to push them back to make the corners navigable...but we had no place to put the snow—so we brought in a front-end loader and piled it in the park as best we could. Unlike other areas, we can't bring in heavy dump trucks on our narrow streets because they can't make the turns, so we were forced to improvise.

Happily, our snow shoveling crew dug out our fire hydrants early on so in the event of a fire, there would be no delay in getting to it. Our new GIS survey made it possible to instantly pull a map for the snow shovelers pinpointing the location of every hydrant. Our seniors had their walkways dug out twice and a number of local teens made a nice chunk of change doing people's front walks and driveways. Others of us popped Ibuprofen and nursed aches and pains as we shoveled for days on end just to get our cars out of mounds of snow.

Many evergreens took a dive, literally, as a result of heavy snows. The Leland Cypress trees suffered the most damage as did limbs of many Southern Magnolia trees in the neighborhood. As of this writing, we haven't seen the impact the heavy snow will have on sump pumps and wet basements, but we hope for the best.

Happily, none of us suffered a power failure, which made the time at home much more pleasant. A few homeowners worried about flat roofs, but none fell in. Two homeowners, the Arconti/Heynans and the Crosses had damage to older garages, but no houses were adversely affected, and no one was hurt.

Special thanks to our trash contractor, Montgomery County Sanitation and Recycling for braving the elements, narrow streets and collecting the household trash as soon as it was physically possible. We appreciate their efforts on our behalf. Finally, kudos to Snow Central and their team for returning to our community time and again to help keep our roads clear and gradually widen the streets so that they are once again navigable. They were out day and night keeping on top of the downfall, keeping us from having heavy ice build-up and helping to shovel the public walkways of our seniors and to clear our fire hydrants. We appreciate all their efforts on our behalf—including clearing snow left by the State Highway Department at Connecticut Avenue and Raymond, Shepherd and Taylor Streets.

*\*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, February 17, 2010, a week after the scheduled meeting because of the blizzard. Notice was provided via broadcast email to residents as to the change in date. The meeting began at 7:55 p.m. All Council members were present.

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

### PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

The most important public safety issues had to do with snow removal and the clearing of fire hydrants. We managed to clear the main snow from the roadways following the last snow storm relatively rapidly. Snow removal continued to be a challenge at the time of the Council meeting. (see story this issue).

With the exception of one forced entry burglary in Chevy Chase Village over Valentine's Day weekend, there were no other crimes to report.

### BUILDINGS AND ROADS

The developer of the Strauss properties at the corner of Connecticut Avenue and Bradley Lane has received a letter of acknowledgement so that he can submit plans for the first house to be built on the property. The first house to be developed will be on the inner lot closest to the Terpeluk residence.

The Council voted to grant the Slidell family a variance to install an exterior staircase to the basement on the side of the house. The staircase will intrude into the side setback about 1 foot and go behind the external steps to the side entrance. The family has discussed their plans with the neighbors on both sides.

The Council discussed exploring the possibility of putting in rain tanks as were installed on Georgia Street in the greenway to prevent large ice flows from impeding traffic at several locations where sump pumps dump into the street and then freeze several houses away making street conditions dangerous. The two locations where this problem is most acute are on Georgia Street in the block between Bradley and Raymond Streets and on Taylor Street between Connecticut Avenue and Delaware Street. There are several other sites which will also be examined by our consulting engineer Bill Bissell to determine the best course of action, if any. While this winter presented unusual challenges, several of these locations have been problem locations for several years.

The Edelen family has received a second curb cut permit; in conjunction with the installation of the new entry and curb cut, the

Section plans to replace the sidewalk which now floods at every rain. The opportunity to regrade presents itself because the Edelen family is going to install a second driveway apron opening onto Connecticut Avenue and there is a great deal of spaulding or erosion of the concrete in front of the Caldicott residence.

The response to the test street light has been favorable. Pepco has yet to install the decorative scroll which goes with the light. Most importantly, the family most directly affected by the new light, the Giblin-Jester family, finds the light pleasant and it doesn't glare or shine into their second floor bedroom windows. The "hat" around the light helps to diminish the impact of the light on the night sky and direct the light downwards.

