

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

News & Views

MARCH 2018

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7
First Bulk Trash Pickup of 2018! Curbside

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14
Council Meeting
CCUMC Room 107, 7:45 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17
Everybody's Irish Party
Gazebo Park, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Gazebo Park

SUNDAY, MARCH 25
Easter Egg Hunt and Buffet Luncheon
11:45 a.m. Gazebo Park
Bring baskets for collecting eggs (10 per child, please)

SUNDAY, MARCH 25
Candidate Submission Deadline for Councilmembers

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4
Bulk Trash Pickup, Curbside

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11
Council Meeting
CCUMC Room 107, 7:45 p.m.

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EVERYBODY'S IRISH EVENT JUMP STARTS SPRING ON MARCH 17

Section 3's traditional St. Patty's Day event takes place on a Saturday this year. It's the one social event designed for young and old—and on this day, you don't have to be Irish to celebrate! However, we will have Irish adult beverages, green bagels and lots of green snacks from guacamole to white chocolate (dyed green) covered strawberries in honor of the day.

So come to the Gazebo from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., young and old (we'll have water, milk and juice boxes for the little ones and sodas for those who don't want beer or wine). This is the one Section 3 event with no rain date. We've held it in the snow, when it's felt like spring and when it's been cold and rainy...we celebrate it all and hope you'll join us with your children.

EASTER EGG HUNT AND BUFFET LUNCHEON

Put Sunday, March 24 on the calendar if you have little ones under 6 years of age who want to "hunt" for Easter eggs in the Gazebo Park. The

Easter Bunny is guaranteed to be on hand. Bring a basket (10 eggs per child) and if your child has older siblings, bring them along for the food and the fun. Grandchildren are of course, always welcome. It's a short-attention span event...we meet at 11:45 a.m., the gates to the park stay closed until noon when we let in the kids 3 and under. Then the children ages 4 through 6...and in a flash, it's over, all except the eating. We'll have a nice buffet and tables and chairs set up on Fulton Street so you can eat and run.

The annual event promises to be fun for everyone...we hope to see you there.

TEXTING 911

On February 21, Governor Larry Hogan announced a statewide contract to enable Maryland residents to text a 911 call. It's hoped that the program will be in place sometime this May. That will make it possible not only for those who are hard of hearing, but for those who want to quietly contact 911 via cell, it will now be possible.



**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 14 in room 107 at CCUMC. All Council members were present. The meeting began at 7:55 p.m.

The Council approved the minutes as they appeared in the February newsletter.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Village Manager reported that the new community patrolman is working out well.

BUILDINGS & ROADS

The Council's Buildings and Roads representative reported that there were no new permits issued since the last Council meeting. The Council discussed the response from the **Altamar** family upon denial of their variance applications, and at the family's request, revisited their January decision but concluded that no variance or building permit should be granted retroactively for the additional patio placed entirely within the rear setback and that their request for an additional curb cut did not meet the threshold to grant non-compliance with Village curb cut policy. All homes are allowed a single curb cut, but a second curb cut requires a variance.

The Council discussed the status of 3602 Taylor Street and agreed to recommence issuing municipal citations. An email to the lender from Section 3 had gone unanswered after conversations with him seemed to indicate there would be some movement to demolish the property. While the County is taking the legal owner of the property to court for failing to respond to their citation condemning the property, the Council agreed that we should continue to press the owner to act by issuing further citations. Representatives from the Village may be witnesses for the County at the March 27 court case.

The Village Manager has been talking with lighting suppliers, Pepco personnel and our lighting designer to get all the necessary facts in place before going to the Pepco hierarchy regarding our desire to change our current lighting to a better system. We will have to hire electrical engineers to do construction specs, which are pretty straightforward. There is some concern that induction lights may not be available.

The Council decided to have **Susan Manning, Carolyn Greis** and the Village Manager meet and go through the proposed changes to the ordinances proposed before they are once again

brought before the Council at the March meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Village Manager announced that we are searching for a new bank in Maryland to purchase a CD as we have too much money in a low interest bearing money market account with M & T Bank. She will work with the Treasurer to get an additional ladder investment.

The Council discussed the Maryland Municipal League letter on reimbursements to municipalities; the letter urges the County Council to provide tax duplication funding to municipalities based on the agreed formulas for transportation and parks but not to vote on the whole program until after the next County Council is elected to office and to not try to attach our income tax revenues.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

The Village Manager announced that the Everybody's Irish event is upcoming (see story this issue) as well as the Easter Egg Hunt and Buffet. She also let everyone know that on August 4, John Ydstie and Mary Jo Vrem's daughter Christine will be married during the day at the Gazebo Park. This will be the second wedding in the Gazebo Park we've had! Years ago, a couple who have now moved away, were married in the Gazebo when it was first built.

OTHER

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

NEW SMOKE ALARMS MANDATED AS OF JANUARY 2018

If you haven't heard, those smoke alarms that chirp in the night when the battery dies are now outlawed. Instead, as of January 2018 all homes (even rentals) have to be protected by sealed-in, ten year long life batteries with a silence/hush feature. The replacement requirement does not apply to hard-wired alarms unless they are 10 years old, in which case, the hard-wired alarm must be replaced with a new hard-wired alarm.

