

**SECTION THREE**  
**VILLAGE OF**  
**CHEVY CHASE**

# News & Views

NOVEMBER 2018

## CALENDAR

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6**  
**VOTE! CCUMC is our local polling place**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7**  
**Bulk Trash Pickup, Curbside**

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

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18**  
**Deadline 6 p.m. for Warm Clothing & Blanket Drive**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22**  
**Happy Thanksgiving!**  
**NO household trash or recycling pickup**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5**  
**Last Bulk Trash Pickup until March 2019!**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12**  
**Council Meeting**  
**CCUMC Room 107, 7:45 p.m.**

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## WARM CLOTHING AND BLANKET DRIVE BEGINS



Every year Section 3 residents demonstrate their generosity to others less fortunate by donating gently used warm clothing (both adult and children's) and warm blankets for the homeless. We collect your donations, sort them and deliver them to the DC nonprofit, Martha's Table in honor of a long-time Section 3 resident, Bill Prigg. In this way, we honor his memory doing the same thing he did for years, bringing warm blankets and clothing to those less fortunate. For years neighbors would drop off their donations to Bill and Nancy Prigg's home at 3619 Shepherd Street. and he would make weekly visits to Martha's table with these donations. Kirsten Williams and John Dorsey, who now live there, have kept up the tradition of being one of two locations where section residents can leave their donations in plastic bags. The second location is always the Village Manager's front porch at 3808 Raymond Street. We like to collect these items before Thanksgiving so that you can focus on the holiday charities that are most meaningful to you and that we are not competing with them. It's cold by Thanksgiving, so what better way to teach our children than by giving to others?

Take a look in the attic, in the back of the closet, in drawers. Sort through those things you haven't touched in years or that your children have outgrown. Socks and gloves are always in short supply they tell us at Martha's Table, but warm coats, hats, sweaters, pants---warm blankets or quilts are all welcome as long as they are in good condition. The deadline for donating is Sunday, November 18. Last year we brought two full carloads to Martha's Table---let's hope we can at least match that level of generosity this year!

## 3602 TAYLOR STREET UPDATE

Everyone in Section 3 is eagerly anticipating the demolition of the shell at 3602 Taylor Street. A County citation to demolish the structure by November 1 has been issued to the owner/lender on the property and the penalty for not responding to the citation will be that the County will be forced to "clean it and lien it"....that is to say, the County will be forced to hire a demolition crew and then will levy the cost of doing so on the property.

We are hopeful that this saga will soon be over!

*\*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 10 at CCUMC room 107. All Council members were in attendance. The meeting convened at 7:55 p.m.

The Council voted to approve the minutes for the September meeting as they appeared in the October newsletter.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

The Village Manager noted that a number of unauthorized trucks over five tons were driving on Brookville Road. The State Highway Administration has signs at each end restricting trucks to 5T and under unless they are making a delivery in the neighborhood. She is working with Martin's Additions and Chevy Chase Village in hopes that police patrols in all three jurisdictions will work to issue citations so that this does not continue to happen.

The upgrades made to our handicapped ramps last summer resulted in the removal of over 27 of the corner markers that are part of the permanent property markers we have installed throughout the community. We have contracted with CPJ Associates to replace them with markers that will be imbedded in the sidewalks according to their survey but will not become tripping hazards.

### BUILDINGS & ROADS

There were no new permits issued since the last Council meeting but a number of residents have submitted applications and will soon be issued permits.

The **Weller** family of 6705 Connecticut Avenue was granted a retroactive permit to replace a 6' fence with a new 6' fence which separates their property from the property at the corner of Raymond Street and Connecticut Avenue.

The **Douguilh** family of Bradley Lane was granted a variance to replace the six foot fence they now have in the front setback with a new six foot fence in the exact same location.

The Council is going to get some rough estimates as to the cost of improvements behind some of the homes on Raymond and Georgia Streets where an open trench has led to water problems in neighbors' back yards and in an excessive number of mosquitoes.

The County Council voted to approve relaxation of the Accessory Apartment rules over our objections. We control our own setback restrictions so if someone should want to build an accessory apartment in their yard, those restrictions will apply. Our concern continues to be the possible use of such in-home apartments for short term rentals and the possible relaxation of on-site parking requirements.

The Section 3 Council agreed to pursue a pan-Chevy Chase set of ordinances with our neighboring jurisdictions regarding small cell towers so that when a firm comes into our area, the same rules apply everywhere. At this moment in time, it's not clear just how much regulation we will be allowed under a County-passed zoning text amendment.

The Village Manager announced that leaf bags will be distributed on October 20 to all those who opted in.

The owners of the house at 3615 Raymond Street allowed Section 3 to dig up a large number of mature azaleas along with some hydrangea and an acuba to plant in the gazebo park..

Carolyn Greis and the Village Manager are finalizing a list for planting additional street trees. We lost quite a few to disease and cars and/or trucks this past year. The trees won't be planted until sometime in November.

The Village Manager met with Pepco officials to discuss our desire to have low level "warm white" LED lights only to discover Pepco only offers extra bright 4000K lighting. We plan to pursue our desire for a less harsh light with others within Pepco and with suppliers.

The Council spent a great deal of time discussing our next possible moves to motivate the lender/owner of 3602 Taylor Street to demolish the property soon.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The Village Manager has been working closely with our new auditors, Lindsey & Associates, on this year's audit and it should be ready at the next Council meeting.

