

SECTION THREE  
VILLAGE OF  
CHEVY CHASE

# News & Views

OCTOBER 2019

## CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2**

**Bulk Trash Pick-up and Paper, and Bottles & Cans Recycling (NOTE: THIS IS A NEW DAY), curbside**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6**

**Food Truck Night, Gazebo Park, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9**

**No Public School, Yom Kippur Council Meeting, CCUMC, Wesley Room, 7:45 p.m.**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12**

**Toddler Hour in the Gazebo Park 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. (see story this issue)**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31**

**Annual Halloween Pizza Party and Parade Gazebo Park, 4:45 p.m. (see story this issue)**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

**Bulk trash Pick-up and Paper, and Bottles & Cans Recycling, Curbside (NOTE; THIS IS A NEW DAY)**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

**Council Meeting, CCUMC, Wesley Room, 7:45 p.m.**

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## PARTY IN THE PARK KICKS OFF THE FALL SEASON IN SECTION 3

We needed three tables just to hold all the cakes for the cakewalk this year! Thanks to **Jen Roberti** and lots of hard working "cake bosses" in Section 3, we had a record 34 creative, elaborate cakes. The strangest cakewalk category this year was "dog owners" and the winner of the best cake was **Karen Jacob** who made a cake with what looked like a melting ice cream cone on top. Congrats Karen!

The Party in the Park was wonderful—beautiful weather, delicious food and drink and great rides. And of course, the Ice Cream man, Copperfield Davis. The DJ, Keith Robinson, was terrific entertaining everyone. The pirate ship just fit on the street at Spring and Fulton Streets. The rock-climb slide in the park was almost as tall as a house much to the delight of the neighborhood kids. The "throw-up machine" was ever popular (and no one threw up...) and the carousel for the little ones along with the train were the perfect "rides."

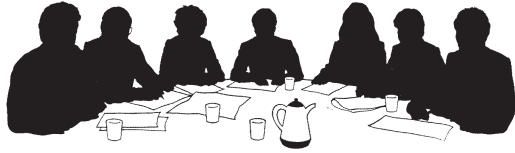
Special thanks to all the volunteer safety monitors on the two big rides, those who helped out with set up and cleanup, the many bakers...everyone who made this year's event a success. All the leftover food, as always, was delivered to Bethesda Cares, a nonprofit organization running a lunch program for the homeless, so nothing went to waste.



## BLOOD DRIVE

Phillips Hall at Chevy Chase United Methodist Church was transformed with the September 12 blood drive in memory of Section 3 resident **KEN HARNEY**. Thirty-nine people volunteered for the drive...most from Section 3. After getting travel histories and an initial finger prick, seven volunteers who were generous to offer their blood were turned away because their hemoglobin was too low or they had lived in places which disqualified them. The drive was very successful, we collected 30 pints of whole blood, and two pints of red blood cells which have the potential to help 92 recipients. The Harney family is extremely grateful and wanted to thank all who volunteered, the Section 3 Council for organizing the event and the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church for offering their facility for the event.

*\*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 11 in the Wesley Room of CCUMC. All Council members were present.

The minutes of the meeting held in July were approved with some corrections regarding buildings and roads variances which did not indicate exact measurements. They include:

The **Howell** family of 7103 Connecticut Avenue variance includes a portico addition that will protrude 4' into the 30" front setback.

The **Vale** family of 7103 Florida Street variance included a reconfiguration of the front steps with an awning that will intrude 7' into the 30' front setback and a front bay window which will project 2' into the front setback.

**Julia Hawley** of 7105 Fulton Street was denied a variance to construct a new garage that would have intruded 12' into the 20' rear yard setback.

The Council reviewed the request to construct an addition in the rear yard of the **Scupi** residence at 6802 Delaware Street which would have extended a maximum of 12'9" into the 20' rear setback. The vote was 2 to 2 tie and as a tie vote had never occurred in recent memory, the Council was not certain as to the next step and on consultation with the attorney determined that a tie vote meant a denial.

A permit was issued for a two-story rear addition at the **Kettler** residence at 3612 Spring Street.

The **Shuchart/Sebeok** family of 7108 Fulton Street received a permit for a patio in the Florida Street front yard.

**3612 Taylor St. LLC** received a permit for a dormer and deck in the front yard on Fulton Street and the use of a dumpster.

**7101 Connecticut Ave LLC** received a permit to use a dumpster.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Police reports don't indicate any unusual activity. We continue to have more middle-of-the-night coverage. Both patrolmen have reported giving tickets and warnings for failure to stop at Brookville and Taylor Street but the volume of problems is down. Our middle-of-the night patrolman regularly patrols behind the Brookville Market area and also the parking lot of the Church just because both areas should be empty at night and in the case of the shops on Brookville, because of the recent burglaries.

