

SECTION THREE  
VILLAGE OF  
CHEVY CHASE

# NEWS & VIEWS

OCTOBER 2007

## CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

Bulk Trash Pick-up-curbside

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10 Council Meeting

CCUMC Room 109 7:45 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

Halloween Parade and Pizza Party

Gazebo Park

4:45 p.m.

(in the event of rain, meet at Phillips  
Hall, Chevy Chase United Methodist Church)

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Council Meeting

CCUMC Room 109

7:45 p.m.

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## PARTY-IN-THE-PARK HUGE SUCCESS —LOTS OF FOOD, FUN & HELP!

The weather was perfect for this year's Party-in-the-Park and it showed in terrific attendance....we had about 400 residents come to this year's event, probably the highest turnout ever. Happily our amusements, this year provided by Big Country Amusements, did not disappoint, nor did the food by Mindy's Catering, or the extra treats by Copperfield Davies, Section 3's own special Good Humor man! With upbeat music provided by DJ Keith Robinson from Bristol Sounds and fabulous cakes provided by 30 different Section 3 residents for the cake walk and ably coordinated by **Jen Roberti**, the event went off without a hitch. Every year the cakes get more and more creative!

The success of such an event is due in large part to the wonderful pitch-in attitude of all of our residents. Special thanks go to **Steve Lanter, Rob Naddelman, Cormac Connor, Michelle Ballarini, Laura Narvaiz** and **Carolyn Greis** for helping with set-up. **Stephanie Garnett-Wood** and **Paul Garnett** walked out their front door without even being asked and help set up our "dining area" on Florida Street.

**Michelle Ballarini** helped welcome every new attendee and helped them with their mandatory name tags.

Children were safe on our rides—the train ride, the obstacle course, the moon-bounce, the ferris wheel and the carousel thanks to the heavy presence of caring parents who volunteered their time. Special thanks go to those who volunteered: **Tracy Gensler, Tracey D'Angelo, Tracy Franze, Marc Salans, Maura Miller, Deborah Scheck, Lisa Jaycox, Joanna Tudge, Wendy Eaton, Kelly Cruz McCullers, Jon Newhard, Colin Beebe, Patricia Edelen, Rebecca Barry, Linas Virbickas, Anu Connor, Lee Bodner, Dean Nordlinger, Kirsten Williams, Ellen Wilson, Laura Fitzgerald, Craig Hovda, Maria Ionata, Hollis Dittersdorf, Dawn Wellspeak, Scott McCullers, Kelly Murray, Susan Toffler, and Neal Dittersdorf**. Special thanks to **Natasha Saifee** and **Donna Harmon** for organizing all the volunteers. We had artistic help from **Madeline Barry, Julia Ballarini, Hayley and June Peacock, Olivia Kessler** and **Rosie Martin** in face painting and a lot of happy faces went home wearing their artistic skills! Thanks too to **Mike Shannon, Bill Brownlee** and **Paul Kiernan** for manning the refreshments table.

Thanks to **Krista Meisel, the Murray family, Paul Kiernan** and all the other folks who helped with cleanup at the end of a long and wonderful afternoon and evening.

We have had a large influx of new neighbors to our community this year and they cannot have gone away from our annual extravaganza without thinking what a wonderful place this is to live!

*\*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, September 12 at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church. The meeting began at 7: 50 p.m. All Council members were present

The minutes of the July meeting as published in the newsletter were approved.

### PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

The Council discussed the police report and noted that the Chevy Chase Village Police have yet to get clearance from the state to put up their speed cameras. The Council has decided to wait until the Chevy Chase Police system is up and running before attempting to get our own cameras installed.

The Council discussed a concern by a resident that a fire truck took an excessive amount of time getting to an emergency on Shepherd Street. One of the Council members witnessed the driver going extremely slowly, clearly unaccustomed to driving our narrow streets. It was agreed that the Village Manager would discuss this with a fire board member who would find out who was driving and have them go through the neighborhood so that it doesn't happen again. Happily the emergency was quickly resolved and the delay didn't adversely affect the family calling for help.

