

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

News & Views

SEPTEMBER 2019

CALENDAR

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

First Day of Montgomery County Public Schools

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Bulk Trash, Curbside

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Blood Drive, CCUMC, 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Party-in-the-Park

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Bulk Trash Pick-up, curbside

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

Halloween Pizza Party and Parade
Gazebo Park, 4:45 p.m.

PARTY IN THE PARK SEPTEMBER 15

It's that time of the year: the Annual Party in the Park is slated for Sunday, September 15 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at and around the Gazebo Park. This is Section 3's biggest event---lots of rides provided by Big Country Amusements including the "throw up machine" and the train ride for the little ones. We have a delicious catered dinner by Mindy's Catering, our fabulous DJ, Keith Robinson who runs the famous cake walk organized every year by Jen Roberti with donations from all the Section 3 bakers. And the event always ends with Copperfield Davis, our ice cream man lined up as folks walk away with lots of cakes created by expert baker neighbors. We hope everyone will turn out and start volunteering to bake a cake (contact **Jen Roberti**), to monitor the little ones on the two big rides, and to help with cleanup (contact **Melissa Brown** or **Susan Manning**).



BLOOD DRIVE SLATED FOR SEPTEMBER 12

The Section 3 Council has arranged for the Red Cross to come to our community on September 12 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at CCUMC for a blood drive in memory of the late **Ken Harney** who died on May 23 of Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

On his death, Ken's family received many condolence notes asking if there was anything they could do for the family. Throughout Ken's illness he received countless blood transfusions from total strangers who donated their blood to help sustain him. Though his form of leukemia is rare, there are so many people with blood diseases requiring transfusions that the family felt there was no better way to "pay it forward" than to help return the kindness by donating blood in his memory.

Interested donors can sign up for a time slot by registering in advance online at RedCrossBlood.Org with the sponsor id as "Section 3." Also, if you have eligibility concerns, call 1 866-236-3276. Walk-ins will be accepted as space allows. It is best to make an appointment in advance.



The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.™

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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 in Wednesday, July 10 in the Wesley Room of CCUMC. The meeting began at 7:55 p.m. All Council members except **Mike Dietrich** were present.

The Council approved the Council minutes of the June meeting as they appeared in the July newsletter.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Village Manager reported that the individual we thought was living in her car apparently is not and is employed in the Brookville Road commercial strip. We made efforts to determine support services that might be brought to bear for her but without finding her actually living in her car, we cannot bring those resources to her. Patrols are still working extra hours in the mid-night to 6:00 a.m. time frame as well as during the day.

BUILDINGS & ROADS

The Council took up four variance requests as printed in the July newsletter. The group approved a portico addition that will cover the front door and protrude into the front setback for the **Howell** family at 7103 Connecticut Ave. They also approved three variance requests for the **Vale** family of 7103 of Florida Street for a reconfiguration of the front steps that will intrude into the front setback, a bay window on the front of the house which will intrude into the front setback two feet, and a variance to enclose the rear porch. The Council did not approve the revised variance request by **Julia Hawley** of 7105 Fulton Street for a free-standing garage that would have intruded into 12 feet 9 inches into the rear setback. The Council reviewed the request for both a side and rear setback variance to convert the rear garage into habitable space and reconfigure the back with a new addition at the **Scupi** residence at 6802 Delaware Street. The vote was a 2 to 2 tie. As a tie vote has never occurred in recent memory, the Council was not certain as to the next step and on consultation with our attorney subsequent to the meeting, determined that a tie means a denial. The Council has conveyed this information to the applicants and they will have the opportunity to re-apply if they wish in September. In the meantime, their application for a similar variance from the County comes before the Board of Appeals on July 31.

The Council spent a great deal of time discussing with members of the community the potential impact of purchasing the land at 3602 Taylor Street and its use as a Village Hall. Near neighbors

expressed their dismay at the prospect, raising concerns about parking, noise and the pre-existing community uses for the Farmers Market and the school bus stop. The Council discussed getting feedback from the community not specifically just about this site and this use, but the kinds of services and amenities the community would like to see. We will be working with Lisa Jaycox who volunteered to come up with a survey for the entire community to give the Council some sense of what the community wants. Those who came to the meeting went away understanding that the Council was not about to make any offers on the property without community consensus.

