

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

News & Views

SEPTEMBER 2009

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Bulk household trash pick-up-curbside

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Council Meeting 7:45 p.m.

CCUMC Room 109

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Party-in-the-Park

Gazebo Park, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Rain date: September 20

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Council Meeting 7:45 p.m.

CCUMC Room 109

MARK THE DATE—SEPTEMBER 13TH PARTY IN THE PARK!

This year's Party-in-the-Park will take place just two weeks after school starts for most Section 3 children...a nice way to start off the fall season with family and friends and lots of great food and great rides!

Weather permitting; the event will take place from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on September 13th. Mindy's Catering is back again and the ice cream man will make his appearance. We'll have the all-time favorite ride—the train, a carousel, fun obstacle course inflatables and much more!

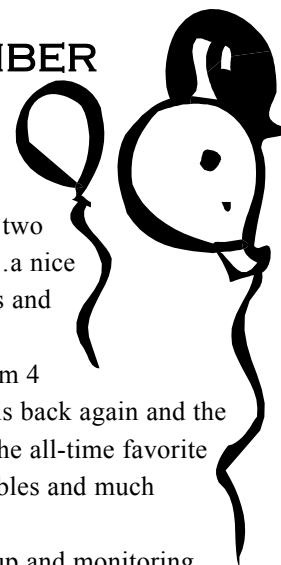
We'll need volunteers to help with set up, clean up and monitoring the safety of children on a few of the rides, so if you'd like to volunteer, just contact Council Secretary **Donna Harmon** and Council Vice Chair **Natasha Saiffee** who are coordinating those efforts. **Jen**

Roberti will be organizing the fabulous cake walk as usual—thanks to her we had a record number of cakes last year and many families went home with fabulous looking and great tasting cakes. Bristol Sounds will be our DJ entertaining us through the event.

If you've never been to a Party-in-the-Park before, we urge you to join us. It all started out years ago as a co-op dinner with blankets on the grass in the park...it's now

expanded to be a huge event with rides, catered dinner and tables and chairs to sit on! It's a great way to catch up with old friends and neighbors and meet new ones and for the children, it's an amazing fun filled day.

The event is for Section 3 residents only and in the event of rain, it will be held on Sunday, September 20th.



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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.*



The Council met on Wednesday, July 8th at CCUMC. All Council members except Jon Newhard were present. Mr. Newhard was out of the country on business.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

The Council discussed the recent tragic death of Kelly Murray and her daughter Sloane due to a dead limb falling from a tree on Connecticut Avenue. The Council decided that rather than wait for the State Highway Department to trim trees with some dead limbs, we would take on that task ourselves and hire a contractor to eliminate all the dead wood in the trees on Connecticut Avenue on both the street and sidewalk side. (NOTE: The work was completed on August 26th with State Highway Department permission. They confirmed that they did not have funds to do selective trimming.)

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

The **Kane** family requested a variance for an eave overhang of 1' for a one story addition at the rear of their home. The 1' foot intrusion into the setback will allow an overhang that matches the rest of the architecture.

The installation of fiber optic cable by Verizon continues; we hope the work will be completed by mid-August.

The sprinkler heads in the park needed to be replaced and the direction altered as well as the timing to improve the irrigation. A "rain monitor" was also installed so that the system will not go on when it rains.

The **Strauss** property at the corner of Bradley and Connecticut Avenue continues to be an eyesore. We have asked them to clean up the area but apparently the rules which apply to lots with houses on them do not apply to vacant lots. The Village Manager is trying to get some response by Mr. Strauss to clean up the lot but he does not seem inclined to do so. Other County violations on the site have been reported.

Buildings and Roads representative **Carolyn Greis** indicated that the **Edelens** have a shed permit and that the **Carters** were planning a less expansive project than originally envisioned. The **Adlers** were to submit stormwater drainage plans for their proposed 1/2 basketball court. Section 3 ordinances require that residents submit a plan showing where the water is going to flow and how it will not adversely affect their neighbors.

