

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

News & Views

NOVEMBER 2019

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6
Recycling & Bulk Trash Pick-up Curbside

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 5:00 PM
Deadline for Donations Warm Clothing & Blanket
Drive In plastic bags, porch 3619 Shepherd Street

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28
THANKSGIVING
NO Household Trash pickup until Monday,
December 2

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4
Last Bulk Trash Pick-up until March 2020
Curbside

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11
Council Meeting
CCUMC, Epworth Room, 7:45 p.m.

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A GENEROUS SECTION 3 PROVIDES WARMTH FOR OTHERS



Every year prior to Thanksgiving, Section 3 residents take a moment to go through closets and drawers to find gently used warm clothing and blankets that they no longer want or use to donate to those less fortunate. We sort these items and bring them to Martha's Table, a DC nonprofit dedicated to serving the needy. The effort is in memory of one of our own, Bill Prigg who

with his wife Nancy and family lived for many years at the corner of Shepherd and Fulton Streets where the Dorsey/Williams family now makes it home. Bill was a Montgomery County teacher and, in his retirement, spent many hours taking donated blankets down to the homeless sleeping on grates all over the city. Later, he tied his efforts to Martha's Table and in his honor, we have continued this warm clothing and blanket drive for many years. This winter is the 22nd year of this drive.

So please, take a moment to sort through your clothing—that warm coat in the back of the closet that no longer fits or that you had forgotten about, the socks the kids have outgrown (a much needed item), warm hats and gloves, jackets, pants, sweaters (adult and children's sizes welcome and needed), quilts and blankets. Put them in big plastic bags and deliver them to the Dorsey/Williams house no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 22.

We usually collect two carloads full of donations—so please, take a moment to help someone else, if you're not using it anymore, let it be appreciated by others who really need it.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS VOTES FOR WOMEN TALK

"Votes for Women: How the Battle was Waged and Won" is the topic for the November 17 talk sponsored by the Chevy Chase Historical Society to herald the upcoming 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment. At 4:00 p.m. at the Jane Lawton Community Center, historian and author Dr. Elizabeth Griffith, an authority on women's history and author of a definitive biography of Elizabeth Cady Stanton will share the fruits of her research in an illustrated talk. A reception with light refreshments will follow. The free event does not require reservations.

**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 9 in the Wesley Room of CCUMC. The meeting began at 7:45 p.m. All Council members were present.

The minutes of the September meeting as they appeared in the October newsletter were approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The police maintain they are investigating the burglaries of Brookville Market and Olympia Café in early September and we have been told by our community liaison that they are also investigating the burglary and robbery of the pharmacy.

Police have good clear videotape of the vandal who broke into the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church. Police are planning on distributing the tape to get community assistance in identifying the individual involved. Nothing of substance was taken from the Church and it appeared that the individual involved was either disturbed or had a problem with substance abuse.

One of our two police patrols has found that his Montgomery County work conflicts with his ability to continue serving Section 3 as well. As a result, the hunt is on for another patrolman. In the meantime, our other patrolman, Yves-Didier N’Kodia, is working nights and working more hours.

The Council agreed that the Village Manager should draft a letter to the head of major crimes asking for additional information on the progress they are making on the crimes at the commercial strip next on Brookville Road (see story this issue).

BUILDINGS & ROADS

Buildings and Roads Representative **Carolyn Greis** noted that four permits have been issued: the **Afnan/Im** family of 7012 Florida Street was issued a demolition permit to take down the existing house next door at 7008 Florida Street; **Saaed Mariani** received a permit to build a patio in the rear yard at 3806 Raymond Street; the **7101 Connecticut Ave LLC** received a permit to construct a new lead walkway in the front yard; and the **DeLaquil** family of 7104 Fulton Street was issued a permit for a gravel patio in their front yard on Fulton Street.

The council discussed the variance application submitted by the Wilson family of 3704 Taylor Street for a lap pool in their rear yard, but a vote was not taken. The applicants will come before the council again next month with a more specific request regarding the size and location of the planned pool and the precise extent

of the proposed intrusion into the rear setback.

The variance applications submitted by the Scupi family for renovations to 6802 Delaware Street were discussed at length. The Council granted a variance to build a landing with steps to grade which will intrude approximately 10' into the 20' rear yard setback. The Council also granted two variances related to the conversion of the garage in the rear setback into habitable space: to raise the walls of the existing garage 1'-6" as well as to allow a second-story addition to intrude 1'-4" into the same 20' rear setback. In recognition of the desire for privacy on the part of neighbors, the new, higher garage roof was approved on the condition that it be a "green" roof rather than a roof deck which could be actively used by residents. The variance will be recorded to assure compliance by future owners.