Buildings and Roads Representative Carolyn Greis listed six different permits recently issued: a dumpster permit and a construction permit for the rear addition at the **Kettler** residence at 3612 Shepherd Street; a permit to the **Nucci/Patten** family of 3609 Spring Street for a screened porch and rear deck. The **Karacsony/Major** family of 3612 Brookville Road received a permit for a rear yard fence; the **Shuchart/Sebeok** family of 7108 Fulton Street received a permit for a gravel patio for a rear yard fire pit; and **3612 Taylor Street LLC** received a permit for a dormer and deck addition.

The storm drain solution for the sump pump outfall from 3615 Raymond Street has been permitted by the County and will soon receive a Section 3 permit. We required the builder to give us a schedule before we would issue the permit. And once we had that in place, we signed off on the gas line installation permit. The water that has been running in the gutter should soon be a thing of the past. The Village Manager indicated that she has been trying to get the County to flush the storm drains where we know sediment from the job site has been flowing off and on since construction began.

The Village Manager indicated that despite many communities expressing reservations regarding the proposed Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA 19-01) on Accessory Dwelling Units, it appeared that the County Council was going to proceed. The Council is going to be looking into ways to make certain adequate parking is provided and that our stormwater regulations are updated, not only because of the ADU County legislation, but because we have had so many stormwater issues in the past year. The Council has designated Susan Manning and Carolyn Greis along with the Village Manager to draft some proposals for their consideration this fall.

The Village Manager reports that she and the Buildings and Roads Representative met with a State Highway Administration official to discuss a permanent drainage solution for "Lake Bradley." We had a consulting engineer draft a plan which they

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Congrats to **Sophie Horst** of Shepherd Street who is headed to Duke University this fall. Congrats too to **Ariana Warden** of Raymond Street who is headed to Cornell University.

A special welcome to **Andrew Kissner** and Jackie Hill who moved into 6812 Georgia Street along with their chocolate lab Percy. The family is expecting a new arrival in December.



Threats of rain drove the Welcome New Neighbors BBQ into Phillips Hall at Chevy Chase United Methodist Church where, thanks to the gracious flexibility of CCUMC, we were able to party. Rocklands BBQ team weathered the storm in the Church parking lot and kept the ribs and chicken flowing while staffers used the Church kitchen to prep the rest of the delicious food. The ice cream man showed up in the parking lot, too. We had a great turnout, managed to finish off all the food and the few leftovers as always were brought the next day to Bethesda Cares for the lunch program for the homeless. Nothing went to waste.

We have lots of new neighbors since last year: **Ben Weinstein and Gina Masi** of Raymond Street, **Aras and Elizabeth Holden** of Georgia Street, **Andrew Kissner and Jackie Hill** of Georgia Street, **Eszther Major and Sandor Karacsony** of Brookville Road, **Gerry and Colleen Sinzdak** of Spring Street, the **Ben Stern** family of Georgia Street, **Frannie and Barry LaSala** of Bradley Lane and soon to move in, **Saeed Mariani and Tamara Akeefe** of Raymond Street. If you meet up with these folks at the playground, the Gazebo Park or the Farmers Market, be certain to give them a big welcome.



TINY DOG TUESDAY A HIT

The first Tiny Dog Tuesday afternoon was a big hit from the owners' point of view. We had about 11 tiny dogs during the afternoon—some running around making new friends, others sitting it out on benches, but all having tons of fun. It was a symphony of tiny curled up tails and long hair—lots of shih tzu and shih tzu mixes, a couple Havanese dogs, and a cross section of other small dogs. For all involved, it felt great to be the protected ones INSIDE the fencing while the big dogs marched by and endured the barking of tiny dogs at them from the safety of the park. The special “carve out” for tiny dogs will continue every Tuesday afternoon.

CHEVY CHASE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORAL HISTORY VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP

On September 28 from 10:00 am-12:00 noon, the Chevy Chase Historical Society will train volunteers wishing to assist CCHS in conducting oral interviews. Led by Anna Kaplan, DC Oral History Collaborative Consulting Oral Historian, the workshop will offer instruction and guidance on oral history best practices, interview preparation and techniques, and editing transcripts.

Since the 1980s, CCHS has worked to capture community history by conducting Oral History interviews with long-time Chevy Chase residents, as well as adjacent businesses and their employees. Oral History is essential for future generations to better understand the lived experience of history, and the many meanings that people make of these experiences.