The Council discussed and agreed that our consultant Bill Bissell would be hired by the Council to review larger jobs and that residents with smaller projects needed stormwater plans could hire civil engineers to submit their plans. The Council will provide residents with the names of engineers who do this work if they need them and at no time would Mr. Bissell be approving his own plans on behalf of the Council. Because Ms. Greis is an architectural designer, she can evaluate smaller job plans.

Gil Wilson, the builder of the **Lesmes** home, intends to get the rain voids buried in the back yard to resolve the "Lake Lesmes" problem as soon as possible. Hopefully this will improve the water problem faced by a number of the neighbors. It rained so much in June that it was impossible to dig in the mud to bury the voids.

The Council has received the second phase of the lighting report which will add 13 new fixtures throughout the community and relocate other lights. We will begin working with Pepco to try and get a test light installed.

The GIS survey continues as all the existing pins and iron pipes have been located, historical research has been done and the firm expects that they will be installing pins and monuments later in August. So far no major discrepancies have been found.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council reviewed the current status of our holdings, agreed to roll over CDs coming due in August if the rate was favorable and try and locate banks offering both FDIC insurance and decent rates to invest more funds.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

The Welcome New Neighbor Barbeque is slated for Thursday, July 16th. The Village Manager reports that the tent has been ordered, along with the food and all the table cloths, etc. This year, we will include lighting inside the tent for a better atmosphere. Volunteers are needed for both set up and more importantly, clean up.

OTHER

The Council agreed to donate many house plans of homes receiving permits to the Chevy Chase Historical Society after CPJ (Charles P. Johnson) scans them all for us. The Village Manager will discuss restrictions on the access and use of the plans held by the Society before they are donated.

The Party in the Park planning has begun. *IF* we cannot get the train for the 20th of September, we will move up the date of the event to the 13th and hope it doesn't rain!

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



It is with great sadness that we report the sudden and tragic death of Taylor Street long-time neighbor, **Tanya Dooher**. Mrs. Dooher was driving her car on Sunday afternoon, August 16th, when she had a serious one-car accident from which she did not survive. She leaves two daughters, Nancy and Maureen, a son Patrick, and five grandchildren. Mrs. Dooher was raised in Iran by Russian parents and spoke both Russian and Farsi fluently. Widowed at a young age, she supported her family by working nights for the Voice of America in their Russian language programs during the cold war while her children slept. She was an avid gardener and a generous neighbor and will be missed.

Congratulations to **Gordon Miller** who for years has knocked on neighbors doors to help support his fund-raising efforts on behalf of two organizations helping those with aids. He was recently recognized by the Vermont CARES Champ Ride, which he has been fund-raising for since 2002, when he took his bike ride to raise funds for this organization providing AIDS-related services and education in 10 of the 14 counties in Vermont. To date, Gordon has raised almost \$24,000! This year alone, he raised almost \$9,800 in donations which will help CARES to assist 19 lower-income Vermonters living with HIV and their families.

Another Section 3 family, the **Jacob** family, took to the kitchen to help raise funds for those in need. Karen Jacob and her two girls and nieces held a back sale on August 23rd down at Brookville Market with all the funds going to Share Our Strength, a group which works to end childhood hunger. The hard-working family raised a total of \$650 for the cause!

A special welcome to **Chris Whatley and Melissa Brown** who've just moved into 3706 Spring Street with their two children. The family knows the area well but was living far from work in Annapolis and is delighted to be closer to work and family. Welcome!

Welcome to new neighbors **Andrew and Colleen Leleck** who moved into the house at the corner of Shepherd and Georgia Streets. Andrew is with Goldman Sachs and Colleen is a second grade school teacher.

Progress on 7104 Fulton Street is about to pick up now that Pepco has run electricity lines to the house. Washington Gas will soon be installing the gas lines and then developer Jim O'Brien

indicates he's eager to finish up the gutters and landscaping to get the house on the market.

