

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

News & Views

NOVEMBER 2011

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Bulk Trash Pick-up, curbside

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Council Meeting at the Village Chairman's Home
7:45 p.m. 3606 Shepherd Street

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

CCUMC Holiday Bazaar 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Seniors' Brunch
11:30-1:00 p.m. Chevy Chase Village Hall

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Deadline for Donations of Warm Clothing & Blankets

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH

Thanksgiving: NO Household Trash Pick-Up until
Monday, Nov. 28th, no Recycling until Dec. 1

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

Last day for matching donations to BCC Rescue Squad

14TH ANNUAL WARM CLOTHING AND BLANKET DRIVE

Section 3 residents have always been exceedingly generous to worthy causes (see story on BCC Rescue Squad challenge this issue). Every year, before Thanksgiving, we ask neighbors to look into their closets and find gently used warm clothing for both adults and children and warm blankets which we then sort and donate to Martha's Table, a charity working with the homeless.

We want to be certain to supply these items when they are needed...and before you have many demands on you over the holidays for other charities. Each year we fill at least two carloads full of everything from socks and scarves and hats to coats and jackets, sweaters, slacks...and of course gently used blankets and quilts. The effort is in memory of **Bill Prigg**, a former resident of Section 3 who with his wife **Nancy**, devoted his retiring years to helping the homeless, initially by going at night from grate to grate handing out blankets, and in his later years, working with Martha's Table to help distribute these items. We want to continue this wonderful tradition of giving...so take a good look in your attic, your closets, your chests of drawers for items that would warm someone less fortunate and that you no longer need.

The deadline for drop-off is Sunday, November 20th so we have time to sort the items before we bring them downtown. Drop off items in plastic bags at either the home of **Kirsten Williams and John Dorsey**, who live in the home once occupied by the Prigg family (3619 Shepherd Street) or at the village manager's home, 3801 Bradley Lane. We thank you in advance!

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HALLOWEEN PARADE & PIZZA PARTY

All Section 3's little ghosts and goblins lined up at the Gazebo Park for the parade and march to the CCUMC for a pizza party before heading out to go trick or treating in town. Everyone had a wonderful time and special thanks goes to Felix Amerisinghe for leading the parade as the Pirate of Spring Street!

Thanks to **Kelly Derrick** and **Sheba Douoguih** of Section 3, Ruth Ann Browder of Martins Additions for their help in decorating Phillips Hall for the event. We decorated early so that the children at the CCUMC pre-school could enjoy the same spooky decorations a few days earlier! Thanks too to **Marion Robertson** for helping by handing out the prizes for each child, and to **Judy Corbett and Kit Cameron** for serving pizza and "eyeballs" and "fingers" to everyone.

As he does every year, longtime Section 3 resident **Mario D'Ambrosio** put on quite a show at his home on Fulton Street. D'Ambrosio, who produces laser shows for bands and larger music venues, applied his talents to making his own home a fantasy environment complete with smoke, strobe lights, black lights, stage lights and high powered lasers.

**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, October 12th at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church. The meeting began at 8:00 p.m.

The Council agreed to approve the minutes of the September meeting as they appeared in the October newsletter.

The Council heard a presentation by the V.P. for Public Relations, Lisa Fadden from the Chevy Chase Land Company on their “reset” plans. They hope to develop their property at Chevy Chase Lake with primarily low-rise buildings but hope to have some high rise buildings on either side of the Purple Line Station. They also do not plan on doing much redevelopment work until the Purple Line is funded and fully approved. See story on page..... for more information on the Chevy Chase Land Company and their plans and activities.

PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

There have been a rash of burglaries in the area, including an attempted burglary of a van on Georgia Street. Residents have been informed via email. The Montgomery County police are working with area jurisdictions to try and catch the criminals in this area.

Police patrols by our contract off-duty County policemen continue to be helpful. Both officers report giving citations for failure to stop at stop signs, some parking tickets for parking too close to intersections.

