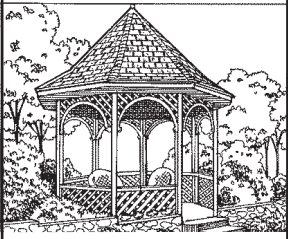


## SECTION 3



Village of  
CHEVY CHASE

# NEWS & VIEWS

MARCH 2020

## CALENDAR

**TUESDAY, MARCH 3**

**NEW Regular Trash Pick-up**

**No need to put garbage cans on the curb!**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4**

**Recycling, Bulk Trash Day, Curbside pickup**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 6**

**NEW Regular Trash Pick-up**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11**

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17**

**Everybody's Irish Party**

**Gazebo Park, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22**

**Deadline for Council candidates statements**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1**

**Recycling, Bulk Trash Day, Curbside Pickup**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8**

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

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## EVERYBODY'S IRISH EVENT, TUESDAY, MARCH 17



It's the first Gazebo Park event of the year. We celebrate St. Patty's Day by making everyone Irish—we serve adult beverages from Ireland along with water, sodas and juice boxes. We have all manner of green food too—green eggs and ham, green bagels, guacamole and chips, strawberries dipped in green-dyed white chocolate. We even have mini-corned beef sandwiches and delicious pita bread and lamb sandwiches. So plan on coming by. If it's cold, we'll have the tent heated. There is no rain date for this event. So plan on attending 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. with fun for everyone!

## INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT SECTION 3 PROPERTIES

As the Council contemplates some changes to our ordinances to address stormwater run-off and high water table problems, we have taken the time to research the size of every single lot in Section 3 and the square footage above grade of every single residence using state tax assessment data. We've learned some interesting things and compiled some interesting facts from what we already knew to share with you.

It's clear we are a diverse community when it comes to housing. The smallest lot in Section 3 is 3,402 square feet, while the largest, 54,208 is square feet. The smallest house has 864 square feet above grade and the largest, 8,831 square feet.—that's quite a spread! Clearly, ensuring that our ordinances will not penalize those with smaller lots and still be effective for those on larger lots is a challenge. There are 22 homes on lots that are 5,000 square feet or less and an additional 24 on lots of under 6,000 square feet. That doesn't even touch the many joint driveways we have in Section 3! The median lot size is about 8,000 square feet.

On the amenities side, we have eight swimming pools with a few more planned, four backyard ponds, two tennis courts, and a number of garages that have been converted into offices, entertaining spaces, and wood shops.

On the people side, we have a surprising number of lifetime residents...

**Mary Weadon, Jan Augustine, Marcia Shannon and Walter Pennington** (who are also twins), and **Molly Borders**. We have numerous siblings living in the 'hood: **Liz Davis and Kim DeLaquil, Rhonda Baines and Deborah**

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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, February 12 at CCUMC. The meeting began at 7:55 p.m. with all Council members present, except **Bill Brownlee**.

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

### PUBLIC SAFETY

The Council received a letter sent to the State Highway Administration (SHA) from Martin's Additions asking them among other things, to install a crosswalk at Bradley Lane. The Village Manager and the Council disagreed with this suggestion as that intersection is off-set and also does not have a stop sign, making it a dangerous location for a crosswalk.

The Council instructed the Village Manager to let Martin's Additions and SHA know of our concern.

### BUILDINGS & ROADS

The Council's Buildings and Roads Representative, **Carolyn Greis**, indicated that the builder of 3622 Delaware Street has been issued a building permit to construct a new wider driveway, apron and curb cut (shared with 3804 Shepherd Street) for which he had been earlier granted a variance.

The builder of 3613 Raymond Street has agreed to clean up the site as requested at a meeting with the Village Manager and the Buildings and Roads Representative. He has also submitted a schedule of work as requested which would have the house completed by early July. Upon providing confirmation of his extended Montgomery County building permit, his Section 3 building permit was extended to allow for completion of the project.

The **Wilson** family of 3704 Taylor Street was granted a variance to build a pool which will intrude 6'-6" into the 20' rear yard setback.

The Council agreed that we need clarification of the County proposed Accessory Dwelling Unit ZTA 20-2 which describes how to calculate square footage in the rear yard.