Welcome to the Lesmes family of Taylor Street who have finally moved into their home on the site of the Lyerly family. Final touches are still being done to the exterior but the family and their four children are happily moved in and making themselves a part of the neighborhood. Welcome all!

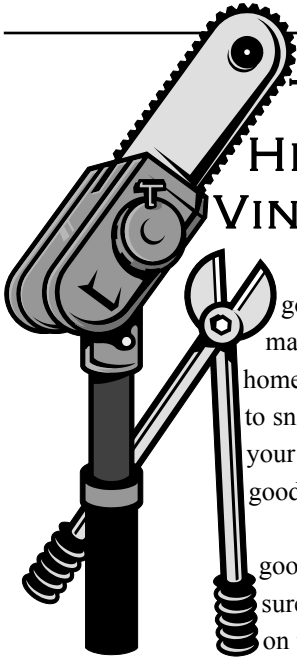
The **Slavin** family wishes to thank the generous person who has placed their newspaper of their front porch every morning.

Verizon FIOS products now available. As many of you know, this summer, Verizon came in and installed Fiber Optic Cable to enable them to offer internet and cable tv services as well as voice services to Section 3 residents. Those services are currently available. Your latest phone bill has numbers to call for more information and Verizon will be sending out flyers soon to all prospective residents with bundled rates.

QUIZ:

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW SECTION 3?

1. How many swimming pools are there in Section 3?
2. How many basketball courts?
3. How many tennis courts?
4. How many corner properties are there in Section 3?
5. Who has a "conservatory" room attached to their house?
6. Who has a fish pond in Section 3?
7. Whose home did Nikita Krushov visit?
8. Which homeowners have lived in Section 3 for most of their lives?
9. How many "through lots" are there in Section 3 (lots which extend from one street to the next)?
10. How many Section 3 homes share a driveway(you are not alone!)?
11. Which houses have life-size Xian Chinese warrior statues?
12. Which house did the former head of the CIA live in?



TRIM THOSE HEDGES AND VINES!

With school starting, please take a good look at your hedges and vines and make sure that the sidewalk near your home is clear! While you're there, be sure to snip any suckers growing up around your serviceberry trees and give them a good watering!

How about the back 40? Take a good look at fences and hedges and make sure that there aren't vines encroaching on your neighbor's property...do a fall

cleanup—it will make everyone happy.

PROPERTY CORNERS TO BE MARKED SOON

Our contractors, Charles P. Johnson & Associates., Inc., have completed all their deed and subdivision research and will soon be in the neighborhood marking "monuments" at corners of the community and marking the front property lines of all Section 3 residences. They have located a number of previously marked properties and haven't found any discrepancies with their on research, but a large number of homes were not marked and now will be, saving residents hundreds of dollars when and if they require surveys for additions, fences, or property sales.

RATS AND MICE... THEY LIVE HERE TOO!

As the temperature turns, mice and rats will be looking for new homes—don't make yours one of them! If you have a woodpile near your house, you might want to consider straightening it up so that it doesn't become home to some unwelcome creatures. If you can close up any tiny holes in your house foundation, that would be a good idea—try using steel wool or something that can't be pried loose or chewed through. Piles of trash, dirty insides of trash cans or recycling bins are all items that attract...take a good look around and hope they find themselves a warm home elsewhere!

RESCUE DAY AT BCC RESCUE SQUAD

For those with children fascinated by fire trucks, October is the month! The BCC Rescue Squad is having their open house on Sat., October 3 from 11 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. rain or shine. There will be demonstrations of emergency medical, rescue and fire-fighting equipment, free firefighter hats and a moonbounce. For fans of the old Ghostbusters' car, the Squad's sleek "Rescue 15" 1972 Cadillac ambulance will be on display as well.