One of our residents reported seeing someone suspicious at

around 3:30 to 3:45 a.m. the night the market and the café were robbed. We put the police in touch with her but we have not heard of any other leads in the crimes committed against the two shops or the earlier burglaries at the Pharmacy. The Village Manager will follow up with our police community liaison.

### BUILDINGS & ROADS

Buildings and Roads Representative Carolyn Greis reported that since the council's July meeting, the following seven building permits were issued: to **Renovation Studio LLC** for the sump pump discharge at 3615 Raymond Street; to the **Healy** family of 7001 Delaware Street to build a new deck in the rear yard; to the **Dillon** family of 3801 Bradley Lane for the use of a PODS on their property; to the **Howell** family of 7103 Connecticut Avenue to construct a front portico for which they received a variance at the July council meeting; and to the **Vale** family for a one-story rear addition, together with new front steps, an awning and a bay window in the front yard for which they were granted a variance at the July council meeting. Renovation Studio LLC was also issued two permits to build fences in the rear and side yards at each of 3613 and 3615 Raymond Street.

The Council is examining ways to better regulate storm water management, setbacks and parking in light of increasing density in the community and the recent Accessory Dwelling Unit zoning change.

The Council had asked the Village Manager to explore some new programming ideas for the Gazebo Park, particularly for toddlers. The Village Manager has consulted with several mothers in the community and wants to hold a bubble blowing and ball playing event for children 3 and under (older siblings welcome). The question before the Council was weekday or Saturday event and they opted for a Saturday event (see story this issue).

The Village Manager is waiting for a pricing estimate from one interested vendor for street lighting for the entire community. We plan to get back in touch with Pepco as soon as we have an estimate. Pepco indicates there are now incentives to adopt LED lighting so hopefully later this fall we can move forward at long last with new lighting for the community.

The Village Manager reported that some of the residents of the community who are dog owners report an uptick in visitors from outside the community to the park. They have not been as considerate regarding picking up after their dogs. The Council decided to hold off on doing any additional signage regulating activity. Tiny Dog Tuesdays has been thinly populated because of the extreme heat of late but the owners are thrilled to have one afternoon reserved and expect there will be better attendance in



## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

We are happy to welcome one of Section 3's newest neighbors, born July 31 to **Claire Carlin and Brendan Parets** of Taylor Street. **Lily Carlin Parets** weighed in at 7 lbs. 14 oz. and is a delight.

### AUTHOR! AUTHOR!

A little less than three years ago, **Eric Schnure's** mentor, friend and co-teacher Bob Lehrman called with a question. "You helped me with the original book," he said. "How about co-authoring the second edition of *The Political Speechwriter's Companion*?" What a timely idea as we head into the next presidential election. Schnure answered "sure, why not?" and the second edition of *The Political Speechwriter's Companion* was published September 1.

The new addition, says Schnure, has been a true labor of love for us. "We set out to not just update the book but expand it—which we did in almost every way. While our book focuses on political speech, it remains even-handed. The examples we cite — about 250 of them — are almost evenly split between parties, and we interview other experts, including those who don't always agree with us. Published by SAGE, it's available through Amazon. Schnure promises to even sign your copy—or at least hire a ghostwriter to sign it for him!

## FOOD TRUCK NIGHT

For the sixth year running, Section 3 is sponsoring a Food Truck Night on October 6 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at our Gazebo Park at the intersection of Shepherd, Fulton and Spring Streets. We have three fabulous food trucks and the best dessert truck ever! We invite you, our neighbors to join us—bring your wallets, your friends and family. Bring a blanket and if you want any adult beverages, bring those, too. Ideally, we'd like you to walk as our streets are narrow and crowded. The walk is worth it so come early (the event is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.) to avoid having to wait long on line. You can grab and go or eat in our park. The food is worth it. Why cook on Sunday night when you can have food from: **Red Hook LobsterDC, Hardy's BBQ, Corned Beef King, and Carmen's Italian Ices.**

How fabulous is that? Something for everyone from all highly rated food trucks. We need a good crowd to make certain they

want to come back for our Spring Food Truck night. Those of you who have attended in the past know this is a wonderful evening and the food is well worth it. Again, Sunday, October 6, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Gazebo Park—see you there!

## HALLOWEEN PARADE & PIZZA PARTY

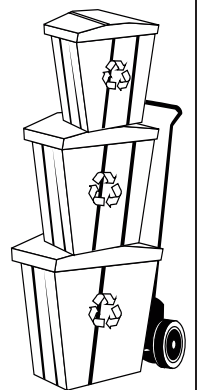


Join us on Thursday, October 31 for our Annual Halloween Parade and Pizza Party. The event begins at 4:45 p.m. at the Gazebo Park and little ones in first grade and under line up and parade all the way up to Chevy Chase United Methodist Church to join older siblings and parents for a quick pizza party before they head out to trick or treat. Dress in costume, follow the parade if you're older than first grade and join us for pizza and juice boxes before start your rounds.