The GIS Survey is complete; the entire history of building permits for every home in Section 3 in our files is in the process of being digitized and will be properly archived and integrated into the system. The hard copies, on completion of the scanning, will be donated to the Chevy Chase Historical Society. Carolyn Greis, our Buildings and Roads representative from the Council, and Andy Leon Harney, the Village Manager, are receiving training in the use of the software which has already come in handy during the last storm to locate on a map all the fire hydrants in the community for our snow contractor to use in shoveling them out.

The Council agreed to hire a contractor with a mulching machine and truck to come through the community and take away dead limbs from the last two storms which have fallen in residents' back yards. The date will be after the snow has melted and people can assess the damage in their yards but sometime near the end of February or early March.

The Council agreed to break out the tree maintenance part of our landscape contractor's new contract which will go out to bid this June. In an effort to get better care for the street trees, we will put out to bid to tree care specialists, a contract to maintain, prune, fertilize and care for all our street trees. The landscape contract will include maintenance of the irrigation system in the park, the park and the greenways which need periodic re-sodding.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The Village Manager has contacted Cardinal Bank with an eye towards depositing funds in that institution, but they have been lax in getting back to us. The Village Manager plans to re-contact them to see what the problem is as their interest rates were attractive.

### COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

Both Dave Ohrenstein and Donna Harmon's terms are up this May. Both have indicated that they are interested in running again.

The Council agreed that it was important to bring together the community and that since we had no community-wide events

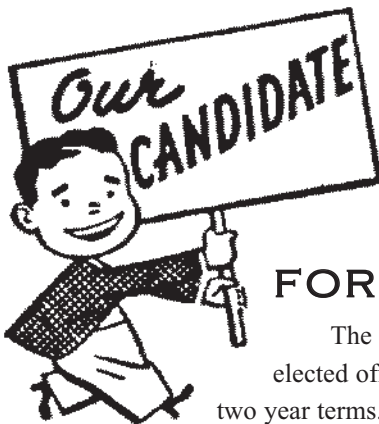
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Congrats to **Susan Toffler** and her boys **Alexandre** and **Simon Imbot** on the beautiful feature on their home in the Sunday, February 21st *Washington Post* magazine. The cover story focuses on the tasteful way in which Susan has made the house a real home for herself and her boys while honoring the distinguished architecture by the late Washington architect and former Section 3 neighbor David Condon.

A special welcome to Section 3's newest resident, **Jacob Nathan Waterman** who arrived early during our most recent snow storm on February 10th! Jake weighed in at 6 lbs, 2 oz and is 19.5" tall! Welcome to Section 3 Jake! Parents **Rachel Robby** and **Jeremie Waterman** are thrilled.

A welcome to **Lee and Barb Buchanan** who have just moved into 3703 Bradley Lane. They've moved here from Vienna, Virginia.



## EVER CONSIDER RUNNING FOR OFFICE?

The Section 3 Council is run by 5 elected officials who serve staggered two year terms. This year, David Ohrenstein, who was appointed to serve out the term of

Jon Newhard as treasurer after Jon and his wife Evelyn Gerson moved away, will be running for election this May. Donna Harmon's term is also up and she has indicated she will be running again.

If you would like to run for office, please submit a statement about yourself and your qualifications and why you would like to be on the Council of between 250 and 300 words. Submit your statement by Monday, March 22nd, 5:00 p.m. Voting will be at the Annual Meeting, Tuesday, May 11th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Annual Meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m.

## RESPONSE TO THE CRISIS IN HAITI OFF TO IMPRESSIVE START

The neighbors in Section 3 generously responded to the crisis in Haiti, which has left hundreds of thousands homeless, by raising over \$3,000.00 for Habitat for Humanity International-Haiti. Our section 3 neighborhood has donated almost 2/3 of the cost of a core home for a Haitian family! Caroline Grandy, who with her husband Tom Jones, spearheaded the event on Valentine's Day, is hoping to get enough funds (\$2,000 more) to make it possible for Section 3 to pay for the cost of an entire "core" home, the basic building block of a permanent home for a Haitian family.