The Council discussed the status of 3613 and 3615 Raymond Street. The developer has to sign a right-of-way license agreement with Section 3 for the maintenance of the drain pipes connecting under the village right-of-way to the county storm water facility, but otherwise the home at 3615 Raymond is complete. The house next door at 3613 Raymond is almost complete.

Councilmembers **Manning** and **Greis** are working on revisions to our building ordinances and will meet in advance of the next Council meeting to finalize proposals. Those proposals will take into consideration more precautions regarding stormwater management, parking and vegetation.

The Council discussed other possible ideas for programming events at the Gazebo Park.

The village of Somerset is a little farther along in their quest for new lighting. They recently got a quote from Pepco to replace lights that amounted to \$2,000 per light—and that does not include the cost of the fixture! The Village manager has one quote from a supplier for 66 new fixtures (we now have 51) and we are exploring the cost of installation by Pepco contractors. Much research needs to be done before we can proceed.

The Council passed a resolution for a Debris Management Memorandum of Understanding with the County that will make it possible for the community to apply for FEMA funds in case a catastrophic event required that we have trucks in the community to haul out debris.

The Council approved a two-year contract with Snow Central for the removal of snow on our streets and, when warranted, our sidewalks.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council voted to alter the 2019-2020 budget to include charges of \$1656. For CCUMC trash collection services that was



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

A welcome to **Britain Shaw** and her children, **Conor McInnis**, 14, who attends Georgetown Prep and **Logan**, 10, who attends Visitation. The family moved into the house next to the Church, the old parsonage at 3805 Shepherd Street. We hope they love the neighborhood as much as we do!

Welcome to **Sam and Laura Steyer Ray** who on Halloween moved into their new home at 6813 Georgia Street. Laura grew up in Section 5 so she's not a stranger to these parts and happy to be close to her parents who still live there. Laura and Sam are expecting a baby in December so they'll just have time to settle in before one of the newest Section 3 residents arrives.

Yankee Clippers have been through the community for the annual pruning of our small decorative street trees. A few have been marked for removal because of their condition and we expect to plant another dozen later this fall. The heavy rains last year followed by the lack of rain this past summer put an undue strain on many trees that couldn't survive. Most but not all of those trees have been removed or will be they will be soon.

WONDERING ABOUT THE WEEDY CONN. AVE. MEDIAN?

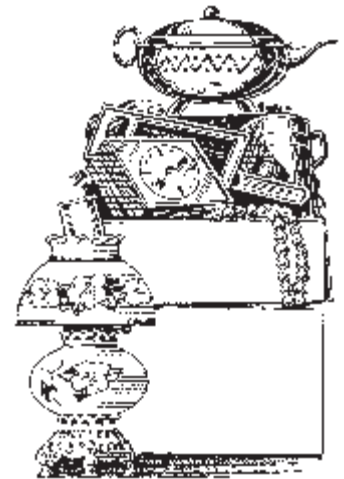
For more than a year, the median strip on Connecticut Avenue from East-West Highway north to where they are working on the Purple Line has been a mess—weeds, debris, big stones, but no plantings, no concrete "faux" stones like those in the strip south of Route 410. After months reaching out for months to officials at the State Highway Administration, we finally went to the top and got the answer just last week.

Apparently the original contractor went belly up and it took time to re-bid the project to get someone to finish the work. The new contractor is milling and paving Connecticut Avenue now and the next operation will be to install the rest of the median. SHA promises it will be cleaned up in the interim. We will continue to monitor this unsightly mess in hopes that it will soon be righted.

The only segment of the median strip from East West Highway south that has plantings in lieu of stamped concrete is in Section 3. We as a community maintain that strip and are proud that we have brought natural elements to an otherwise drab streetscape.

CCUMC RUMMAGE SALE NOVEMBER 23

Start your Christmas shopping with some delightful finds at the CCUMC Rummage Sale on **Saturday, November 23 from 10:00a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** In addition to donated items, there will be a large group of vendors, delicious food and some special "fancy" finds.



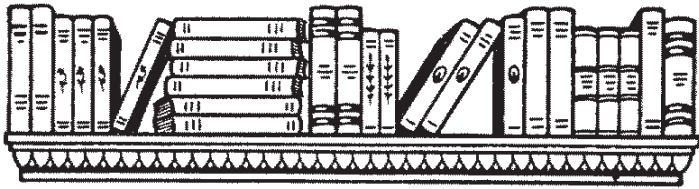
FIREWOOD FROM NEW MORNING FARM

Did you know our farmer has been delivering firewood to the DC area for 40 years? If you are interested, talk to the folks on Saturday morning or call them at (814) 448-3904 to make initial arrangement. Returning customers can order online at <https://www.newmorningfarm.net/firewood.html>. Their standard length log is 18" but that can do custom lengths of 15" for an extra charge. Normally a 1/4 cord is \$150 which is a stack about 3' high by 7' long. A half cord is \$295 and a full cord is \$580. They will also sell kindling bundles at \$18 (which they sometimes have on Saturday mornings too.)