## BIG CHANGE IN RECYCLING STARTING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Montgomery Sanitation and Recycling has been our trash collection contractor for many years. We are amazed that they manage to collect our trash in horrible weather. When the streets are blocked, they walk the trash out to the nearest corner. They rarely miss a house and if they do, they get it the next day if I'm notified in time. In short, we are very happy with them. They have never asked us for anything...until now. Because one of their other municipal customers is switching from very costly single stream to dual stream recycling (what Section 3 does), they have asked if we would shift our recycling to Wednesdays and the Council has agreed so that they can efficiently manage both communities.

**So beginning Wednesday, October 2 (the same day as bulk trash pick-up), recycling will shift to Wednesdays going forward.** Yard waste will remain on Mondays and household waste will remain Mondays and Thursdays. We will remind you until it becomes a pattern for us all. Please don't hesitate to contact the Village Manager with questions.





## FLU SHOT CLINIC

A Flu Clinic will be held at Chevy Chase Village Hall on Tuesday, October 8 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. by Adventist Healthcare. All vaccinations are available for adults and children nine years or older with parental consent. Vaccinations are free to participants using Medicare Part B (if not part of an HMO). The Medicare card must be presented at the time of vaccination for the fee to be waived. The clinic will not accept any other type of insurance or Medicaid. Participants will receive a copy of the vaccination record to submit for reimbursement if permitted under their insurance plans.

The fee for regular flu vaccine is \$30 and for preservative-free flu vaccine recommended for pregnant women and people with certain allergies, \$32. Fluzone High-Dose shot is an inactivated vaccine available for those 65 and older. It contains four times the typical amount of antigens (which prompt the body to create antibodies) that offers added protection to the vulnerable senior population and is \$47. An egg-free vaccine is available for \$57.

To avail yourself of this clinic, please call the Chevy Chase Village Hall at (301) 654-7300 to register. Only exact cash or checks will be accepted.

## PARENTING CLASS AT CCUMC

The Chevy Chase United Methodist Church is hosting two parenting workshops in October: "Why Don't My Kids Listen to Me?" is slated for Saturday, October 5 at 10 a.m. and on Wednesday, October 23 "Positive Parenting Tips" at 6:00 p.m. The workshops are lead by skilled parenting instructors for Parent Encouragement Program (PEP) which has offered parenting education and support to area parents over the last three decades.

The workshops will be held in the Wesley Room of CCUMC. Pre-registration is \$8 per workshop and childcare is available for \$5 per child. The cost of the workshops is subsidized by CCUMC, its Preschool, and the CCUMC United Methodist Women in recognition of the importance of good parenting.

### VARIANCE REQUESTS

The **Wilsons** of 3704 Taylor Street are requesting a variance to build a pool which will intrude 10' into the 20' rear yard setback.

**Barbara Scupi** of 6802 Delaware Street is requesting a variance to construct a patio with stairs to grade which will intrude 15'-6" into the 20' rear yard setback. They are also requesting a variance to build a second-story roof deck which will also intrude 15'-6" into the 20' rear yard setback.

## COUNCIL ACTIONS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

the fall.

The Council agreed to sign onto a Memorandum of Understanding regarding Debris Management with the County as part of a requirement to get reimbursed by FEMA should we ever have a disaster requiring excessive debris recovery. The MOU is not completely drafted as yet but the Council agrees with it in principal and will have our attorney review the final agreement before signing off on it.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The Village Manager reported that in the May approved budget, we neglected to include the figure for income from the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church for their trash and recycling. We will amend the budget to accurately reflect that amount at the October meeting.

### COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

The Website is still being updated. If we want to change any of the items currently on our website, we need to tend to it soon so that documents are accurate.

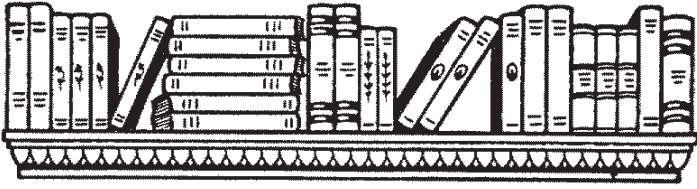
The Farmers' Market is progressing well but we need to build some more interest by having more activities—the food truck is good. We are getting someone selling Ecuadorian wire baskets, someone else face painting... all have to be cleared with the Village Manager first.

The Councilmembers discussed what needed to be done for both the Blood Drive in terms of monitoring activities and the Party-in-the-Park in terms of bartending duties. Assignments were agreed upon. The Council urged the Village Manager to purchase the cooler they had already approved before the Party-in-the Park as it expected to be a very hot day.