### BUILDINGS AND ROADS

The **Corbetts** of Shepherd Street have installed specially engineered voids in their back yard with the help of an engineer hired by Section 3 to capture and slowly release water piped into their subterranean location from the roofs of their addition. The Corbetts have been extremely cooperative in responding to new storm water management requirements of Section 3.

The new grate to go over the storm water drain belonging to Section 3 in the McKinney yard has arrived and will be installed shortly, at Section 3's expense. The drain is on an easement owned by Section 3.

The Village Manager met with the builder of a new home in Section 5 which has caused serious water management problems at the **Connor** residence on Georgia Street and the **McKinnon** residence on Brookville Road. Thanks to a very cooperative neighbor and builder Patrick Keating, a solution was arrived at that should resolve the heavy run-off problems. Civil Engineer Bill Bissell was instrumental in developing a simple solution to the problem.

The Council has decided to install "voids" to capture water from the two sump pumps which seem to contribute most to the icing problem on Georgia Street between Shepherd and Taylor

Streets. That segment of Georgia Street has no storm drain, so it is hoped that the voids, which capture and slowly release water with some additional efficiencies not found in a common drywell, will resolve the problem. A soil test has been performed to be certain the ground will percolate. It is expected that sometime in October or early November the voids will be installed under the sidewalk and in the greenway near the fire hydrant on Georgia Street. The Council is awaiting a second bid before selecting the right contractor.

The Council voted to allow the **Connors** of Georgia St. a variance to move their shed next to the property line on the north side of their yard, inside the 20' setback. Because the shed backs up to a garage belonging to a Section 5 resident, there is no adverse effect involved in this move.

The Council discussed the fact that **Mrs. Babbington** has yet to get a fence permit or any County permits for work on her home at 7103 Florida Street. The Village manager has already informed her of this fact, but as yet she has taken no action. The County has been called on this case.

The Council has agreed to purchase a picnic table with attached benches, to be placed in the park on one side or the other of the gazebo, to avoid interference with ball playing.

The Strauss property for sale at the corner of Bradley Lane and Connecticut Avenue was discussed. Despite the fact that it is being held out for sale with a proposed three subdivided lots on it, no application has been made for that subdivision to date. Several neighbors have contacted the Council expressing their concern about that level of density on that corner.

The Church Pre-School playground renovation is nearing completion. The Council discussed the heavy use of the playground by Section 3 residents after school hours and agreed to donate to the Church the same amount donated to the Rosemary Hills Primary School PTA for their playground renovation.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

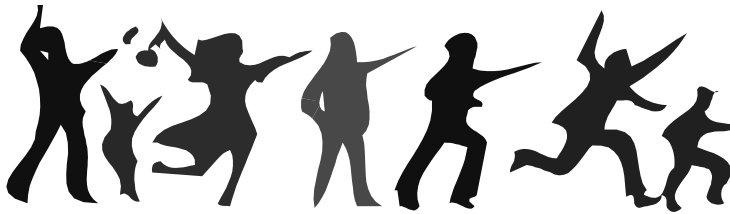
The treasurer reported that our investments are in good shape. When the next CD comes due from Sandy Spring bank it will be moved to a bank with a higher interest rate. The audit is almost complete, a report has to be filed by the Village Manager and some of the banks have yet to send in their verifications.

The Council discussed the Rosemary Hills PTA donation.

### COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

The Council went over plans for the Party-in-the-Park. There was some discussion of the Welcome New Neighbors' Barbeque on August 9. It was agreed that from now on, we would hire a tent for dining to avoid the inevitable brief thunderstorms that seem to happen every year. The food got rave reviews—hardly any left to take to the homeless shelter!