Delivery Details:

- They don't charge for delivery or stacking, but if there are steps where we can't roll a wheelbarrow, we charge \$2.00/step per 1/4 cord.
- They deliver on weekdays: mid-week and mid-day (between 7:00 am and 4:00 pm).
- They call the day before delivery to let you know they are coming.
- They stack your wood according to your instructions and leave you an invoice, so you can mail a check.
- You do not need to be at home.

All their wood is seasoned hardwood and we guarantee it to be ready to burn.



CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY SPECIAL EVENTS

On Wednesday, 10/30/19 at 4:30 PM Nail It: Come join us for an hour of festive nail painting and designing as October comes to a close. All Tweens and Teens are welcome (ages 10-18). Location: Chevy Chase Library Lower Level Meeting Room

On Thursday, 11/07/19 at 1:30 PM Regulation Best Interest Presentation: Come learn more about Regulation Best Interest and how it will affect you and your relationship with your investment professional(s).. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) recently voted to adopt a package of rulemakings and interpretations designed to enhance the quality and transparency of retail investors' relationships with investment advisers and broker-dealers, bringing the legal requirements and mandated disclosures in line with reasonable investor expectations, while preserving access (in terms of choice and cost) to a variety of investment services and products. This is a free event, no registration.

On Saturday, 11/09/19 at 10:30 AM Uncovering Facts about Dinosaurs: Take a trip back in time to when giant lizards walked the earth! Discover what scientists know about dinosaurs and how they learned what they know. Explore different types of fossils and predict what animal may have left them behind. Dig for fossils and sharks teeth to understand how scientists uncover fossils and what information they provide about animals that died long ago. Program is designed for 6-12 year olds. Free! Registration required space limited. Call the library at 240-773-9590. This program is a part of the Maryland STEM Festival.

On Wednesday, 11/13/19 at 7:30 PM Great Books Group: This month's selection is *Sapiens: a Brief History of Humankind* by Yuval N. Harari. Join us for an intellectually stimulating exploration of some of the greatest fiction and non-fiction works published through the ages. Registration is not required. Attendees are responsible for obtaining the material to read in advance of the discussion. Group meets the second Wednesday each month at 7:30 pm

There are many other regular activities for people of all ages and interests, to check on a regular basis go to: folmc.org/chapters/chevy-chase-chapter/

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inadvertently left out of the budget approved last May.

Two of the institutions in which Section 3 held CDs have merged: Sandy Spring Bank and Revere Bank. In order to be mindful of FDIC rules, when our CD with Sandy Spring matured, funds had to be moved elsewhere to maintain coverage from FDIC for the later maturing Revere Bank deposit. The Village Manager and the Council Treasurer are in search of a new banking institution to deposit these funds. At the moment, they are in our collateralized account at M & T bank.

The audit by Lindsey & Associates should be finished and submitted to the appropriate authorities by the end of the month. We have had some difficulties with the audit as the original person assigned to the job abruptly left the firm and the firm failed to notify us of the problem. Hopefully, working with the Village Manager, those issues can be overcome for a timely filing.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

The Council discussed the need for simple guidelines for vendors at the Farmers' Market. We want to encourage variety and new vendors but want to make sure their offerings are consistent with the Farmers' Market and any relevant health department restrictions. We have had the Boy Scouts sell popcorn as a fundraiser and have a wonderful seller of fair trade wire baskets from Ecuador—perfect for carrying your veggies home!

The Council discussed the wording of the community survey at length and is working on getting something that can be distributed online in November.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

IF YOU MISSED THE OCTOBER 26 TAKE BACK DRUGS DAY, YOU CAN AT ANY TIME GO TO THE CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE HALL WHERE THEY HAVE A SECURE BOX FOR THE DISPOSAL OF OUTDATED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

POLICE ON THE HUNT

In a follow-up to a letter sent to the head of major crimes, the Village Manager reports that there have been three pharmacy burglaries in Montgomery County and they have “closed” two... leaving only the Brookville Pharmacy unsolved. The acting chief of Major crimes, Lt. Kevin Sullivan reports that they have been working with our neighboring jurisdictions and have actually helped solve some crimes in those jurisdictions and are hopeful that some of those cooperating jurisdictions may turn up leads for the Brookville Pharmacy. Sullivan says that the group responsible for the pharmacy burglaries is large and not every member of the group works every crime. With very little physical evidence, they are hopeful that some of their suspects or suspects in other jurisdictions will help lead to an arrest. In the meantime, we’ve made it clear that we would like more direct communication with the responsible investigative unit.