BCC Rescue Squad has two members serving from Section 3—**Ferral Detrich and Julia Hawley**. The non-profit provides professional, no charge fire, rescue and emergency medical services to the greater BCC and Upper Northwest area. Their Fund Drive is now underway and continues through October.

CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY GETS A FACELIFT

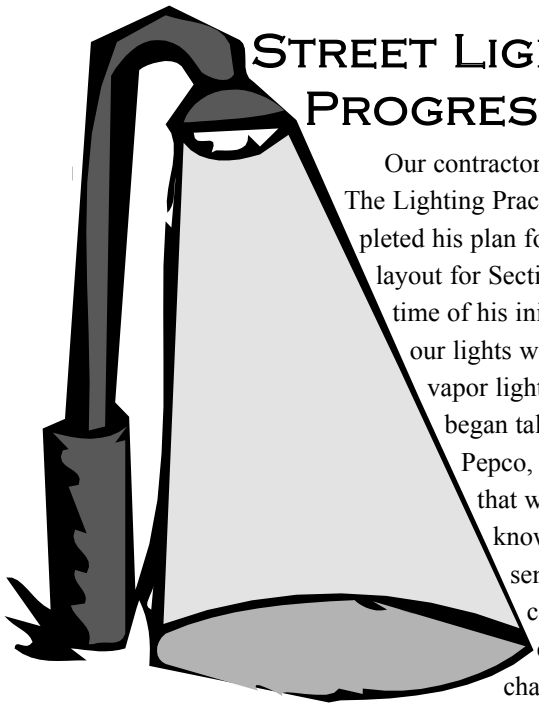
Our much beloved Chevy Chase Library will reopen on Tuesday, September 8th after a quick facelift. The library closed August 17th. The interior space will be reconfigured and the carpeting will be replaced and walls painted. The Friends of the Library, Chevy Chase Chapter, will be paying for some of the costs, particularly the work in the young adults area. This is the first renovation in the library in 16 years!

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Two, Bugg, Mohr/Baranes; 2. Three—the Terpeluks, th Presses, soon to be the Adlers (other informal courts exist with portable baskets throughout the community); 3. Two, the Isbells, the Vitas; 4. 65 houses; 5. The Schumre family has a classic "English style" conservatory; 6. Celeste Weininger, Mary Weadon, Walter Pennington, Marcia Shannon, Jan Augustine, Joel Adler, Elizabeth Nih, Martin Elwell, Rebecca Streeter; 9. Ten: Arconti/Heynen, D'Angelo, Stepioe-Carson, Nort/Greis, Mikamides/Owen, Manning, Clark/Chaturvedi, Frank/Kennedy, Geisert, Kearns; 10. Nine: Daw/Kret, Robinson/Franze, Mager/Kizer, Coleman/Wallace, Cary/Meisel, Flint/Chap, D'Ambrosio/rental property, Harris-Baines/7104 Fla, Lesmes/Michael; 11. The Rosner/Trebachs and the Stepioe/Carsons; 12. The Ionata/Restito home.

Note: If I've missed someone, let me know, we'll put a correction in the next *News & Views*!

STREET LIGHTING PROGRESS



Our contractor Scott Watson of The Lighting Practice has completed his plan for a new lighting layout for Section 3. At the time of his initial survey, all our lights were mercury vapor lights. Once we began talking with Pepco, we discovered that without our knowledge or consent, Pepco had come into our community and changed all the

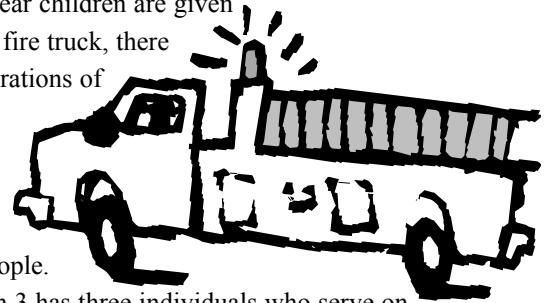
mercury vapor lights to sodium vapor giving us a more yellow light. This is not what we wanted for Section 3 and we are currently in discussions with Pepco.