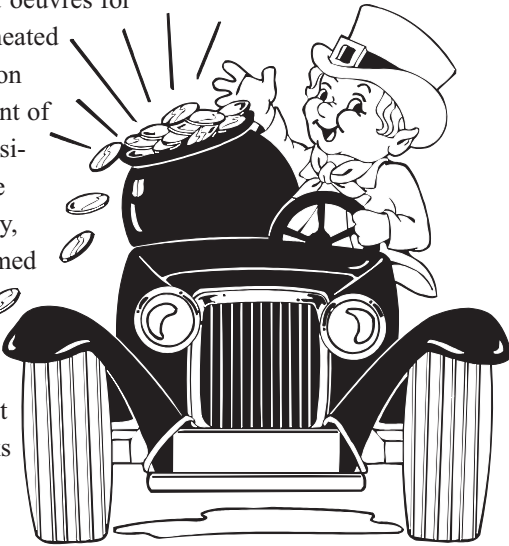
This was a huge effort by many people and Caroline wants to acknowledge those who were most helpful including a very big thank you to our neighbors at Chevy Chase Methodist Church for generously agreeing that we could hold our event in Philips Hall. Next, The children (and their parents who helped them) of the neighborhood deserve a super duper "Hats Off to You" thank you for trudging through the snow and ice in the sub-freezing weather to get the word out by delivering flyers. Much thanks also to the children and youth who helped by making posters, setting up and supervising games and bake sales, and helping at the Valentine-making table. Caroline wanted to note the generous cooperation of Safeway (Old Georgetown Rd.), Giant (Arlington Rd.) Starbucks (Connecticut and Manor Rd) for donations and Brookville Super for allowing us to have a day-after bake sale. She urges you to say "Thanks" next time you are shopping as they need to know how we as a community appreciate their support.

Caroline and Tom wanted to say "a huge heartfelt thanks goes to Wendy Eaton and family for their enthusiasm and support in setting up and running a very successful bake sale, musical chairs, face painting, providing music and many of our decorations."

All in all there were over 40 volunteers and that made for a most successful event for a most worthy cause. For those who missed the event, Caroline is still accepting checks made out to Habitat for Humanity International (Haiti). They can be mailed to Caroline Grandy, 3809 Raymond St., Chevy Chase, MD 20815. All will go to the Haiti effort!

## EVERYBODY'S IRISH— ON MARCH 17TH!

Wear green and come to the special Section 3 event where "Everybody's Irish"...to be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17th for adults and children. A themed event with finger food—green Gatorade and green bagels and other finger foods for kids, Irish beer and delicious hors d'oeuvres for adults in a heated tent on Fulton Street in front of the Barry residence where appropriately, children named Rowan and Finnian live! Join us, come out and see folks you haven't seen since you last shoveled your front walk or shared a co-op dinner! Neighbors new and old are invited to come in, have some holiday cheer and enjoy the moment after a day at work or school. Adult and children's beverages will be served.



### COUNCIL ACTIONS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

in January and February, that an "Everybody's Irish" gathering on March 17th would be a fun way to bring people together. The Village Manager presented a plan and a tentative menu for this fun family event (see story this issue).

The Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon will be scheduled either the week before Easter or the Saturday of Easter—depending on the local school calendar and what seems to work best for the organizing committee.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

## FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS POST OFFICE WILL NOT CLOSE

Thanks to a serious community organizing effort which involved collecting over 3,400 signatures and lobbying at the federal, state and local levels, the U.S. Post Office on Wisconsin Avenue across from Saks Fifth Avenue will remain open.

## DEAD LIMBS TO BE "CHIPPED" INTO MULCH MARCH 8



Recognizing that many homeowners had trees which lost limbs, the Council voted at its February meeting to hire a landscape firm to bring in a chipper and a truck to turn all those dead limbs into mulch. The chipper will circulate throughout the community Monday, March 8, beginning at 9:30 in the morning. Anyone who wants limbs to be removed should have them stacked in the greenway, curbside, so that they can drive through the community and get the job done for us.

Because the response was so dramatic, we are not asking you to sign up in advance, we only ask that you have everything out the night before as they will not turn around and come back if you didn't get the dead limbs out in time! So mark your calendars, Monday, March 8 for a visit from the chipper! Because we will be coming through town on that day with a large truck as well, if you could park in your driveways until the chipper has been through your street, that would be very helpful.

## MVA ON WHEELS

If you have need for MVA services and don't want to drive out to Glenmont or Gaithersburg, try the MVA mobile office for express services like renewing your driver's license, vehicle registration, renewing MD photo identifications, obtaining disability placards and returning tags. The staff will be parked on Friendship Blvd., next to the Friendship Heights village center from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 29, Monday, April 26, Monday, May 24, and Monday, June 21.