The Council also urged the Village Manager to explore installing a water fountain for dogs and people like the self-draining fountain at Battery-Kimble park in DC and the Village Manager agreed to do so.

The Council agreed to review a draft survey that they have promised to distribute to the entire community after the Village Manager, working with **Lisa Jaycox**, completes a draft. The Village Manager indicated that Ms. Jaycox was busy on a big assignment and that she would not have time to begin crafting a draft for review until well after the Party-in-the-Park.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.



## CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

### CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY FALL FESTIVAL

The Friends of Chevy Chase Library is sponsoring a Fall Festival on Saturday, October 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be handicrafts for sale, craft activities and handicraft demonstrations, a used book sale. Some activities may require pre-registration. To get more information, contact the library at (240) 773-9590. This event takes place at the same time as the Fire Prevention Day at the next door Fire Department so you can participate in both celebrations on the same visit.

### TODDLER HOUR IN GAZEBO PARK

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 9:30 TO 10:30 A.M.**

We're trying something new...a toddler hour in the Gazebo Park. Families with children 3 and under join us for bubble blowing and ball throwing and some delicious juice boxes for an hour from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Join us and meet some of Section 3's littlest people! Moms are welcome to bring slightly older children along or little ones in strollers. We want your children to meet one another and we want you to meet one another! Let us know if you can make it by contacting the Village Manager so that we have enough juice boxes and bubble blowing equipment to go around!

### TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE, CONVERSATIONS AND SWEETS

On October 10 from 7:00-8:30 p.m., the Town of Chevy Chase will host **"Climate Activism: The Green New Deal and Carbon Pricing"** at the Chevy Chase Town Hall (next door to the Jane E. Lawton Recreation Center). The program will feature Congressman Jamie Raskin and Jessica Langerman, founder of ClimateXChange. Discover the core ideas and challenges for how the Green New Deal addresses climate change by creating jobs while simultaneously expanding the use of clean energy. Understand how bipartisan state and federal proposals for carbon pricing would be a strong first step for decreasing pollution while increasing innovation. The program will offer stimulating, pragmatic solutions as well as delicious sweets and beverages with a low carbon footprint.

## FIRE & RESCUE SQUAD DAYS

Saturday, October 5 marks Rescue Day 2019 at the BCC Rescue Squad at 5020 Battery Lane in Bethesda at Old Georgetown Road. The event, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. includes a moon bounce, free kids' Fire Hats, Station tours and live demonstrations and a special helicopter visit. The event is the same day as the Taste of Bethesda nearby, so you can make a day of it—eat well, learn about this valuable community resource and give the kids some fun rides and exposure to safety precautions.

Saturday, October 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. marks Fire Prevention Day at the Chevy Chase Fire Department at 8001 Connecticut Avenue. There will be a moon bounce, and lots of equipment to view and climb on and maybe even a fire truck ride!

## FARMERS MARKET MARKS FIRST ANNIVERSARY

The Farmers' Market celebrated its first anniversary in Section 3 on September 21. The past year marks a wonderful new chapter in the life of our community with neighbors greeting neighbors over fresh organic tomatoes, munching on buckwheat parfaits, and bringing fresh bread home for the night's dinner. Going forward, we hope to augment those activities with more flea market tables, and other vendors approved for participation in our weekly Farmers' Market and of course, our wonderful Market Manager, Jen Roberts and farmer Jim Crawford. We are grateful for this partnership.

### B-CC USED BOOK SALE INFORMATION

The Annual March BCC book sale is the largest PTSA fundraiser of the year benefitting all students and numerous school and teacher programs. The sale is run by volunteers and the next drop-off date for books is **Saturday, October 12 from 10:00 am. to 2:00 p.m.** As you can imagine, it takes a great deal of time to sort and price all these books and they can always use volunteers. Take a moment to look through your bookcases and see if you can't free up some space by donating books to this worthy cause. If the book no longer "sparks joy," perhaps it will in someone else's library.

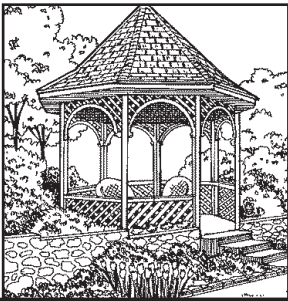
Drop off donations on the circular drive in front of B-CC High School, 4301 East-West Highway.



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## TAX BILLS

For those of you who pay your taxes and are owner/occupants, Section 3 paid your Sanitary Landfill charge of \$20.97. If you have already paid your taxes, they will credit you. If you or your lender pays twice a year, the adjustment will be made in your second half bill. If you haven't paid your tax bill yet and are an owner/occupant, then simply deduct the \$20.97. Bills were due September 30.