WSSC is working on a plan to replace a number of water supply lines throughout the community sometime in the next year or two. As part of that plan, they proposed removing some 18 different street trees. The Village Manager and the Section 3 arborist Paul Wolfe met with the WSSC arborist, the designer and the contract specialist and walked the entire job, tree by tree. The result is that only two trees will be removed and they will be replaced...all the other trees can be saved. It may be some time before the work

begins, so we will have lots of advance notice to share.

WSSC is carrying out emergency work on Connecticut Avenue because two Section 3 neighbors have virtually no water pressure. So WSSC opted to abandon the 1927 water supply line serving all the homes in the block between Taylor and Thornapple Streets, giving them a new 4" main and hopefully better water pressure.

**Susan Manning**, Carolyn Greis, and the Village Manager have been working on finding a way to better control stormwater runoff in our community and tighten up our building ordinances to help maintain the character of our community. The general changes were discussed but they are still wrestling with the thorny challenges presented by the vast differences in property sizes (see story page 1).

The Council asked the Village Manager to explore offering composting firm services to those interested residents and report back to the Council for budget planning at the next meeting.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The Village Manager is going to look into using an investment advisor within our bank, M & T Bank, to invest in CDs outside of Maryland as the state allows such investments as long as it's done through a bank like M & T.

### COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

The Village Manager reported that the evening at La Ferme's bar went extremely well and that about 100 people attended. She is planning the Everybody's Irish event for March 17.

### OTHER

Recycling bins have been ordered with an imprint of our Gazebo on it. We have hired our trash contractor to receive the bins and to assemble them (lid and wheels) as well as deliver them. The Village Manager is keeping track of those who don't want them and has already distributed a number of 22 gallon smaller open bins to those who prefer them over the larger ones.

The Council discussed the proposal from Montgomery Sanitation and Recycling to move our yard waste pick-up to Friday. They are growing their business and in order to retain our same crew, they need to juggle pick up days with a limited number of trucks. The Council felt that would be problematic, particularly for those who do their own yard work or whose contractors do it over the weekend as there would then be yard waste lining the streets until Friday. The Council asked the Village Manager to go back to them and ask for a better solution.

The shift in email and website server is complete. Our new website is finally up and running and tweaks are being made. We will have the agenda for Council meetings posted the same week as the meeting, and you will be able to click on the newsletter and read it online with ease from the front page. All our policies, ordinances, charter, etc. are also be on the site, as they were before.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.



## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

The Farmers Market will close on March 14 and re-open the first weekend in June. We have loved having them here and look forward to their return. Please give them a good send-off on their last days. We hope to enliven the site with some additional vendors or entertainment in the spring.

We are exploring ways in which the Crepes Parfait truck could continue to serve by coming to the Gazebo Park. They have to get a different kind of license to do that, so we are waiting to hear if that is possible.

The **CCUMC auction is March 14** at the Nader's house from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. The new playground will benefit Section 3 in addition to the preschool so the neighborhood is invited to participate. The auction committee has created a website where guests can buy tickets and/or register to participate in the online auction at [www.ccumcauction.com](http://www.ccumcauction.com)

### SPECIAL AREA EVENTS OF INTEREST

Saturday, March 7, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday March 8, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **B-CC High School Annual Used Book Sale.** Most books between \$1 and \$5. Location: B-CC High School

Sunday, March 8, 4:00 p.m. **Free Lecture titled *Marching for the Vote: the 1913 Suffrage Parade* by Rebecca Boggs Roberts** sponsored by the Chevy Chase Historical Society. Location: Lawton Community Center, 4301 Willow Lane

Thursday, March 12, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. **B-CC Jazz Combo, wine, chocolate and cheese fundraiser for B-CC High School Educational Foundation.** Location: Women's Club of Chevy Chase, 7931 Connecticut Avenue.

Thursday, March 12, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. **Talk on the New County Pesticide Act and Sustainable Landscaping Practices** by Mary Travaglini of Montgomery County Dept. of Environmental Protection. Sponsored by the Environment Committee of Chevy Chase Village. Location: Village Hall, 5906 Connecticut Avenue.

## NOTICE: CHANGE IN PICK-UP DAYS FOR HOUSEHOLD TRASH

Our wonderful trash contractors' business is growing. In order to maintain the same high level of service, they have asked and the Council has agreed to shift our household trash pickup days: Pick-up will now be Tuesdays and Fridays beginning March 3. Since they pick up from your yard, this should not adversely affect our residents, plus we get an added bonus of avoiding all those Monday holidays!

