

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

News & Views

NOVEMBER 2013

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6
Bulk Trash Pick-up, Curbside

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13
Council Meeting
CCUMC, Room 107, 7: 45 p.m.



**FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 22**
Warm Clothing and Blanket
Donation Deadline

**THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 28**
Happy Thanksgiving!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4
Bulk Trash Pick-up, curbside

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11
Council meeting
CCUMC, Room 107, 7: 45 p.m.

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FOOD TRUCK NIGHT BIG SUCCESS!

They didn't think we could bring in the crowds, but they came in droves! After a long week and weekend of rain, the clouds parted and Food Truck Night was on! Los Lobos Burritos (which everyone who had one loved) sold out early, GoFishTruck and Green Eggs & Burgers had great food and the lines were long. Sadly, a few folks were turned away late in the day because the other two trucks sold out as well. All the food was delicious!

Chairs were set up on Fulton Street for families to enjoy food with friends. We were thrilled to open this event to neighbors in Section 5 and Martins Additions, and friends from both inside and outside Section 3.

So what have we learned for the next time we do Food Truck Night? Get more trucks! Make sure the trucks have enough food! Of course this first time, we had no idea how many would come, but all the trucks promised to bring more food the next time round! We hope to do this on a Sunday night sometime next spring, it was such fun and made Sunday night dinner something special for us all! Special thanks to the **Harmon** boys **Will and Miles** and their friend Henry Bernstein from Martins Additions for helping set up the chairs before the event, to the **Barrys** for once again, letting us use their porch for chair storage and their lawn for children to play, and to **Andrew Sutherland, Tom Nesbitt** and all the others who helped stack the chairs at the end of the night. And thanks to all of you for turning out for this fun event!

WARM CLOTHING, BLANKET DRIVE

Every year, the generous residents of Section 3 gather up warm blankets and gently used warm clothing to give to those less fortunate through our Bill Prigg Memorial Warm Clothing and Blanket Drive. **Bill Prigg**, a longtime resident of Section 3, would collect blankets and clothing on his front porch from neighbors and in the early days, would bring them directly to the homeless on grates and in parks all over downtown. Later, he joined Martha's Table's efforts to provide these items to both the homeless and those less fortunate. In his honor, and for the benefit of folks in need, we collect these items each year prior to Thanksgiving. This way, those who need them get the clothing when they really need it, and we don't interfere with your own favorite charities who begin collecting right after Thanksgiving and before the Christmas holidays.

So, take a look in your closets, in your drawers, make sure all those little jackets for the kids still fit, that you don't have a nice warm coat that is sitting in the back of the closet that couldn't be used by someone else and bring them in plastic bags and leave them on the front porch of the **Dorsey/Williams** home at 3619 Shepherd Street (Prigg's former home) and the front porch of the

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**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 9th at CCUMC in room 109. The meeting began at 7:55 p.m. with all Council members present.

The Council approved the minutes of the September meeting as published in the October Newsletter.

PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

Police patrols continue to catch folks ignoring stop signs both at Brookville Road and Taylor Street and within our community as well.

The Council approved the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church's variance request for a sign board to be placed outside the playground fencing and inside the front setback. The Council suggested that the Church use plexiglass for the doors rather than glass based on our own experience with our signboard but that is not a requirement for the variance, merely a suggestion.

No new permits were approved in the month of September.

The Council discussed the zoning rewrite issues and the upcoming hearings in November at which the Village Manager will testify on behalf of Section 3. (see story this issue).

The Village Manager has contracted with Chamberlain Contractors to seal all the cracks in the neighborhood streets except the area on Shepherd St. from Delaware to Georgia St. which will be milled and paved probably in early Spring.

The Village Manager is attending a public meeting regarding the high pressure gas lines that are being installed in Chevy Chase Village and also on Bradley Lane to learn the schedule and its impact on our residents. The meeting is slated for October 15th and the Chevy Chase Village Hall.

The Village Manager reports that State Highway Administration will be doing some concrete work in preparation for the milling and paving of Connecticut Avenue in the spring. A concrete "pad" will be placed at the bus stop at Raymond Street and Connecticut Avenue this fall and work will be done up and down the roadway on curbing, inlets, and even the median strip in some locations in advance of the milling and paving next Spring.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Possible legislation by the County Council resolving a long-standing lack of clarity, reliability and transparency regarding the tax duplication payments made to municipalities may be decided this fall. The Village Manager has been attending meetings on this and has already submitted some suggestions for a joint letter from

all the Montgomery County members of the local chapter of the Maryland Municipal League. Section 3 gets reimbursed by the County for road maintenance and park maintenance expenses that the County would otherwise have to pay were we not paying for them out of our tax receipts. So that our residents are not doubly taxed, the County rebates us between \$25,000 and \$30,000 a year. The Council agreed that it is important to urge the County Council that if a new law is passed that we continue to get fully reimbursed for these items.

