

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

News & Views

OCTOBER 2011

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

Bulk Trash Pick-up, curbside

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Council Meeting

7:45 p.m. CCUMC

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

4:45 p.m. Gazebo Park

Halloween Parade &

Pizza Party at CCUMC

Phillips Hall

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Bulk Trash Pick-up, curbside

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Council Meeting

7:45 p.m. CCUMC Room 109

LAND COMPANY TO ADDRESS SECTION 3 RESIDENTS, COUNCIL ON LAKE SECTOR PLAN

Representatives from the Chevy Chase Land Company have agreed to address the Council on October 12 regarding the development company's revised goals for the Chevy Chase Lake Sector Plan. The Land Company presented a plan for a densely populated, multiple high rise development last April at a public meeting attended by many Section 3 residents at the 4-H Club. The plan was not well received.

Subsequent to that presentation, the staff of the Montgomery County Planning Board developed a two-phased plan that significantly scaled down densities originally proposed by the Land Company.

The Planning Board staff plan maxed out all building heights at 65 feet or about six stories, with many areas proposed at lower heights. The staff also proposed developing the site (approximately 49 acres on either side of Connecticut Avenue just north of the railroad tracks) in two phases. They called for an initial modest development prior to definitive funding for the Purple Line, and then more extensive development once the Purple Line is funded and construction begun. The approved Purple Line is a light rail line, NOT an additional metro line. Although it will function within the metro system, it will not have the capacity for the numbers of people currently carried by the Metro.

As a result of the negative community response to their plan, the Land Company went back to the drawing board. They changed the attorney working on the project as well as the public affairs firm working with them. The architects and planners, however, remain the same.

This summer the Land Company pulled together a group to help them redraft a more modest, less dense plan that they felt would be more amenable to the neighborhood. With one exception, however, no one from the Chevy Chase Corridor Coalition, a group of 23 neighboring community groups, was asked to participate in these sessions.

The group has developed some parameters for a new plan the Land Company wants to share with the community. We have asked them to come and compare and contrast their new plans with those presented by the Planning Board staff. We urge you to come and listen to what they have to say and share with the representatives from the company your concerns. We've asked the Land Company to share with us their newly revised plans alongside the plans developed by the Planning Board staff as a good way to understand the similarities and differences between this plan and the one currently proposed by the staff. Check out Section 3's website: www.chevychasesection3.org

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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, September 14th. All Council members were present. The meeting began at 7:55 p.m.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

Police patrols continue to be successful. A number of people have been given citations for failing to observe stop signs in Section 3.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

The **Narvaiz** family of Shepherd Street has been given a permit for a third floor addition to extend the roof line. The additional attic space will not be habitable.

The **Daw** family of Georgia Street received a permit for a temporary storage unit on their property. The **Coover** family received a permit for a fence.

The Council voted to grant the **Isbell** family of Bradley Lane a variance to put up a six-foot fence on the west side of their property.

The Buildings and Roads representative has yet to receive a required building permit application for the fencing at 3821 Bradley Lane. It is anticipated that the building owner will be fined.

The Council discussed the drainage at what had previously been called "Lake Bradley" at the intersection of Bradley Lane and Brookville Road. During recent heavy rains, the area filled up quickly, but thanks to the extra deep gutter and swale placed in the roadbed by the State Highway officials, the intersection drained fairly quickly.

The aftermath of Hurricane Irene and subsequent storms was relatively minor. No reports of flooding in the streets. The drainage solution on Georgia Street at Raymond Street seems to be working well although the swale that needs straightening still remains to be dug out.

The Council discussed the status of the Chevy Chase Lake Sector Plan and the Chevy Chase Land Company's new development plans (see story this issue) and agreed to invite the newly hired representatives of the Land Company to the next Council meeting to present their ideas. We will also ask a representative of the planning staff to attend.

The Council agreed to have our attorney draft the appropriate ordinance language to amend the fee schedule for building permits (see story this issue). The ordinance will be voted on at the October meeting. The Council also agreed to look into inconsistencies in the location of the variance procedure and fencing ordinances and re-organize that information and attendant fees. The changes will be printed in the next issue of the newsletter prior to implementation.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The auditor is working on his draft review and will have something for the next meeting of the Council. There are three CDs coming due in September and we are going to be taking our money out of both Citibank and PNC Bank as their rollover rates are too low. The Village Manager is searching for better rates. Now that the FDIC insurance ceiling has been raised, we can consolidate funds and put up to \$250,000 in a single account and be covered by insurance.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