**To review the proper pick-up days for all household trash and recycling:**

**Monday: Yard waste, curbside**

**Tuesday: Household Trash**

**Wednesday: Recycling curbside**

**Friday: Household Trash**

## ELECTIONS IN MAY

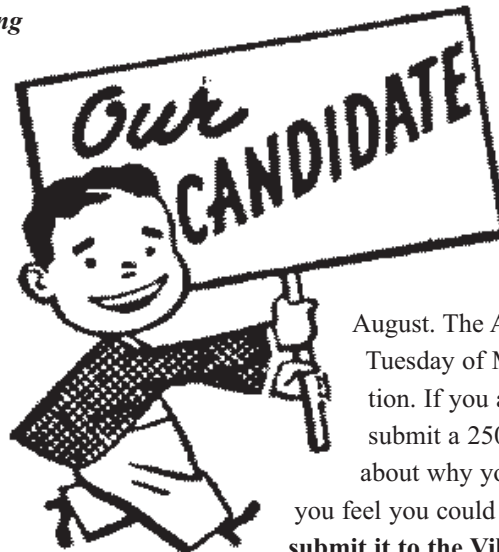
We have a five-member Council whose terms rotate every two years for the sake of continuity, every other year we elect two members. This year, both **Melissa Brown** and **Mike Dietrich's** terms are

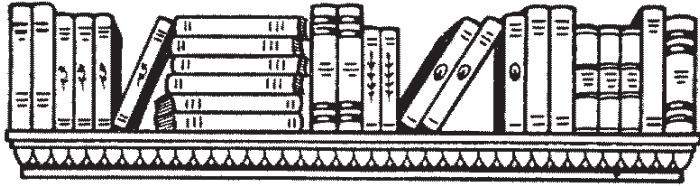
up. Both have indicated they are stepping down after serving several terms each. Please consider running for a vacant seat.

Council members meet once a month, on the second Wednesday of the month except for

August. The Annual meeting (the second Tuesday of May) is the day for the election. If you are interested in serving, submit a 250 to 300 word statement about why you'd like to run and what you feel you could do for the community and **submit it to the Village manager by 5:00 p.m., Sunday, March 22.**

Statements will be published in the April newsletter.





## CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY SPECIAL EVENTS

On Saturday, March 3 at 11:00 a.m. Lilly Stone-A Daring Woman a powerpoint lecture presentation with author Judith Welles. Lilly Stone inspired the first Montgomery County flag and founded the Montgomery County Historical Society. Come learn about this inspiring figure in a talk presented by the County's Historical Society.

On Wednesday, March 11 at 2:00 p.m. Non-Fiction Book Group: March Selection: *Mousy Cats and Sheepish Coyotes: the Science of Animal Personalities* by John A. Shivik. Copies of the book are available one month before the session at the Information Desk.

On Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. Great Books Group: March Selection: *The Undoing Project* by Michael Lewis. Attendees are responsible for obtaining the material to read in advance. This group meets the second Wednesday of each month, no registration required.

On Saturday, March 14 at 11:00 a.m. Special Used Book Sale. Lots of terrific books for sale including art books coffee table books, autographed copies of books old and rare books and a large collection of Nancy Drew books sold at 25 cents a book

On Wednesday, March 25 at 2:00 p.m. Fiction Memoir and Biography Book Group: *Pale Fire* by Vladimir Nabokov. Copies of the book are available one month before the session at the Information Desk.

On Saturday, March 28 at 10:30 a.m. The Culkin School of Irish Dance will present a program featuring traditional Irish

dance and music in honor of Irish Heritage Month. Participants will learn about Irish dancing, music and culture as well as a few dance moves. They will be accompanied by the Bog Band, a group of young musicians with a passion for traditional Irish music and dance.



## CENSUS PROCESS BEGINS THIS MONTH

This is the first time in the history of the US Census that will be conducted largely by computers. By mid-month you will receive a postcard from the Census Bureau in the mail giving you instructions as to how to go online and fill out detailed information. You'll get an "invitation" to respond online with a code and a URL so that you can set up an account to take the census. If you don't respond, they will send you another letter later in the month. It's set up for one response per household so please discuss this and designate who will be responsible to set up the account to respond online. And please provide information about everyone living in your household (regardless of their citizenship) by April 1, 2020.