The Auditor has submitted a draft of his audit report for Section 3 and the Council Chair, Treasurer and Village Manager have reviewed it. Submission to the federal and state governments will take place prior to October 31st. Any Village resident interested in reviewing this report can request a copy from the Village Manager from late October onwards.

The Council agreed to continue to search for new Maryland FDIC insured banks for CDs as we have several coming due, however the interest rate environment continues to be poor.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

The Village Manager reported on the status of Food Truck Night and there were concerns expressed about whether the weather would clear up enough. The dessert truck will only come if they feel the weather is warm enough so we may forgo dessert this first time out. The Village Manager asked if Council members could help with clean-up at the end of the night.

The Village Manager will be on vacation from November 13th to the 29th. The Council discussed who would provide a porch and help with gathering, sorting and delivering warm clothing and blankets for the warm clothing drive this year. One of the Council members suggested that we get this activity approved by the County schools so that young people could get community service hours and get involved in this activity. The Village Manager promised to look into this and try and make arrangements to do so.

The Council adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Murphys at 3608 Raymond Street. This year, because the Village Manager will be out of town for the birth of a grandchild, the Murphy family has graciously agreed to be the alternate collection spot for your warm clothing and blankets and to deliver our donations prior to Thanksgiving.

So mark the calendar, see what you'd like to pass along to someone else—warm blankets, coats for adults and children, sweaters, jackets, socks, hats and scarves and gloves and mittens even shoes and boots in good condition are all welcome...anything that would help make someone else warm this winter. **The deadline for donations is Friday, November 22nd.**

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A special welcome to **Dr. Deborah Rost** and her children, **Emily, Lauren and Jack**. The girls attend St. Mary's College in St. Mary's City, Maryland and Jack attends the McLean School in Potomac. Dr. Rost and family moved from Darnestown and are settling in nicely at 3908 Taylor Street.

KNIFE EVENT LOOKING SHARP!

On Monday evening, October 21, our normally placid neighborhood was overtaken by neighbors with knives...lots of knives! DCSharp made a "house call," with their specially outfitted truck providing this service to those interested. Well over 100 knives, scissors and garden shears were sharpened, but the response was so great that the team from DC Sharp worked in the light of the Gazebo until 2:00 a.m. when they finished the last knife! It was the largest event like this they had ever done and many of the tools had to be hand sharpened on a stone not on the grinding wheel.



CHEVY CHASE AT HOME

The November 5th lecture topic is one we could all use, "Wills, Trusts, Powers of Attorney and Other Matters We Need to Think About as We Grow Older." The speaker is the Honorable Joseph M. Griffin, Register of Wills for Montgomery County since 1998. Bring your questions for some knowledgeable answers at the Chevy Chase Village Hall from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

November 19th Meet and Mingle will be "Creating Collages from Memorabilia" with artist Millie Shott doing a hands-on workshop for interested seniors. Bring your own items to make into a collage. Chevy Chase Village Hall from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

ZONING REWRITE LETTERS

The County Council is holding two hearings on November 12 and 14th on the zoning rewrite project. These should be televised hearings, so if you can't go, you can watch. If you cannot do either, you can still play a very important role by writing to the members of the County Council. Here are some key points to raise:

Delay taking a vote on the District Map Amendment aspect of the zoning rewrite because of its far reaching implications for the development of master plans and the negation of community input by pre-defining each zone. Take some time to re-evaluate this part of the proposal and to better educate the public and the Council itself about what it means for the growth of our County.

Remove the general building provision from residential zones, particularly the more densely populated R-60 and R-90 zones and grandfather those existing uses but keep single family residential neighborhoods strictly residential.

Re-evaluate ALL the parking standards and increase the amount of available parking to accommodate the needs of a County that has been designed for a car-based culture. Don't cause residential zones to have to defend their communities with restrictive parking regulations because of inadequate planning for the needs of County residents and workers in the County. Pedestrian accommodations are excellent, bike paths are great, but the disabled, the elderly as well as the able bodied, don't walk or bike in rain and snow and bus lines aren't available all over the County, so adequate parking will still be a requirement for viable commerce in our County.

To reach all the County Council members, address your emails to: Councilmember.Navarro@montgomerycountymd.gov, she is the President of the County Council and ask that she distribute your letters to all the other Council members. For more information on these issues, contact the Village Manager, look up previous *News & Views* on our website or go to www.Montgomeryplanning.org.

LOCAL INFORMATION

Montgomery County sponsors a local regional office in Bethesda in the Metropolitan building on Old Georgetown Road just opposite the metro center buildings and La Madeleine. But you can also access lots of good information about County services by going to their webpage at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/bcc/contact.html>. The Bethesda Urban Partnership Center is also located in the same office and they have a wealth of information on area activities, county services, etc.