The Council decided to send the Chevy Chase Club a letter expressing our concern about their proposed use of Methyl bromide. (see story this issue on subsequent developments)

The Council agreed to approach Pepco about changing the lights on those poles which don't have to be moved but simply changed to the new kind of lights we want to purchase. We hope to reach an agreement with Pepco on simply changing those lights this year.

CHURCH BAZAAR SLATED FOR NOVEMBER 12TH

This year's Holiday Bazaar at CCUMC is scheduled for Saturday, November 12th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be toys, gently used holiday clothing, books, toys, all sorts of goodies! Don't miss it!

BUILDINGS & ROADS

The re-sodding of the park is slated for Saturday, October 15 so that it will be ready in time for the Halloween Parade and Pizza party.

Leaf bags will also be delivered Saturday, October 15.

Stakes have been removed on older Serviceberry trees with the assistance of the town arborist. He has also been watering the youngest trees in the community and removing those that have died or been so badly damaged that they needed to be removed. We expect to plant another 10-12 trees this fall. The Village Manager will work with the Council buildings and roads representative, Carolyn Greis, to do this.

A building permit was issued to the **Virbikas family** for their addition.

The sanitary sewer connection for 3821 Bradley Lane is still not complete. The Village Manager is working with WSSC and the contractor as they work through their problems.

The Council agreed that because of typographical errors made in the listing of the changes in fees for building permits that they would be reprinted in the November issue of the newsletter and voted on at the December meeting.

The Council voted on a contract for next year with Snow Central for snow removal.

The Village Manager is going to have someone in to straighten up street signs and also to install new signs for those missing at Fulton and Taylor Streets and Brookville Rd. and Bradley Lane.

The Council agreed to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the County so that in the event of a serious storm, we can get reimbursed for hauling away debris through FEMA and MEMA.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council approved the draft audit report.

The Council continues to move money around as Certificates of Deposit come due in institutions offering low interest rates. The Council agreed that funds from two CDs which matured would be removed and placed in a bank offering a higher rate (Colombo Bank).

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

Plans are set for the Halloween Parade and Pizza Party. The CCUMC pre-school has a party on the 28th so we will decorate the hall early this year so that they can benefit from the decorations as well as the rest of our community on Halloween itself.

The Village Manager pointed out that there was a large number of smart, interesting single women living in Section 3 for whom family activities are not of interest and proposed holding a wine and cheese reception. The Council agreed. The Village Manager is setting it up.

The Council agreed we would have a Seniors' Brunch again this November. (see story this issue).



It is with great sadness that we report the passing of **Virginia Freeman Weil** of Delaware Street, a long-time Section 3 resident. Mrs. Weil passed away on Saturday, October 23rd after a battle with pancreatic cancer. She leaves her husband **Russell** and three children: **Hannah, Nicholas and Ella**, and of course, her beloved bloodhound, "Amelia." Known professionally as Virginia Freeman, she was a dancer, choreographer and a dance instructor at University of Maryland. A memorial service is scheduled for Friday, November 4th at St. John's Episcopal Church, Norwood Parish at 10 a.m.

A special welcome to the **Lanpher family**, who should be moving into the old Larkin home on Raymond Street within the next few months. Mark Lanpher grew up on nearby Grafton Street and he and his wife Ann and their three children, Peter, age 4 and 2 year old twins Jenna and Harper. The couple has moved from New York and is looking forward to settling in.

Finally, welcome to the **Barnacle family** on the no-outlet section of Florida Street. **Jim and Lisa** have moved into the "new" house that was on the tour a few years ago with their children **James, Rachael and Lindsay**.

Emily Lara Thompson, daughter of **Paul and Lonna Thompson** of Georgia Street, made her stage debut in late October in Doorway Arts Ensemble's "Sex and Education." The play runs until November 20th at the Cultural Arts Center at Montgomery College, 7995 Georgia Avenue in Silver Spring. To obtain tickets, contact the Cultural Arts Center at (240) 567-5775. Show your support and enjoy a wonderful play and a great performance!