Unlike every other utility who does work in our municipality, Pepco did not notify us they were about to change our lights, rather they sent out a general press release in 2008 saying that by 2012, they would be changing mercury vapor lights to sodium vapor in Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties. Other jurisdictions, specifically Section 5, The Town of Chevy Chase and Somerset have also had their lights changed without permission from the towns involved.

At the moment we have had initial discussions with Pepco and have filed a complaint with the Public Service Commission regarding the amount of money Pepco wants to charge us to change our existing street lights for induction lights. We have received a quote for installing sodium vapor lights in the style that we would like to use on Connecticut Avenue to meet State Highway lighting requirements, but they have yet to give us a price for an additional light we wish to add on Connecticut Avenue. Because the Connecticut Avenue lights are sodium vapor, we would be willing to pay Pepco their maintenance charges for these lights. For the induction lights, which are whiter and require less maintenance inside Section 3 and on Brookville Road, we have yet to get a price for how much it would cost to remove the existing lights, change the lighting from one pole to another, and for us to maintain the lights ourselves without Pepco charging us each month. We await clarification from Pepco and hope to begin discussions with their regulator, the Public Service Commission.

CONNECTICUT AVENUE FIRE STATION ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

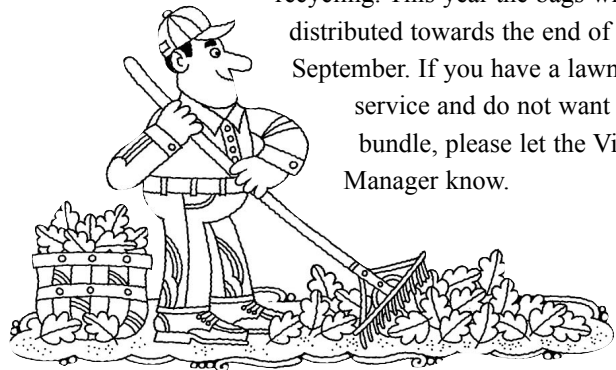
Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 10 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm for the Annual Open House of our local fire station. Each year children are given rides on the fire truck, there are demonstrations of fire fighting techniques and lots of fun for big and little people.

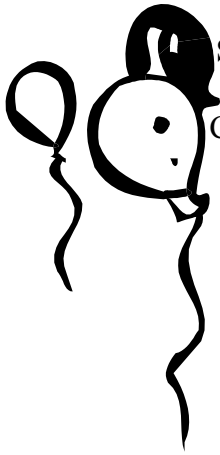


Section 3 has three individuals who serve on the Fire Board representing our interests and we are grateful to them: **Russell Weil, Joe Burke and Mary McDonough**. We appreciate all their efforts on our behalf. Speaking of fires, please check your house numbers and make sure they are clearly visible from the street so that if you needed emergency services, they could find your home.

LEAF BAGS TO BE DISTRIBUTED EARLY THIS FALL

Every year Section 3 provides each resident with 25 strong paper leaf bags for yard waste recycling. This year the bags will be distributed towards the end of September. If you have a lawn service and do not want a bundle, please let the Village Manager know.

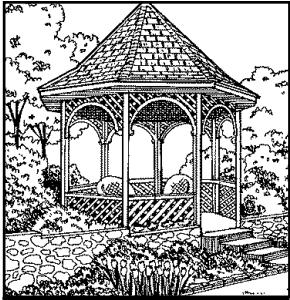




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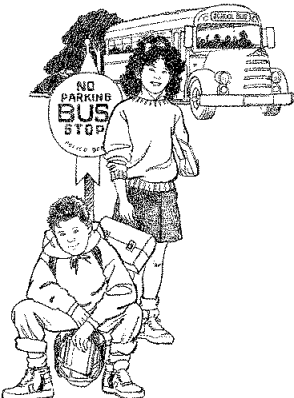
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