Even though the commercial strip is in Martins Additions, our police patrols regularly check both the front and the back of the commercial strip along with every street in the community every time they come into our community.

We have not had any instances of crime in private residences in our community and we hope constant vigilance regarding locked cars and locked doors will keep that record.

BOOK TALK HOSTED BY CHEVY CHASE AT HOME

Author Michael Dobbs will be discussing his new book, *The Unwanted: America, Auschwitz, and a Village Caught in Between* on Tuesday, November 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Village Hall. The book is an intimate account of a small German village whose Jewish families desperately sought to flee the Nazis.

A long-time *Washington Post* reporter, Dobbs covered the collapse of the Soviet Union as a foreign correspondent. He is currently a staff member of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Registration for the event is recommended by calling CC@H at (301) 657-3115.

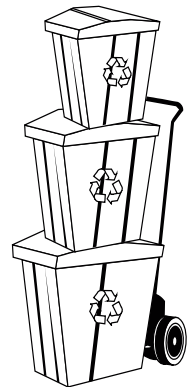
RIDE ON REAL TIME WEB-BASED APP AVAILABLE

Ride On will officially launch its new web-based real time application on November 1, It's available now by going to your apple or android stores or by downloading it from <https://RideOn.app>. The new app has five new features:

- usable on all devices: computers, tablets, phones;
- compliant with the American Disabilities Act (ADA);
- updates every 5 seconds, versus 60 to 120 seconds on the old app;
- has a trip planner; and
- has the same data as on bus shelter monitors, regional service center monitors, and MC311 CSR monitors

PLASTIC BAGS A NO-NO FOR VILLAGE RECYCLING

Montgomery County has a very comprehensive recycling program, but the one thing that really puts a stop to it all is a plastic bag--it jams the sorting machinery and defeats the whole effort to recycle. So PLEASE DO NOT PUT PLASTIC BAGS IN WITH YOUR RECYCLING. Save them and take them to any grocery store where they have boxes for depositing them for recycling.



REPLACEMENT FOUNTAIN FOR SHEPHERD STREET PUBLIC PARK

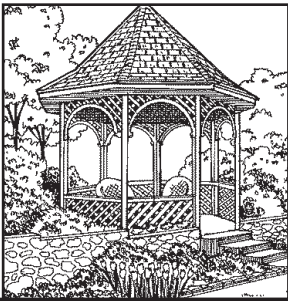
Monty Boland, son-in-law of **Carolyn and Tom Wilson**, is leading an effort to get the National Capital Park and Planning Commission to restore the broken fountain in the park on Shepherd Street in Martins Additions. He has started a go fund me page and he has gotten the Parks Foundation to earmark tax deductible donations to them with a special tab on their website. To make tax deductible contributions for this effort (which would serve dogs, people and be ADA compliant and frost protected) go to <https://www.montgomeryparksfoundation.org/chevy-chase-fountain-fund/>



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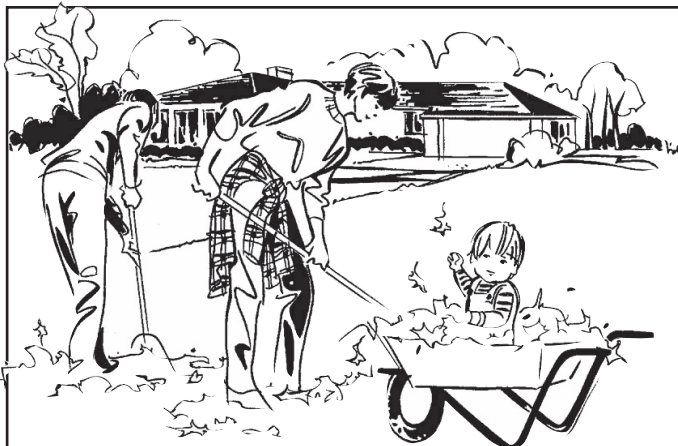
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FALL AND WINTER NOTES

Please keep the **sidewalk and your front walks clear of leaves**. Residents who requested **leaf bags** will have them delivered in November. Residents who would like to get the names of nearby teenagers who want to earn some extra cash **shoveling snow** let the Village Manager know. Teens eager to earn some cash, please let the village manager know as well. We'll try and pair you up.

If you are going out of town for any length of time, please park your car **OFF** the street so that if it snows, we plow our streets!