New Fire Board Member wanted! Once a month, on Wednesday evenings, three representatives from Section 3 meet at the Fire Station on Connecticut Avenue as members of the Fire Board to discuss aspects of running the fire station for our neighborhood. The members serve a term of three years. It's important that residents are involved in Company 7's fire district to make sure that taxpayers receive full value for each dollar entrusted to the Department. Right now the board members are **Michael Shannon and Russell Weil**. Board member **Mary McDonough** has resigned. If you are interested, please contact the village manager.

Village audit complete. Section 3's audit for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 2011 is complete and submitted to the appropriate legal authorities. Anyone wishing to review the audit can contact the Village Manager who will be happy to answer any questions.

CHEVY CHASE LAND CO. TALKS ABOUT "RESET"

Lisa Fadden, Vice President for Public Affairs for the Chevy Chase Land Company, sat down with members of the community and the Council at the last meeting to discuss the firm's "reset" on their plans for the Chevy Chase Lake Area.

The largest stakeholder (49 acres) on the site, the Land Company met with a great deal of public resistance to their plans as unveiled at a public meeting at the 4-H Club last April. The plan called for multiple high-rise buildings and a new population of close to 10,000 people between residents and those who would have been working on the site.

While the Chevy Chase Land Company had been formulating their plans, the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Board was holding meetings with members of the neighboring communities and came up with an initial plan that capped all building heights at 65' (approx 5 to 6 stories). A group of neighboring communities called the Chevy Chase Corridor Coalition (CACC) formed to bring all those who wanted to monitor these plans and influence them together. Section 3 is a member of that group.

The reaction to the Land Company plans by the community was so negative that the Land Company had second thoughts, changed land use attorneys and hired Lisa Fadden this summer to push the "reset" button and try and come up with new plans for the area that might meet with more community support. They have been meeting with a wide range of individuals and will continue to meet with community groups to explain the new direction and get community input. Because of this regrouping, they asked for a six month extension and got a 9 month extension to work with the planning staff and the community to re-develop their ideal plans for the area.

Two representatives of the Chevy Chase Land Company met with the CACC and they agreed to have some working meetings this fall with a smaller group of representatives from all the neighboring jurisdictions to discuss density and traffic issues and try and come to a meeting of the minds on these two topics. The Land Company representatives made it clear that the two areas of disagreement with the Planning staff initial plans revolve around height of some of the buildings and perhaps densities. Similarly, the issue of building heights and densities is of concern to the neighboring communities, so getting together to try and hammer out some of these issues seemed like a good idea for all concerned. We will be reporting to you on the progress of these meetings over time.

Any community member interested in the specifics of our first meeting with the Land Company which will take place sometime in November, is welcome to contact the Village Manager.

NO METHYL BROMIDE TREATMENTS AT CHEVY CHASE CLUB

In response to community objections to the proposed use of methyl bromide to kill weeds on the greens next fall, the Chevy Chase Club Board has notified all the concerned communities that they have decided NOT to use this dangerous chemical.

Section 3 representatives met with members of the Board along with other community representatives on October 6th. Subsequently, Section 3's Council sent a letter to the Board urging them to alter their decision, citing not only the health and environmental concerns but the possibility of an accident by contractors who, because of the few allowed applications, might well be inexperienced in its application, thereby increasing the possibility of an accident or an error in application.

The Board issued a statement indicating that "We were convinced and remain convinced that the proper use of methyl bromide poses no risk to the health and safety of the Club's staff, members, or area residents." They went on to say that "We value our long-standing good relations with our neighbors and our record of caring for the environment and, therefore, we have decided not to go forward with the use of this product."

Section 3's Council has notified the Board that we appreciate their response to community concerns and that we would like to be informed when the Board comes to a decision about the chemical it decides to use in place of methyl bromide.

SECTION 3 GETS ITS FIRST SOLAR POWERED HOUSE!