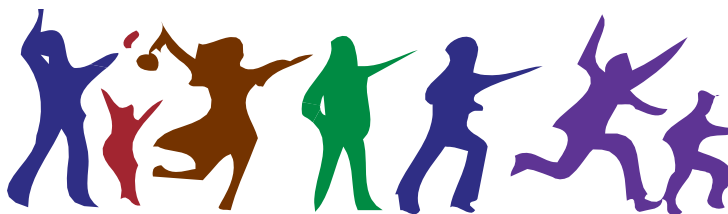
Party in the Park is ready to roll, assuming the weather cooperates. Our "drop dead" time to postpone the event is the Friday before at noon. Forecasts show the possibility of showers but it seems like we will be able to hold it on the 18th. Volunteer rosters are being finalized. **Natasha Saifee** and **Donna Harmon** have done most of the work on getting volunteers. Jen Roberti has recruited ALL the cakewalk volunteers.

The Council took up the request for a donation from the BCC-Rescue Squad from resident **Ferrall Deitrich**. Ms. Deitrich submitted a written request pursuant to the Council donation policy. The Council agreed that instead of giving a donation for unspecified for capital improvements, that they preferred to leverage donations for a specific item and selected the much-needed generator listed at \$6,000. The Council approved a donation of \$2,000 plus matching funds up to \$75 per household for donations from Section 3 residents received from September 1 through December 1, 2001, with a cap of \$4,000 for the donation. (see story this issue).

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Chevy Chase Post Office no longer on the chopping block! The list has come out and the Chevy Chase Post office on Connecticut Avenue is no longer there... We urge you to use this post office to prevent it from ever again appearing on the list.

WITH THE HELP OF VOLUNTEER JAN AUGUSTINE, THE WEBSITE IS UP-TO-DATE AND HAS LOTS OF INFORMATION YOU CAN USE!



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Congratulations to the newest deputy counsel at the White House, our own **Leslie Kiernan**. Ms. Kiernan, formerly a partner with the firm Zuckerman Spaeder, LLC., is an authority on ethics and is known most recently for her work vetting Supreme Court Justice Sonya Sotomayor and for her assistance in Congressman Charlie Rangel's ethical investing. Congrats to Ms. Kiernan!

A special belated welcome to one of Section 3's newest residents, **Edward (Teddy) James Hanssen**, born July 2nd to **Laura Chap and Jay Hanssen**. He joins brother **Tim** and sister **Charlotte** on Shepherd Street and has even already attended the Party-in-the-Park!

Welcome to **Ana Maria Onofrio** who recently moved into the house the Glynns recently moved out of on Fulton Street! Ana Maria is with the FDA.

Cynthia Hovda has had her photographic works on display at Dulles International Airport. To see her amazing photography visit her website: www.cynthiahovda.com and click on her blog there, too. Well worth the trip!

A welcome to **Laura Eckart and Sophia and Everett** who have moved into 7105 Fulton Street. Sophia, who is in the third grade, attends Blessed Sacrament and is already familiar with lots of kids in the neighborhood. Everett is four, so he'll enjoy meeting other neighbors his age. And to think, they arrived just in time for the Halloween Parade and Pizza Party! Welcome!

It is with great sadness that we report the sudden passing of our neighbor, **Ambassador Peter Terpeluk** on Tuesday, August 23. Peter was the former U.S. Ambassador to Luxembourg for four years and has been a busy and influential fund-raiser for Republican Party candidates, most recently serving as RNC Finance Chair from July 2009 to the end of 2010. He leaves behind his wife Diane and their son Trey and a daughter, Meredith.

Harmons back at home! Two Fulton Street neighbors, the **Glynns** and the **Harmons** have both moved to become neighbors again on Florida Street (6806 and 6801, respectively). After a year of demolition and building, the new Harmon house is ready for the family to move back in! And the Glynns have recently settled into their new larger digs across the street! More Section 3 folks staying in the neighborhood—we love it!



HALLOWEEN PARADE AND PIZZA PARTY !

Get your costumes ready, sweep off the front walk and get scary! Halloween is on its way and with it, the annual Section 3 Parade and Pizza Party on Halloween! Every year, we ask children in 2nd grade and under to meet us with their families at the Gazebo Park at 4:45 p.m. to march up Shepherd Street to the Church so everyone can see them in their costumes and then join us for a quick pizza party with their older siblings and parents before heading out to trick or treat! We'll have pizza, fingers (carrot sticks), eyeballs (grapes) and plenty of juice, water and milk for all—and a safety present for everyone.

In the event of rain, the parade will be indoors, same time, but in Phillips Hall at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church. This year **Kelly Derrick** will be heading of the decorating committee for the hall, so if you'd like to help out, give her a call or email her. Decorating will be done on Thursday, October 27th so that our decorations will be up for the CCUMC preschool kids, too. Our party, as always, is on Halloween itself, Monday, October 31st!