Section 3 had 84 percent participating in 2010—we want to do better this year.

## PLANNING AN ADDITION? A PATIO? INSTALLING A SUMP PUMP, A FENCE?

Before you get very far in your planning, take a moment to check with our Buildings and Roads Representative Carolyn Greis about the process required by our ordinances (or go to our website to check). Bottom line, all of the items above require a permit so save yourself some trouble and check on the regulations before you get too far into your planning.



## RECYCLING BINS TO BE DISTRIBUTED SATURDAY, MARCH 21

New wheeled 35 gallon recycling bins will be distributed to in Section 3 on Saturday, March 21st. Instructions about recycling will be inside each bin. Those who have notified the Village Manager that they don't want the bins will not get them. If you don't want a larger bin, now is the time to let the Village Manager know!

Plastic bags are NOT permitted in recycling. The recycling plant machinery to process both paper and bottles and cans gets gummed up and damaged by the presence of plastic bags. The new wheeled bins can be used for either paper or bottles and cans—whatever you consistently have the most of. Once you use the bins for that type of recycling, you have to remain consistent. For example, if you have lots of little people in your home, chances are you'll use it for bottles and cans—glass and plastic and metal items. If you get lots of mail and amazon packages, you might want to use it for paper products...it's up to you.

## TAX CODE FOR SECTION 3

When you file your taxes, don't forget to put in the code 1614 for Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase! If you don't do your own, remind your tax preparer to do the same please.

## KENNEDY CENTER DISCOUNT TICKETS

If you are between 18 and 30, a full time elementary through undergraduate student, or an active-duty member of the armed forces, you should try joining the Kennedy Center's MyTix program. You can get tickets for \$10-\$39. There are no handling fees, 10% discount on food and non-alcoholic beverages, 10% discount in the gift shops and it's free to join. Go to Kennedy-Center.org

## PLASTIC BAGS A NO-NO FOR RECYCLING

Did you know that plastic bags totally gum up the recycling plant machines? Virtually every major supermarket has a bin for you to deposit your plastic bags which are then recycled by other firms. Please do not include ANY plastic bags in your recycling.

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AFTER YOUR DOGS—  
IT'S COLD AND WET  
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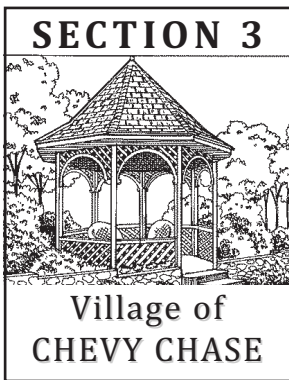
IF YOU MISSED THE SECTION 3 TAKE BACK DRUGS DAY LAST FALL, YOU CAN GO ANY TIME TO THE CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE HALL WHERE THEY HAVE A SECURE BOX FOR THE DISPOSAL OF OUTDATED OR UNNEEDED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

### PROPERTY FACTS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Harris, Lisa Jaycox and Tamara Kessler, Kate Manning and Josh Sherwin, the Pennington/Shannon twins already mentioned, and Hollis Dittersdorf and Pier Haffenreffer. We have two sets of parents and children both of whom are Section 3 residents—the Lanphers...Larry and Claudia and son Mark and his family; and Nathan Billig and daughter Deborah Scheck and family. Given the fact that we are only 282 homes in 1/10th of a square mile, that's a pretty impressive list of relatives! We also have a number of unrelated folks with the same name...2 Burkes, 2 Carrolls, 2 Howards, 2 Rowans, 2 Stephens, 2 Weinsteins, 2 Williams, and finally, 2 Wilsons.



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## IT'S SPRING—LOCK YOUR CARS!

WARM WEATHER BRINGS OUT FOLKS WHO WOULD LOVE TO “TOSS” YOUR CAR FOR THINGS THEY COULD SELL ON THE STREET...THWART THEM. MAKE SECTION 3 THE MOST LOCKED UP PLACE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY!

LOOK OUT FOR YOUR CENSUS POSTCARD THIS MONTH GIVING YOU A CODE TO GO ONLINE AND FILL OUT THE CENSUS FORMS.