The **Barry family** just opposite the park on Fulton Street has just had Solar City mount leased panels on their roof. So many families have been curious that they are having an open house on Saturday, November 19th from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Representatives of the company along with the Barry family will be on hand to answer any questions you might have. Go ahead, take a look—it might be just right for you!

BCC RESCUE SQUAD DONATIONS POURING IN

Section 3 residents are generously responding to the Council's offer to match up to \$75 per household any donations made to the BCC Rescue Squad from September 1 through December 1...so make sure to get in your donation before then so that you in effect double the value of your gift! Don't forget, it's a worthy cause!

REVISED FEE SCHEDULE FOR ORDINANCE REVISION

Unfortunately, the revised fee schedule listed in the October newsletter had some errors in the dollar amounts and organization of the material, so the Council did not vote on those changes at the last meeting. The ordinance to amend Chapters 3, 6 and 7 of the Village code should read as follows:

Section 3-302 is amended as follows: fences and walls have been moved and included in Section 6-305 and hedges and trees in 7-209.

The ordinances to amend Chapter 6 of the Village code should read as follows:

Section 6-101. Definitions to be realphabetized to include:

New house means a structure intended primarily for habitation and constructed on a vacant lot or part of a construction project that includes the removal, replacement, expansion, enclosure, or alteration of fifty (50) percent or more of the exterior walls of the existing house, measured in surface area and including only that area entirely above grade.

Section 6-302. Permits required; application

(a) (7) Use of dumpsters or temporary storage units (see also Chapter 7-312.)

New Section 6-305. Fences and walls.

(a) General. Fences or walls on private property shall not be permitted to extend into sidewalks or streets or to interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

(b) Corner properties. For properties located at the intersection of two streets, fences or walls shall be maintained at a height not to exceed 48 inches along the street property lines and in a manner so that persons using the streets shall have an unobstructed view of pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Fences or walls cannot be higher than 36 inches within 15 feet of the corner in each direction.

(c) Heights. A fence or wall which runs in front of the front house line shall not exceed 48 inches in height. All other fences or walls (including those running with the rear property line or the side property line behind the front house line) shall not exceed 72 inches in height.

(d) Heights: how measured. In determining the heights of fences or walls, the measurement shall be taken from the lowest point beneath the fence or wall. If the yards on either side of the fence or wall differ in level, the measurement shall be taken from the ground of the higher yard.

(e) Construction. No person shall erect or maintain anywhere in the Village a fence or wall of unsound construction or in such disrepair as to present a danger or a hazard to the public or persons on adjacent properties, or a fence assembled with or having any barbed

wire, spikes or similar device or a fence carrying electric charge sufficient to cause a shock. No Village building permit will be issued for any proposed fence specifying such material or mode of operation.

(f) Grandfather provision. The provisions of Section 6-305 shall not apply to fences or walls existing as of September 13, 1989. Fences or walls existing as of September 13, 1989 not complying with the provisions of this Section shall not be enlarged or extended without a new building permit and, further, shall not be restored, replaced, or re-erected without compliance with the provisions of this Section (except for such minor repairs necessary to keep the fence or wall from becoming a health or safety hazard).

The former Sections 6-305 through 6-310 will be renumbered to accommodate new Section 6-305. Fences and walls.

Section 6-310. Variances

This section is now being moved from Section 7-210 to the more logical location in Section 6-310.

(a) Power to grant. Whenever an owner applying for a permit under this code establishes that because of the extraordinary or unique condition of the property, strict compliance with the provisions of the Code would create practical difficulties or an undue hardship for the owner, the Council may grant a variance from the provisions of Chapter 6 of the Code, provided that the variance would be consistent with the overall purposes of the Code and would not unduly interfere with the use and enjoyment of other affected properties.