The workshop is free and will take place at the CCHS Archive & Research Center, 8401 Connecticut Avenue, Suite 1010. As space is limited, RSVP to info@chevychasehistory.org or (301) 656-6141.

CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE HEARING ON BROOKVILLE ROAD DOG PARK

The Chevy Chase Board of Managers will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, September 9 to consider actions regarding the dog park on Brookville Road. Actions include possible limitations on how many dogs can use the park at any given time to the possible disestablishment of the designated dog park. Non-Resident individuals who wish to submit written testimony can do so via email prior to the meeting at ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov

The Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers held Public Hearings during its regular meetings on May 13, June 10 and July 8 to solicit the views of the community regarding the park, to consider concerns voiced by abutting neighbors about noise, traffic and aggressive dogs, and to consider modifications to the use of the park and park access. At its meeting on July 8, the Board amended the hours for access to the dog park to 8:00 a.m. to sunset on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to sunset on weekends and Village holidays.

Public Hearing and Possible Board Action: The Board will hold a final Public Hearing to consider disestablishing the Dog Exercise Area at Brookville Road Park and removing the fence parallel to Brookville Road during its regular meeting on Monday, September 9, 2019. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. The Board may also consider alternatives to disestablishment to address concerns, including a further reduction of the hours that the Dog Exercise Area is open for access by unleashed dogs.

Residents who are unable to attend the Public Hearing on September 9 may submit written testimony for the record before September 9 either by e-mail to ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov or directly to the Village office at 5906 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

PICK UP THE POOP PLEASE!

There is nothing more annoying than to take a walk in the neighborhood and come home with someone's dog poop on your shoes. There are seven doggie bag stations spread throughout the community so there is no excuse for folks not picking up after their dogs. We have problems with dog owners being unwilling to bend over and pick up after their dogs... we ask that you be a considerate neighbor and if you see someone ignoring the obvious, challenge them to be a good neighbor on the spot please!



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are now reviewing. Because the plan involves putting a rain tank on State Highway property at the corner of Brookville Road and Bradley Lane next to the Grossfeld home at 3701 Bradley Lane, we will not only need permits but will doubtless have to sign a Memorandum of Understanding taking full responsibility for the maintenance of the rain tank and accompanying trench drain. The process will be lengthy but the SHA official seems sympathetic for the need to resolve this long standing problem.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Village Manager indicated that we will have to revise the budget ordinance because the fees for trash collection to CCUMC was inadvertently omitted from the budget approved in May.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

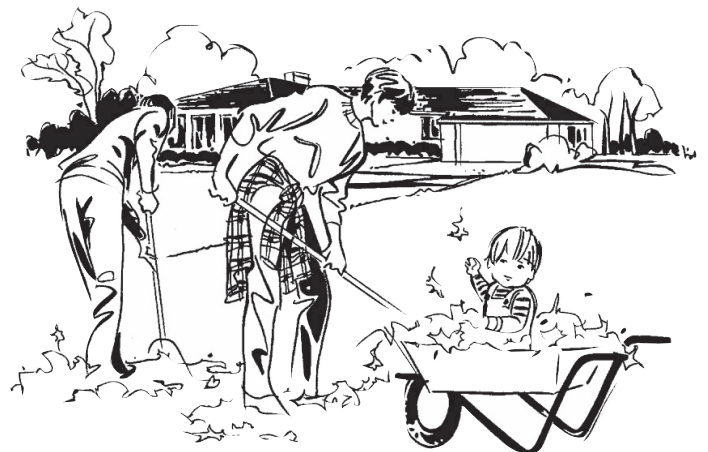
The Village Manager reports that the new website is coming along well and you will be able to click on the current issue of the newsletter and read it right from the front page, and a community calendar will also appear on the front page, along with a running slide show which we can change from time to time.

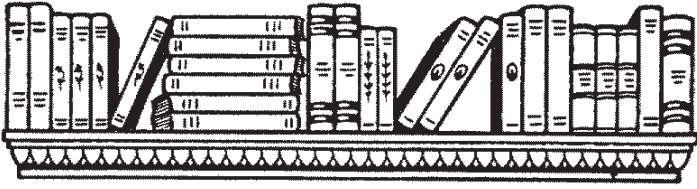
The Farmers Market is doing well. We have to continue to promote it so that they build a base of customers regardless of the weather.