PARTY-IN-THE-PARK HUGE SUCCESS!

They cake-walked the night away! Hundreds of Section 3 residents, from the youngest, Teddy Hanssen at two months to the oldest...(who knows?—we'll never tell..). Neighbors joined together for an afternoon of wonderful food, great company, rides for the little ones, and a fabulous DJ who entertained us all with good music, dance, hula hoop competitions, and of course, the cakewalk!

Over thirty Section 3 residents made fabulous cakes that would make the Cake Boss jealous, more than 30 residents helped out with set-up, clean-up and monitoring kids' safety on the rides. A wonderful time was had by all!

A special thank you to all the volunteers who made the event such a success!





COUNCIL VOTES TO LEVERAGE FUNDS FOR BETHESDA CHEVY CHASE RESCUE SQUAD

Section 3 resident and BCC-Rescue Squad

Volunteer Ferrall Deitrich submitted a request for funding as part of this year's BCC Rescue Squad's Capital Improvement drive. In accordance with the Council's Donation Policy, Ferrall provided a list of items that the Council might help fund. After some discussion, the Council decided to give the Squad a base donation of \$2,000 and then match gifts made by Section 3 residents between September 1st and December 1 up to \$75 per household to a cap of \$2000. for a potential total Section 3 donation of \$4,000. The goal is to enable the rescue squad to purchase a \$6,000 generator. The generator is used to power extrication tools, like the jaws of life and other tools used to get access to a patient trapped in a house or car or in some sort of accident. Its use is, needless to say, essential.

If you have already made a donation to the Rescue Squad anytime after September 1st, it will be counted. If you have not given a donation or would like to increase your donation now that you know it will be matched up to \$75, just notify the Village manager of the donation and we will provide a master list to the Rescue Squad to compare against their list, that way, if we've missed anyone, we'll be sure to credit and match their donation.

Clearly, the BCC Rescue Squad provides crucial services to all Section 3 residents. They do not get any funding from Montgomery County and exist thanks to dedicated volunteers like Ferrall and donations from those communities it serves. If you would like to take a step back in time, and have 15 minutes to spare, go to You Tube and search for WI-1,000 (the old phone number for the rescue squad was Wisconsin 1000) and see a 1950 film made with a grant to help raise funds back in the day. The music, the scenes, just the cars that are pictured give you a sense of the rich history of the founding of this important service to our community.

CHEVY CHASE CLUB TO USE METHYL BROMIDE ON GREENS

The Washington Post recently featured an article on the use of a now-banned substance, methyl bromide, to kill weeds on golf course greens. The substance has been banned from manufacture and use since 2005 because it's toxic to people close to the chemical and harmful to the ozone layer. Golf courses nationwide

received a special exemption to use up whatever stock they had until December, 2013 and the Chevy Chase Club has announced to its members that it plans on using the material this year.

The chemical is injected into the ground, covered with a tarp for three days and then the tarp is removed. The contractors using the material are dressed in full protective gear and wear respirators. A brief internet search seems to say that while the fumes or gases from this application are harmful, the greatest risk is to the health of those applying the chemicals and to the ozone layer. Apparently, according to the *Post*, the U.S. is the only developed country using this substance.

To be certain that the use of the chemical is in no way harmful to the safety of our residents as well as to the environment, Section 3 is joining with Chevy Chase Village and the Town of Chevy Chase officials to meet with the general manager of Chevy Chase Club regarding the use of methyl bromide.

CHEVY CHASE @ HOME

Our own **Dr. Nathan Billig**, a geriatric psychiatrist and CC@H board member, has organized a support group for adult children of aging parents in response to requests from local residents. The 10 monthly sessions, which began in September, are to be held from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. one Tuesday each month until this summer. They are free to CC@H members and children of members. Enrollment is limited to 7-10 participants who should plan on attending all sessions. Non-members can pay a fee to enroll.

CC@H's Meet and Mingle will present an informative program on October 4th titled "Navigating the System: Dealing with Medicare, Care Giving, etc." The main speaker will be an adult protective service investigations supervisor and social worker, Bonnie Clem. She will be joined by a social services to adults case manager and the Senior Care Program Coordinator for the County, Nina Chaiklin. The presentation take place from 2-4 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Village Hall.

On Thursday, October 12th, the CC@Home Brunch Bunch will gather once again from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Olympia Café. You can meet Nathan Billig and Janet Regan and talk about topics of interest to you.

Mark Tuesday, October 18th on your calendar from 2-4 p.m. for a program by local artist and teacher Millie Shott who will show participants how to "Be Creative with Inks." Sounds like fun!