(b) Procedures. An applicant shall submit a written request for a variance to the Council, along with a description of the facts supporting the need for the variance. The applicant shall also submit drawings, surveys, and other information sufficient to inform the Council as to the locations, dimensions, property lines and other features of the property for which the variance is sought. Upon receipt of a request for a variance, the Council shall promptly cause notice of the request to be published in the newsletter or shall cause other reasonable notice to be issued. The Council shall consider the variance request at the next regularly scheduled meeting following publication of notice. In granting a variance, the Council may require conditions which will, in its judgement, secure the objectives of this Code and to protect the public interest.

Section 6-311. Fees for Building and Demolition Permits and Various Applications

An applicant shall pay to the Village the following fees upon submission of an application for a permit or a variance:

- (a) Application for Variance (Sec. 6-309) \$25.00
- (b) Application for Demolition Permit (Sec. 6-302 (a) 1. and Sec. 6-302 (c)) \$25.00
- (c) Construction or alteration of a fence or wall (Sec. 6-302 (a) 6. and Sec. 6-305) \$50.00

- (d) Excavating, grading yards or installing a sump pump and/or a new sump pump discharge (Sec. 6-302 (a) 3.) \$50.00
- (e) Constructing or renovating a driveway, driveway apron or curb cut (Sec. 6-302 (a) 4. and Sec. 6-302 (g)) \$50.00
- (f) Use of a dumpster or temporary storage unit (Sec. 6-302 (a) 7 & Sec. 7-312) \$50.00
- (g) Constructing, rebuilding or reconstructing any off-street parking area (Sec. 6-302 (a) 2. and Sec. 6-304 (d)) \$50.00
- (h) Construction of a structure of 144 square feet or less (Sec. 6-302 (a) 1. and Sec. 6-302 (e) 1,2,3 & 5) \$100.00
- (i) Construction of a structure of more than 144 square feet, not including new houses (Sec. 6-302 (a) 1. and Sec. 6-302 (e)) \$250.00
- (j) New house construction (Sec. 6-302 (a) 1. and Sec. 6-302 (e)) \$500.00
- (k) Basic application fee for use of the public right-of-way by telecommunications providers, utilities and other users (Sec. 6-302 (d)) \$2,000.00
- (l) Additional application fees:
 - (1) Installation of poles, per pole \$500.00
 - (2) Overhead wires, per linear foot \$2.00
 - (3) Underground wires – street or sidewalk cuts, concrete or asphalt, per linear foot \$3.50
 - (4) Grass, per linear foot \$2.00

Section 7-209 will be changed to omit all references to fences and walls as they are now included in Section 6-302 (h). Section 7-209 will continue to refer to restrictions on hedges and trees as green fences.

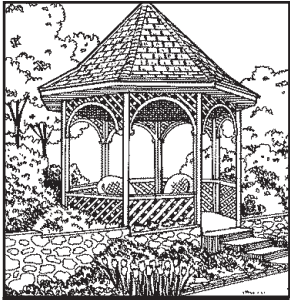
All the above referenced sections will be amended to remove references to fees in that Section. Full copies of the proposed ordinance changes are available on request.

CHEVY CHASE @ HOME HAS SPEAKER ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Mark November 17th on your schedule for an interesting lecture by Dr. Trey Sunderland on Alzheimer's disease. Dr. Sunderland will address the latest research and treatment of this disease which affects about 45 million Americans. The evening lecture will take place at Chevy Chase Village Hall at 7:00 p.m. and is open to all.



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SENIOR'S BRUNCH SLATED FOR NOVEMBER....

Mark the date! It's time for the Annual Section 3 Senior's Brunch! Mark November 19th, from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. on your calendar. We'll have omelettes to order, Danish and bagels and pumpernickel bread, coffee, tea and juice and of course, lots of good company! The event will take place at the Chevy Chase Village Hall on Connecticut Avenue.

If you need a ride, let the Village Manager know, we'll be looking for you! We'll need an RSVP, so please let us know by phone (301 656-9117) or by email villagemanager@chevychase3.org if you plan on coming. The more, the merrier!