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

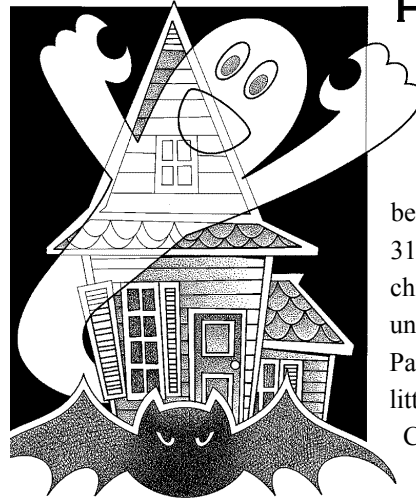
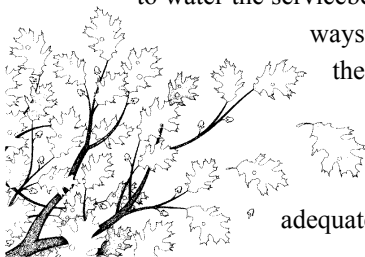
A special welcome to **Anjali Chaturvedi** and **Terrence Clark** who moved into 7007 Florida Street. Anjali is the sister of **Anu Connor** of Georgia Street, adding yet another family who finds Section 3 home. Others include **Mary Weadon** of Shepherd Street and her sister **Shiela Pitchford**, also of Shepherd Street, **Janet Chap** of Shepherd Street is a cousin of **Barbara Prince** of Georgia Street. **Deborah Harris** just moved into the house next door to the Prince's on Georgia Street and she is the sister of **Rhonda Harris** of Florida Street. **Deborah Scheck** of Taylor Street is the daughter of **Nathan Billig** of Florida Street. **Lisa Jaycox** of Georgia Street is the sister of **Tamara Kessler** of Florida Street. And finally, **Marcia Shannon** and her twin brother **Walter Pennington** live next door to one another on Taylor Street, just one house away from the ancestral Pennington home where they both grew up now owned by the **Mathias** family.

If you came to the Party-in-the-Park, this will be no surprise to you—we have some new babies in Section 3! A special welcome to **Lukas Hartnett**, a boy born to **Nikki Mueller** and **Brad Hartnett** on September 10. The baby joins big brother **Oskar**.

A welcome to **Eric and Nancy Schnure** and their boys **Benjamin**, age 3 1/2 and **Daniel**, just 3 months. The Schnures were able to come to our Welcome Neighbor Party even though they had yet to move in at 7006 Delaware Street—and Nancy and Benjamin had a chance to visit our Party-in-the-Park as well. What a fun way to get introduced to the neighborhood! We hope we'll see Benjamin at our Halloween Party!

## WATER YOUR TREES!!

We have had a very very dry summer and fall and our trees are showing signs of stress... So please, take a moment to water the serviceberry trees in the greenways twice a week. Also take the time to water all your trees, even the very large ones as they are all stressed due to lack of adequate rainfall.



## HALLOWEEN PARTY AND PARADE

Ghosts and Goblins will be out on Wednesday, October 31st for the annual Parade for children in second grade and under. Line up at the Gazebo Park and we'll all watch as our little folks parade up to the Church for the Pizza Party for all families participating in the parade.

We like to limit the parade participants to those in second grade and under, but parents and siblings are invited to watch and then join their costumed paraders for pizza and juice and sodas before they go out trick or treating. Everyone gathers at 4:45 p.m., and we walk up to the Church to Phillips Hall where we'll eat and then rush out for the traditional night of trick or treat. We're looking for helpers to decorate the Church. Thanks to **Kelly Derrick** for offering to help out...we need some more artistic hands to transform the room into a Halloween Hall! Call the Village Manager if you'd like to help.

The Parade goes on rain or shine...should it rain, we'll meet and parade around Phillips Hall at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church and then all enjoy pizza before we go trick or treating!

## ELLEN'S RUN

October 7 marks the annual Ellen's Run 5K Race/Walk held on honor of the memory of Ellen Vala Schneider. The event raises funds for the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County and the B-CC High School Community Scholarship Fund, a fund which offers "last dollar" scholarships to help bridge the gap between the actual costs of college and other scholarships and loans.



In person registration and packet pick-up is Saturday, October 6 noon to 3 p.m. at BCC and race day, on site at Candy Cane City Pavillion on Meadowbrook Lane in Rock Creek Park at 8:00 to 8:45 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person after Oct. 1 and \$10 per child ages 3 to 12 years. For further information, contact Nancy Wolfson at (301) 657-2314.