For further information, check the website, www.chevy-chaseathome.org. The next meet and mingle after those listed here is slated for November 1.

FLOOD INSURANCE NOW AVAILABLE TO SECTION 3 RESIDENTS

If you are interested in signing up for the National Flood Insurance Program, you can now contact your independent broker (many handle flood insurance) and purchase coverage. We are officially on the list.

Flood insurance has very specific parameters and limitations. It can cover up to \$250,000 of building coverage and \$100,000 of contents generally with a \$500 deductible. National Flood Insurance doesn't cover basement improvements such as finished walls, floors or ceilings, or personal belongings that may be kept in a basement, such as furniture and other contents. It does cover unfinished dry-wall for walls and ceilings, electrical junction and circuit breaker boxes, ac units, furnaces and hot water heaters and fuel tanks, light fixtures and foundation elements as well as cleanup.

Standard flood insurance policies exclude water or waterborne material that backs up through sewers or drains, discharges or overflows from a sump pump, sump pump related equipment, seeps or leaks on or through the property unless there is a flood in the area and the flood is the proximate cause of the sewer or drain back up, sump pump discharge or overflow or seepage of water. It also excludes damage caused by moisture, mildew, or mold that could have been avoided by the property owner. Consult your insurance broker to get more details or go to www.floodsmart.gov for more information. .

BRADLEY LANE CONSTRUCTION

Manholes are in on Bradley Lane, now only the permanent electricity hook-up and the gas remain to be installed. Once all that work is done, the road will be milled, repaved and permanently patched in places where trenches were dug. Thanks to everyone for their cooperation through the ordeal!

Chevy Chase Fire Department will hold its annual Open House from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8th! Get rides on the fire engine, demonstrations of rescue, hazmat procedures, fire truck slide, fire hats, hot dogs and drinks for all!



ORDINANCE REVAMP

The Council discussed the changes to the permitting structure at the last meeting. The September *News & Views* discussed the changes in the fee structure and here is the formal wording for those changes. The Council intends to vote on these changes at the next meeting, so if you have questions or concerns, now is the time to voice them!

An ordinance to amend Chapter 6 of the Village Code to amend the schedule of fees relating to permits required by Chapters 6 and 7 of the Village Code:

Section 6-310. Fees for building and demolition permits and variance applications.

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

- (a) Demolition of any structure (Sec. 6-302(c)) \$ 25.00
- (b) Constructing, rebuilding or reconstructing any off-street parking area (Sec. 6-304(d)) \$ 10.00
- (c) Excavating, grading yards or installing a sump pump and/or new sump pump discharge (Sec. 60301(a) 3. \$ 50.00
- (d) Basic application fee for use of the public right-of-way by telecommunications providers utilities and other users (Section 6-302(d). \$2,000.00
- (e) 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
- (f) Construction of a structure of 144 square feet or less (Section 6-302(e)) \$ 100.00
- (g) Construction of a structure of more than 144 square feet, not including new houses (Section 6-302(e)) \$ 250.00
- (h) New house construction. \$ 250.00
- (i) Sump pump (Section 6-302(a)3.) \$ 50.00
- (j) Curb cut (Section 6-302(a) 4. \$ 30.00
- (k) Use of a dumpster (Section 70312) \$ 50.00
- (l) Construction or alteration of a fence or fence wall (Section 60-302(a) 6 and Section 7-209 \$ 50.00
- (m) All other permits for activities which require permits under Chapter 6 or Chapter 7 \$ 10.00

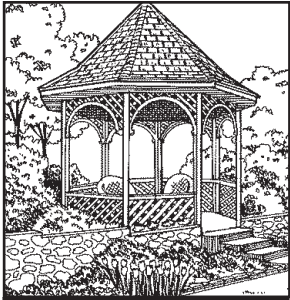
All the above referenced sections will be amended to remove references to fees in that Section. Full copies of the proposed ordinance changes are available on request.



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FALL GARDEN RECYCLING

Fall is an excellent time to dig up perennials and divide them, thin out things you're tired of or have too much of. Our Gazebo Park has benefited from a number of donations, some temporary, some permanent. We have some lovely iris who like wet feet donated by our own Plant Exchange Coordinator, MaryLou Steptoe, we have a lovely buddleia bush and a lot of variegated acuba from the Harney's yard....so if you've got something you think might fit in, let our plant exchange coordinator know and we'll try and find a place for it.

If you are looking to share some plant material with neighbors in their yards, or you want something in your yard you don't now have, contact Mary Lou Steptoe, she might just know someone in town with just what you want! Her email address is mlsteptoe@gmail.com.