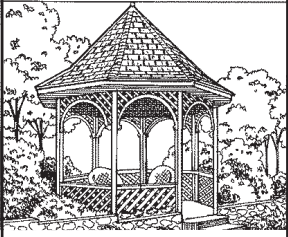


SECTION 3



Village of
CHEVY CHASE

News & Views

FEBRUARY 2020

CALENDAR



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5
Recycling, Curbside

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12
Council Meeting
CCUMC Wesley Room, 7:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4
Recycling, curbside
1st Bulk Trash Pickup of 2020!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11
Council Meeting
CCUMC Wesley Room, 7:45 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17
Everybody's Irish Party
Gazebo Park, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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CENSUS REQUIRES YOUR PARTICIPATION

Our Constitution mandates that we take a census every decade, the results of which are used to determine everything from the number of representatives each state has in the U.S. House to the distribution of hundreds of billions in federal funds to state and local communities—including critical funding for schools, hospitals, fire departments, and programs that help families in need. It is essential that all of Maryland is counted, to ensure that the State receives our fair share of the funding allocated by the federal government. We need to be counted.

Section 3 has a history of being responsive when it comes to census surveys, however at the last Census, our performance slipped. We were ranked 15th in the State with 84 percent of our residents participating in the 2010 census. In the year 2000, we ranked sixth in terms of participation. So this year, we are shooting for as complete participation as is possible.

This year, the process is a bit different. It is the first time you can respond online. You will have three ways to respond: online (you will be given a code by mail to set up an account); by phone; and by mail. Starting in mid-March, you will begin to receive official Census Bureau mail with detailed information. Please disregard anything purporting to be census data or a communication from the Census Bureau any earlier than mid-March. You'll first get an "invitation" to respond online—the easiest way to respond. There will be a follow-up letter later that month and if you haven't yet responded, you'll get a reminder postcard, followed by a reminder letter with a paper questionnaire. At the end of April, those who have not yet responded will receive a final reminder postcard before census workers follow up in person. So if for no other reason, to save a tree, the best thing to do is to respond online.

The census is set up for one response per household and you are to provide basic head count information about everyone living in your household (regardless of their citizenship) by April 1, 2020. (The census will not include a citizenship question, and by law all census information collected must be kept confidential.) The first mail you will receive will give you a code and a URL so that you can set up an account online to take the census. That is the quickest, easiest route. Please, play your part in ensuring that everyone in #MDBeCounted. It's important to the State and to Section 3.

If you have questions, go to 2020census.gov.

**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.



COUNCIL ACTIONS

The Council met on Wednesday, January 8 at CCUMC in the Wesley Room. All Council members were in attendance.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

Our new patrol person, Ruth Zotti, is working out well and we're happy to have her on board.

BUILDINGS & ROADS

The Council took up two variance requests: the **Hutsons** of 7010 Delaware Street were requesting a variance to construct a roof over an existing basement areaway which would intrude 2' into the 8' side yard setback. The **Wilsons** of 3704 Taylor Street were requesting a variance to build an in-ground pool of approximately 240 square feet which would intrude 10' into the 20' rear yard setback.

Due to an oversight, neither of these variance requests appeared in the January newsletter. However, the neighbors had been notified of their proposals, and an email was sent describing the variance requests to all Section 3 residents on January 7. We regret this oversight.

The Council spent a good deal of time discussing the Hutson variance request, and their designer attended the meeting to answer questions. The **Mathias** family next door expressed concerns about the scale of the proposed intrusion into the setback and the possibility that the proposed roof would shed additional water onto their property. After much consideration, the Council granted the variance with the following condition of approval: that runoff resulting from the new construction must be collected and diverted such that it does not flow toward and onto the Mathias

property to the north.

The **Wilsons'** variance request had previously appeared in the October *News & Views*, but the application was withdrawn before a vote was taken at that month's meeting with the expectation that they would submit a new, revised request at a later date. After further discussion at the January meeting, rather than vote on the same request, the Council encouraged the Wilsons to submit a new variance with a smaller proposed intrusion into the rear yard setback.

Buildings and Roads Representative Carolyn Greis reported that **7101 Connecticut Avenue LLC**, the builder renovating the house at that address, received a permit to construct a fence in the rear and side yards at the property, and the **Dillon** family of 3801 Bradley Lane was issued a permit for the use of a PODS.

The Village Manager, Vice Chair Susan Manning, and Carolyn Greis discussed some of the proposed changes to our ordinances that they have been working on and agreed to meet to take up some of the suggestions and questions raised by our attorney. The Village Manager is also contacting Maryland planning officials to check on some of the proposed changes. Once a draft is complete, it will be disseminated with a summary to every resident. The Council will also hold a meeting held to discuss the thinking behind some of the proposed changes and to get as much input as possible from the community before a vote is taken.

FINANCIAL REPORT

It was agreed that the Council would contact our auditors from last year in order to negotiate the same pricing for the required annual audit and to arrange for a designated person to work with. Last year's experience working with a number of different auditors (after our designated person left their firm) was less than satisfactory.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

The Village Manager reported that everything was set for a successful January Get Together at La Ferme on January 12.