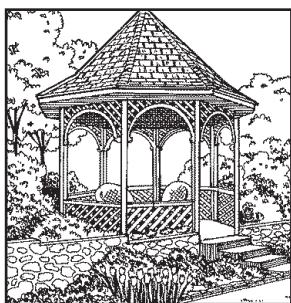
Section 3's website, chevychasesection3.org, also has lots of pertinent information, an archive of *News & Views* and a calendar.



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LEAVES MAKE FOR SLIPPERY SIDEWALKS, PLEASE TRY AND KEEP YOUR WALKWAYS CLEARED OF THEM AND **DO NOT** MAKE ANY PILES OF LEAVES IN THE STREET... OUR STREETS ARE TOO NARROW AND IT'S TOO RISKY TO EVER PUT LEAVES IN THE STREET. THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE "OPTED IN" FOR LEAF BAGS SHOULD RECEIVE THEM IN EARLY NOVEMBER.



DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO WOULD LIKE TO EARN MONEY RAKING LEAVES, BABYSITTING OR SHOVELING SNOW?

NEED SOMEONE TO RAKE LEAVES, BABYSIT OR SHOVEL SNOW?

LET US KNOW! WE'LL TRY TO MATCH YOU UP!

BULK TRASH

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Bulk trash pick-up is curbside the first Wednesday of every month except January (Christmas trees, date always announced in advance) and February.

Can I leave out a refrigerator/air conditioning unit? The answer is pretty much NO unless you can find someone licensed to remove the Freon (a landfill no-no) and put a certified tag on it. Otherwise they legally can't take it. So before your old fridge is dead, consider donating it! A Wider Circle, Goodwill and the Salvation Army will all pick up.

I have paint in cans I want to get rid of but it hasn't dried yet, can I leave it out? NO, BUT you can buy latex paint hardener from Strosnider's or other hardware store, and remove the lid and then you can put it in with your bulk trash easily. Oil paints and other toxic chemicals can be brought to the transfer station which is at Shady Grove Road and Route 355 and they will take them. The recycling area is well organized and easy for a homeowner to use, but make sure you get there no later than 4:00 p.m.!

I have a working computer I don't want anymore, I don't want to leave it on the sidewalk, what do I do? There is a wonderful group called Project Reboot with offices just opposite Home Depot on Shady Grove Road that will take your computer, wipe it clean, reinstall new operating software and put it in the hands of clients sent to them by nonprofit social service agencies. They will even give you a tax receipt of your donation. They will take printers, computers and peripherals, but are only open certain days for donations. Go to www.reboot.cpcug.org

Can I put tires in bulk trash? NO, the County's Transfer Station at Shady Grove Road and Route 355 will accept up to four tires a year per family, but our trash collection person cannot pick up tires.

Can I get a special pick-up if I'm cleaning out my garage or my basement? NO, unless you want to hire someone privately yourself. Our contract with our trash hauler specifies bulk pick-ups 10 times a year on the first Wednesday of the month.

Will they take lawn mowers and gas grills? If the mower is electric, yes, if it's gas, no because that would allow potentially toxic materials into the landfill. If the gas grill doesn't have its propane tank attached, it's just scrap metal. If the tank is with it, they can't take it. Strosnider's will take your used empty propane tanks.

Will they take a couch? YES if they can crunch it in the trash hauler, they will take it, but if it's still in reasonably good condition, why not donate it? The Village Manager has a list of charities that will accept gently used furniture and be grateful to

you for having made that donation. Consider recycling rather than the landfill whenever possible.

They picked up only part of my bulk trash and left the rest...are they coming back?

More than likely YES. The County requires our hauler to separate metal from other materials, so they have to make two trips on bulk trash day, so you might see part of your bulk trash picked up and the rest remains... they'll get the metal on the next trip and if they miss picking up the second half it can be picked up the next day if you contact the Village Manager and tell her what was left.



A plea: it's understandable that you may want to leave out bulk trash a day or two prior to the actual pick up, but we ask that you remember small children and the elderly walk our streets and please do not block the sidewalk or put out items that can break easily and possibly cause harm to or trip others. You are liable for any accidents which happen on your sidewalk after all, and dog walkers and folks who walk after dark sometimes have trouble seeing stray pieces of glass or strips of metal, so be considerate when leaving out your items.

BULK TRASH DATES

NOVEMBER 6, 2013

DECEMBER 4, 2013

JANUARY TBD (CHRISTMAS TREES ONLY)

FEBRUARY: NO BULK TRASH PICK-UP

MARCH 5, 2014

APRIL 2, 2014

MAY 7, 2014

JUNE 4, 2014

JULY 2, 2014

AUGUST 6, 2014

SEPTEMBER 3, 2014

OCTOBER 2, 2014

NOVEMBER 5, 2014