The Party in the Park cost less this year than in prior years...largely because one of the rides cost less and we cut back on linen supplies. It was agreed that we would purchase more liquid refreshments (both adult beverages and beverages for all ages) for next year's event. The sudden parting of the clouds made us all extra thirsty. Thanks to **Susan Manning** for supplying an extra case of white wines which we will reimburse.

### COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

Food Truck night was a big success. Thanks to Go Fish recommending the Holy Crepes truck when they couldn't make it at the last minute, folks were thrilled with the replacement but missed those fish tacos. Go Fish will be back in the spring and Holy Crepes may be joining us at the Farmers Market.

### OTHER

The Farmers' Market is doing well but apparently not well enough just yet, so we have to continue to spread the word so that they have a steady base of customers and want to keep coming. We also discussed seeking out musicians who might want to busk at the event to enliven it.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

## HOLY CREPES COMING TO THE FARMERS' MARKET NOVEMBER 3

Want to buy the week's fresh groceries, cider, eggs and some bread for dinner? Come to the Farmers Market at Brookville and Taylor Streets on Saturday, November 3. You'll be in for a treat, while you are shopping, put in an order at the food truck, Holy Crepes. They'll be there with sweet and/or savory Crepes, perfect for a chilly fall morning. What could be better? Brunch and marketing all at once!

## NOVEMBER 18 LECTURE ON WASHINGTON'S GRAND DEPARTMENT STORES

Remember Hechts, Garfinkel's, Woodward & Lothrop? The Chevy Chase Historical Society invites local residents to an illustrated lecture, "The Glory Days of Washington's Grand Department Stores: A Nostalgic Look Back," on Sunday, November 18, at 4:00 p.m. at the Jane Lawton Community Center, 4301 Willow Lane.

Michael Lisicky, author of 11 books about once-iconic department stores including Gimbles in New York, Wanamaker's in Philadelphia, Filene's in Boston and "Woodies" in Washington, DC and Chevy Chase, will be the featured speaker. He will focus on Woodward and Lothrop, Garfinckels, Hecht's and other now-shuttered DC stores, beloved for their elaborate holiday window displays, wedding services and Tea Room specialties.

A reception of light refreshments will follow Lisicky's talk. Copies of his 2013 book, *Woodward and Lothrop: A Store Worth of the Nation's Capital*, will be available for sale and signing by the author. No reservations are required, and the program is free.

Questions may be directed to CCHS at (301) 656-6141

## ACCESSORY APARTMENT RULE RELAXATION

The Montgomery County Council has approved a relaxation of rules regarding accessory apartments so that applicants do not have to go through a public hearing as they do with conditional use property. We are awaiting clarification as to whether or not such facilities can be used as short-term rentals as we have opted out of the County's short term rental licensing program and they are not allowed in Section 3. It's not clear what the licensing will and won't allow for accessory apartments. All accessory apartments must meet County and State safety standards and have an inspection.

## NEED FIREWOOD?

Our wonderful farmer, Jim Crawford, owner of New Morning Farm, also cuts and sells firewood and has been delivering to a number of our Section 3 families for years. If you are interested in purchasing firewood from them, contact them directly at the farm and they will deliver the amount you order in a timely manner at a pre-arranged time. Their number is (814) 448-3904.

## CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY ACTIVITIES OF SPECIAL INTEREST IN NOVEMBER

We are fortunate to have such creative and compelling activities programmed by the Chevy Chase Library for us. Please consider taking advantage of them as it is a wonderful community resource. Here are just two outstanding events, both taking place on November 7 for different age groups:

On Wednesdays, November 7 and 14 at 10:30 am, Baby Storytime is a storytime experience for our youngest library users and their caregivers. We will be handing out tickets at the Information Desk 30 minutes before storytime, first come, first served. Space is limited. Free 30-minute play time after storytime

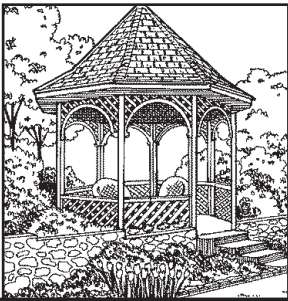
On Wednesdays, November 7 and 28 at 6:00 pm, the Teen Writers' Clubs of the Maryland Writers' Association, a growing network of after-school writing programs for aspiring writers ages 11-17, is launching a new club at the Chevy Chase Library. Its purpose is to provide young writers with a safe and supportive meeting place where they can improve their skills under the guidance of writing mentors, get inspired by meeting guest authors, and make new friends with fellow young writers. The club will include a wide range of creative activities such as critiques, writing exercises, and talks by guest authors. The Maryland Writers' Association intends to publish an anthology of work from the teen writing clubs in 2019. Shelby Settles Harper, who will lead the Chevy Chase Library club, 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. Her work can be found in *Gargoyle Magazine* #61, *aaduna*, *Defying Gravity: An Anthology of Washington, DC Area Women*, *Divergent Voices Literary Magazine*, *Bethesda Magazine* – First Place Fiction Winner, *Outside In Literary and Travel Magazine*, *Tinhouse* (online blog), and *So to Speak*: a feminist journal of language and art. Shelby serves on the National Council for the Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian. She lives with her family in the Town of Chevy Chase.



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**NEED HELP WITH RAKING LEAVES NOW OR SHOVELING SNOW SOON? HAVE A TEEN WHO MIGHT LIKE TO EARN SOME EXTRA MONEY RAKING AND/OR SHOVELING?**

Let the Village Manager know if you are on the need help or the have help side of the equation and she'll try and pair you with someone closeby. Rates are decided on an individual basis by the parties involved. If you are on the Seniors List to have your public sidewalk shoveled, don't forget you will still need to get help for your front walks or driveways.