The placement of the batteries depends on the age of your home, however the general rule is that they should be placed outside bedroom areas and on each floor in the home. Mark each new battery with the date it was installed. Many of the new 10 year batteries will also protect against Carbon monoxide leaks as well. While the new alarms are more costly than the battery-operated alarms, they will last a full decade. It's an expense you cannot afford to avoid.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Welcome to **Pat and Jen Dillon** and five-year-old twins **Mary and Katie** and nanny Jennie Yema who have moved into 3801 Bradley Lane. The family has been part of the CCUMC preschool community since last fall and is looking forward to welcoming a new family member this coming April.

Congrats to **Dave Maccarone** and **Patsy Saisuwan** of Taylor Street on the birth of their son **Christopher S. Maccarone**, born January 29 and weighing in at 7 lbs., 2 oz. Mom and baby are doing well and to help out, Patsy's mom and sister are visiting from Bangkok. Everyone is thrilled.

MAY ELECTIONS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Section 3 is run by an elected Council of five residents who serve two year terms. The terms of Treasurer **Mike Dietrich** and Secretary **Melissa Brown** expire this year. Both candidates intend to run again. But that doesn't mean you can't offer your services. If you think you would like to be on the Section 3 Council, submit a 250 to 300 word essay telling us about yourself and why you think you would be a good Council representative. Submit it in person or via email to the Village Manager by Sunday, March 25 by 5:00 p.m. We'll publish it in the April newsletter.

PICK UP THE POOP, PLEASE!

There is nothing more annoying than to take a walk in the neighborhood and come home with someone's dog poop on your shoes.

There are seven doggie bag stations spread throughout the community so there is no excuse for folks not picking up after their dogs. Every winter we have a problem with dog owners being unwilling to bend over and pick up after their dogs...we ask that you be a considerate neighbor and if you see someone ignoring the obvious, challenge them to be a good neighbor on the spot please!



HISTORICAL SOCIETY MOVES INTO ITS NEW DIGS

The grand opening of the Chevy Chase Historical Society took place on February 21. The new headquarters at 8401 Connecticut Avenue provides lots of desk room to review historic documents and a spacious, well-designed archive room. Special climate control to preserve documents was provided by Section 3 and its residents. In all, a total of \$4,350 was donated by 17 Section 3 residents towards the system plus many gave more to cover the larger fund raising goal of \$200,000. The Council donated \$7,500 in match funds to be matched, up to \$10,000 by donations made by Section 3 residents. Section 3 will provide matching funds of an additional \$2,500.

The gifts will insure the preservation of the history of our larger community, something we can all benefit from. If you have a child interested in history and in search of a meaningful history paper, consider the Historical Society as an important resource.

B-CC USED BOOK SALE

B-CC HS's annual Used Book Sale will take place on Saturday, March 10 from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm and Sunday, March 11 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Shop more than 50,000 gently used hardcover and paperback books, carefully sorted into 70 categories, including children's, science fiction/fantasy, fiction, mystery, biography, history, art, travel, cookbooks, CDs/DVDs/Vinyl, college search, test prep and vintage.

This is a much anticipated annual event for book lovers and it is the area's largest used book sale. There will be a bake sale, too. All proceeds benefit the B-CC High School PTSA. www.bccptsa/net/used-book-sale.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY LECTURE ON MONTGOMERY MODERN MARCH 18

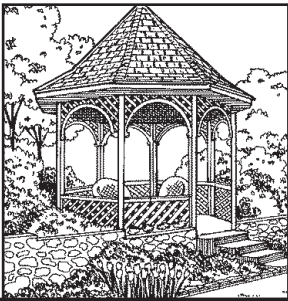
The Sprit of Post-War Architecture is the theme of the Historical Society's Spring Lecture presented by architectural historian and author Clare Lise Kelly.

Montgomery County experienced a real post-war building boom as the government grew. Ms. Kelly has been researching and writing about County architecture for over 20 years. From 1990 to 2017, she was a preservation planner and architectural historian with the County's Planning Board.

The free event will take place at the Chevy Chase Village Hall, 5906 Connecticut Avenue at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 18.



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PLANNING ON AN ADDITION? A DECK? A PATIO? A SUMP PUMP?

Spring is traditionally a time when many streets are filled with contractors' trucks as people undertake improvements to their homes. Your initial planning efforts should begin with a visit to our website to read the ordinances addressing building permits. Don't hesitate to contact the head of Buildings and Roads, Carolyn Greis, with questions. We have very clear rules regarding setbacks. Variance requests are reviewed on a case by case basis, and they are only granted if there are extraordinary or unique characteristics of your lot, or there is an undue hardship. Before you can apply for a Montgomery County permit, you must request a letter of acknowledgement from Section 3. This gives us a chance to initially review your proposed plans and advise you if they would require a variance, which may or may not be granted upon review. Rather than wait until the last moment, ask us up front about your plans before spending a lot of time and money on them.