OTHER

Given the large number of overflowing recycling bins, it was agreed that the Council would purchase sturdy 35 gallon wheeled recycling bins for every household. Residents will be able to choose to use them for either paper or co-mingled bottles and cans—whatever they have the most of on a consistent basis for dual stream curbside pick-up. Announcements will be made and the bins will be individually delivered over a period of several weeks.

The Council put the final touches on the community survey which will soon be disseminated to all residents as an online survey. Thanks to Lisa Jaycox for her assistance and input.

The public meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. when the Council voted to go into executive session to evaluate the performance and salary of the Village Manager.

VARIANCE REQUEST

The Wilsons of 3704 Taylor Street are requesting a variance to build a pool which will intrude 6'-6" into the 20' rear yard setback.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

It is with great sadness that we report the sudden passing on January 9 of longtime Section 3 resident, **Nancy Clark Smith** of Connecticut Avenue. She leaves three daughters, Sarah Bentley Pearson, Caroline Clark Pearson, and Lydia Smith Alvarez. A graduate of Ohio Wesleyan, Nancy did graduate studies at UC Berkeley and the London School of Economics. She was extremely well-traveled in the Middle East, South Asia, Africa, and Europe. Nancy worked as an analyst for Merrill Lynch and was an active real estate investor. Her family plans a celebration of her life on Saturday, February 8. Email nancysmithmemorialservice@gmail.com to get the details.

Welcome to new neighbors at 3806 Raymond Street, **Meredith Miller and Dan Croghan**, and their eight year old daughter **Gilly**. The family has been camping out on Capitol Hill until their household effects made it here from their last posting in Hawaii, where they lived for three years. Dan is with the Air Force's A9 directorate, and will be commuting to Virginia. Meredith, an attorney and law school classmate of the Mannings on Florida Street, is counsel at the Dentons law firm. Gilly is already happily enrolled in Rosemary Hills and we're certain her parents are happy not to have to drive to the bus stop from their temporary digs on Capitol Hill every morning. Some of you may have met the couple at the January Get Together at La Ferme. The family is looking forward to having Meredith's mom, Edie Miller, join the family in their new home in the coming year.

SCHOOL BUS CAMERAS RESULT IN AN ALARMING NUMBER OF TICKETS

How many times have you passed a school bus with their stop sign on display? Hopefully NEVER...but Montgomery County police report that this year, since cameras have been installed in all County school buses, there were 72,123 tickets issued in 2019! So far this 2019-20 school year has seen 34,266 violations issued. The risk of a child being hit by a car ignoring the stop signs is too great. And if you see someone attempting to pass a school bus, honk your horn. Don't let bad habits go unnoticed.

CHEVY CHASE AT HOME SEEKS OFFICE VOLUNTEER

If you're thinking about getting back into work mode after a hiatus, consider getting your office chops back as a volunteer worker at the Bethesda offices of Chevy Chase at Home. The non-profit organization helps many of our senior neighbors. They need someone to help out with basic office chores (the office is open Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) and to help develop flyers for their various programs. Aside from the satisfaction of a job well done, the gig comes with complementary parking near the Bethesda Metro.

If you are interested, contact Executive Director and former Section 3 resident Eriko Kennedy at director@chevyCHASEathome.org or at (301) 657-3115.

LA FERME PARTY BIG SUCCESS

It was an amazing warm lovely night for January 12 and the turnout was the best ever! We had more than a hundred neighbors join us at La Ferme's "Le Bar" for drinks and hors d'oeuvres. It was a nice opportunity to catch up with old friends, meet new neighbors, and enjoy the spirit of the evening. If you haven't taken advantage of this relatively new (3 year old) tradition, consider it next January. It's tons of fun and nicely low-key.

SNOW SHOVELERS NEEDED

If you have a teenager who would like to shovel snow to earn some extra money, let us know. Section 3 arranges to shovel the public walkways for senior residents who have asked for help, but that still leaves front walks and driveways that need a hand. The Village Manager will put you in touch with someone on the list and you can make arrangements independently.

**PLEASE PICK-UP
AFTER YOUR DOGS--.
IT'S COLD AND WET
OUTSIDE, BUT PLEASE
TAKE A MOMENT.
WE HAVE BAG
DISPENSERS ALL AROUND THE VILLAGE.
BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR!**



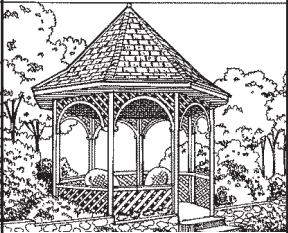


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IF THE WEATHER FORECAST PREDICTS A HEAVY SNOW, PLEASE PARK YOUR CAR OFF THE STREET. IT CREATES A REAL PROBLEM FOR OUR SNOW CENTRAL CONTRACTOR TO RUN THE PLOW AROUND A CAR THAT COULD HAVE BEEN OFF THE STREET. OFF STREET PARKING DURING SHOW STORMS MAKES THE WAY MUCH MORE NAVIGABLE FOR ALL—EVEN THOSE OF YOU WHO LIVE ON TAYLOR STREET (OUR WIDEST STREET).