## SECTION 3 K RUN— A "WALK AROUND THE PARK"

About 40 noble souls of all ages showed up for the informal Section 3K walk/run around the neighborhood. Winner of this year's event for men was **Paul Garnett**, for women, **Amaya Murphy**, age 14. The second run for children under age 12 was won by **Hayley Peacock**. Kudos to **Rob Naddleman** who ran in the adult pack and then turned around and ran with his daughter **Julia** in the kids run! A special thank you to **Pat and Arantza Murphy** and to **Amaya Murphy** for helping to organize the event and running it with such ease. Everyone, whether they ran or walked, had a wonderful time. Bagels, coffee and water were enjoyed by all. If you haven't tried this event, put it on your calendar for next year—you don't have to run, but we'd love to see you participate!



## ROSEMARY HILLS PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT DONATION

Section 3 residents once again rose to the occasion and generously donated to the fund to provide new playground equipment via the PTA at Rosemary Hills Primary School in Silver Spring. All Section 3 public school children attend Rosemary Hills from Kindergarten through second grade.

At their June meeting, the Council agreed to donate \$2,500.00 and to match every Section 3 resident's donation up to \$50 per household with a cap of \$5,000.00 for the entire donation. Section 3 residents donated a total of \$2613.00. As a result, Section 3 has written a check in the amount of \$3700.00, a response which leveraged the residents' donations to reach a total of \$6313.00. Special thanks to the 24 families in Section 3 who gave so generously.



## TREES, VINES AND OVER- GROWTH

Fall is a lovely time to walk and increasingly more and more Section 3 residents are taking their fitness seriously and walking more—we applaud you all! However...as our walkers pound the pavements of Section 3, we've received more and more complaints about overhanging trees hitting tall folks in the head, overgrown bushes and vines that make what could be a walking space for two into a walking space for one....

So we ask you to look around your property with pruners in hand...think of your neighbors out for a power walk, think of them two by two, think of them as tall...and you'll solve a lot of problems that you might not otherwise be aware of...

## LETTER BEFORE PERMITS

If you are planning to ANYTHING in the way of home improvements that might require a county permit, even if it doesn't require a Section 3 permit, you must obtain a letter from our Buildings and Roads person, **Carolyn Greis**, acknowledging that we are aware of your plans before you get a County permit. You will still have to get a permit from Section 3 but this gives us an opportunity to have a conversation in advance about what you're planning so you know if it's permissible within our ordinances.

Water, water everywhere—well, not lately, but that could change in a hurricane minute...so if you're putting in a sump pump or making any changes to your property that would alter the drainage situation (including patios, sheds, etc), you must show where the water is going to go on your property and how you intended to handle it and get a Section 3 permit.

## GRAFFITI IN PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

We ask Section 3 residents to keep a watchful eye on the pre-school playground. The new equipment is barely installed and already we have had a serious incident with obscene graffiti on the equipment. Happily, the pre-school administrator was able to remove most of it, but clearly, this kind of behavior must be stopped.

Montgomery County and Chevy Chase police have both been notified of the problem.

## LEAF BAGS WILL BE DELIVERED IN LATE OCTOBER

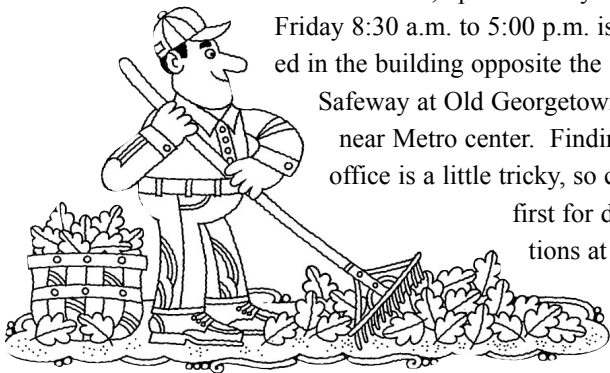
Every fall Section 3 delivers 25 large leaf bags for residents to deposit their leaves and put curbside on Mondays. We hope to have the bags delivered by late October. They are on order now but buying 7,000 bags isn't a quick trip to Home Depot!