The Council discussed adult beverage bartending duties for the Welcome New Neighbors BBQ.

The Council discussed making an afternoon a week in the Gazebo Park for "Tiny Dog Tuesday" (see story this issue) and also an event for toddlers in the Gazebo Park. The Village Manager has been entrusted with getting both events off the ground.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.





CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Please consider joining the Friends of the Library - Chevy Chase to enhance and expand programming at our terrific local library. You can join at: folmc.org/join

Don't forget to check off Chevy Chase under "Designate Your Gift". Or pick up an application in the back lobby of the library and turn it in to the front desk. Thank you.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Chevy Chase Library, 8005 Connecticut Ave, Chevy Chase, MD 20815. (240-773-9590) Please confirm events on the library website, as schedules may change.

On Wednesday, 09/04/19 at 6:00 PM Teen Writers' Club: The Teen Writers' Clubs of the Maryland Writers' Association, a growing network of after-school writing programs for aspiring writers ages 11-17, is hosting a club at the Chevy Chase Library. The purpose of the Teen Writers' Clubs is to provide young writers with a safe and supportive meeting place where they can improve their skills under the guidance of writing mentors, get inspired by meeting guest authors, and make new friends with fellow young writers.

On Saturday, 09/07/19 at 2:00 PM Foreign Film Series: This month's film is *King of Peking* (2017 - China). When home entertainment enters the market in 90's Beijing, a former projectionist ropes his young son into starting their own pirate movie company, but easy money comes with its own price tag. Nominated for Best International Picture at the 2017 Tribeca Film Festival.. Join us for screenings of a variety of films from around the world. Film is typically shown on the first Saturday of each month. All movies have English subtitles. Screenings will begin at 2:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, 09/11/19 at 2:00 PM Non-Fiction Book Group: Join the group to discuss *Daring to Drive: a Saudi Woman's Awakening* by Manel Al-Sharif. Copies of the book will be available one month before the session at the Information Desk. Registration is not required.

On Wednesday, 09/11/19 at 7:30 PM Great Books Group: This month's selection is *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* by Victor Hugo. 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

On Friday, 09/20/19 at 10:30 AM Chevy Chase Dialogue: All

are welcome to join this civil and stimulating discussion on American life and the United States' role in the global community. This month's article for discussion is "How Much Immigration is Too Much?" by David Frum. *The Atlantic*, April 2019. Copies will be available at the information desk. We hope everyone will feel comfortable participating. The group is fairly small so that everyone can see and hear everyone else while seated around a table. Copies of the articles to be discussed will be available without charge on the holds shelf at the library.

On Saturday, 09/21/19 at 2:00 PM Jazz and the Civil Rights Movement: Join renowned flautist and lecturer Galen Abdur-Razzaq for a riveting presentation about Jazz and its role in the Civil Rights Movement. This program is designed specifically with a focus on the history of jazz chronicling the music from the turn of the century to present day; women in jazz highlighting the influence they had on the evolution of jazz and their significant contributions to the art form – jazz; and lessons on music theory. No registration is required.

On Tuesday, 09/24/19 at 6:30 PM Retirement Boot Camp, Part 4 - Legacy Planning: Take in an in depth look at four of the most important parts of retirement planning. The series concludes this month with Legacy Planning.

On Wednesday, 09/25/19 at 2:00 PM Fiction Memoir and Biography Book Group: Join the group to discuss *Chemistry* by Weike Wang. Copies of the selected book are made available one month before the session, at the Information Desk. Registration is not required.

On Saturday, 09/28/19 at 2:00 PM Retirement Boot Camp, Part 4 - Legacy Planning: Take in an in depth look at four of the most important parts of retirement planning. The series concludes this month with Legacy Planning.

B-CC USED BOOK SALE DONATION DATES

Book collection begins early this year for the 2020 B-CC Used Book Sale! Start gathering your already-enjoyed books, CDs, audio books, and DVDs.

Saturday, September 14, 10am-2pm

Saturday, October 12, 10am-2pm

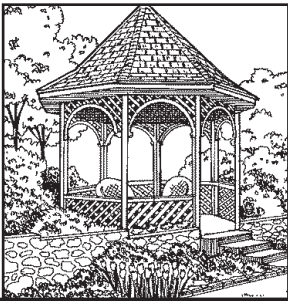
Saturday, November 9, 10am-2pm

Saturday, January 11, 10am-2pm

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



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