## CENSUS OF 2010 COMING YOUR WAY SOON!

The 2010 Census forms will be arriving in the mail within the next two weeks. It's essential that everyone in Section 3 take the time to fill out the form as completely as possible. Section 3 and neighboring jurisdictions fell into the 81 to 91 percent return category as of the 2000 census; this year, we are shooting for 100 percent participation! Every individual listed in the census means \$1,000 more per year in federal and state funding, so it's key to be counted. This means if you have an au pair, a nanny, an adult child, an in-law living with you, their information should be included in your census survey. Don't leave anyone out!

We count on you to be counted!

## NEW AUDIO BOOKS FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Montgomery County Public Libraries are offering a new kind of pre-packaged audio book on a small digital player. Each player (which is the size of an old VHS cassette) holds a single book. All the listener has to do is to take it out of the library, supply his or her own headphones and a AAA battery. Each Playaway has a universal headphone jack that can be used with most car adapters including cassette adapters and FM transmitters. The unit's LCD has a small battery icon that is displayed on screen and tells you when your battery is running low. Most batteries last about 20 hours of play time.

## VOLUNTEER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/ADMINISTRATOR WANTED

Chevy Chase at Home, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping older adults continue to live in their homes, with various supports, socialization, education, and transportation to essential venues, is looking for an Executive Director/Administrator, half-time or more, to help the organization reach fully operational status and to administer the day to day work of providing assistance through a network of volunteers. May progress to paid position. Previous experience in administration or management helpful.

## FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR ADDITION TO ROSEMARY HILLS PRIMARY, CHEVY CHASE ELEMENTARY

A series of public hearings will be held with the Facility Advisory Committee (FAC), chaired by Ralph Viggiano, principal, Rosemary Hills, regarding the design of an addition to the school many of Section 3's children attend. There will be work sessions with the design architects: JK Architects and staff of MCPS Division of Construction to get input from the community regarding the addition. Work sessions are slated for both afternoons and evenings to allow maximum community involvement.

The sessions will be held at the school on:

FAC Work Session #1, held in mid-February

FAC Work Session #2, Thursday, March 4, 4:30 p.m.

FAC Work Session #3, Thursday, March 18, 7:00 p.m.

FAC Work Session #4, Thursday, April 8, 4:30 p.m.

FAC Work Session #5, Thursday, April 29, 7 p.m.

If you'd like to participate, contact Saeyin Oh, Project Manager at MCPS Division of Construction at [Saeyin\\_Oh@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Saeyin_Oh@mcpsmd.org) or call 240 314-1019. You can attend without contacting MCPS but it helps to have the right size room for the event.

If you currently don't have a child at Rosemary Hills but expect to in the future, this is an excellent opportunity for you to have input that will directly affect your child. If you have children at Rosemary Hills, you have a good understanding of how the facility works and what might improve it and for those reasons, even if your child will have moved on by the time the addition is built, your input would be appreciated.

Chevy Chase Elementary School is also contemplating a possible future addition. There is a feasibility study being conducted to determine the maximum number of classrooms that can be constructed on the site. As part of that effort, four work public work sessions have been scheduled to hear about the design process, timetable and plans for future communications about the effort.

Again, the first work session was held in mid February.

Future sessions, all in the CCES Media Center, will take place on

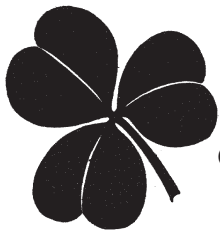
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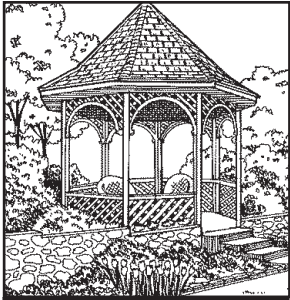
Tuesday, April 4 4:30 p.m.

There will be a PTA/Community presentation at the Media Center on Tuesday, April 27th at 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, contact Laurie Rosen at (301) 652 -7419 or [lbirleff1@verizon.net](mailto:lbirleff1@verizon.net)



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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>



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## IT'S TAX TIME!

By now you're well into getting your 2009 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!