To avoid the annual raking leaves chore, you can always create your own compost pile in your yard and recycle at home. The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Service Center, run by Montgomery County has free compost bins that measure 36" x

30". The Center, open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. is located in the building opposite the

Safeway at Old Georgetown Road near Metro center. Finding the office is a little tricky, so call

first for directions at (240) 777-8200.



## LEAF RAKERS WANTED!

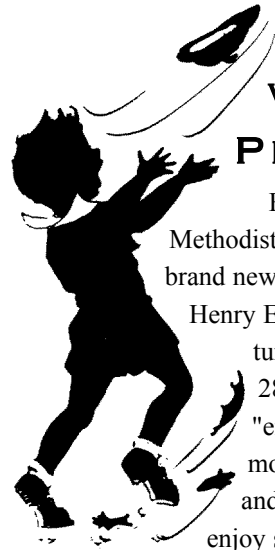
Every year the Village Manager gets requests from residents who would like to hire someone to rake their leaves. If you are interested in earning some extra money, contact the Village Manager and she'll put you in touch with neighbors who might like your services. It's up to both parties to negotiate a fair price.

If you are a citizen seeking some leaf rakers, contact the Village Manager and we'll try and put you in touch with some hardworking young people eager to earn a few extra dollars.

## PLANT EXCHANGE

Fall is a time when many people re-evaluate their gardens and pull out plants and regroup. Sadly, our long-time plant exchange volunteer, **Natalie Fern** has moved away. So we're looking for a new volunteer who can coordinate wants with "don't wants" so that we can recycle plants within our own community instead of dumping perfectly good plants in the compost bin. If you're interested, please contact the Village Manager as I'm sure people are eagerly digging up plants that someone else might want. In the interim, if you have a plant in need of a new home, contact the Village Manager and let her know what you have. And if you're seeking some new plants, please do the same!

## CCUMC PRE-SCHOOL OPENS PLAYGROUND WITH A PICNIC/CONCERT

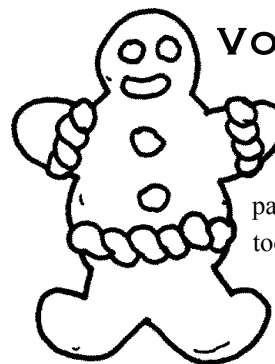


Families of the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church Pre-school were treated to a brand new playground and the music of John Henry England who sang wonderful familiar tunes for everyone on Friday, September 28th. Seated on blankets or on the new "engineered" wood chips, families took a moment to celebrate the new additions and changes in the playground we all enjoy so much. Further equipment is expected

within the month to round out the play experience for children. In the meantime, everyone had a marvelous time—what a great way to celebrate this wonderful community resource!

On September 12, at its last meeting, the Council agreed to donate the same amount it had donated to the Rosemary Hills Primary School PTA for its playground equipment to the CCUMC Preschool for the equipment so many of our children use everyday. This will help defray some of the cost of the construction and equipment.

## HOLIDAY PARTY VOLUNTEERS

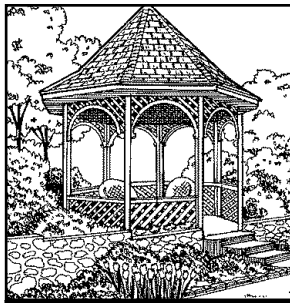


We're looking for volunteers with fresh ideas for a holiday party this year. We've had caroling in the park, but received complaints that it was too cold for many to turn out and we've been "almost" rained out. We've tried holiday cookie decorating (very popular) with indoor caroling, but the chaos and the singing just didn't mix. So we're

seeking new ideas and volunteers who can put together an event that will be inclusive and fun. So remember, if you come up with the idea, we expect you to put it together as well!



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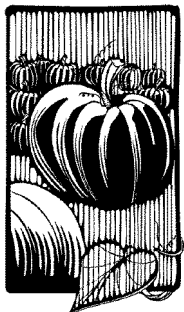
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