

SECTION THREE  
VILLAGE OF  
CHEVY CHASE

# NEWS & VIEWS

APRIL 2012

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon 12 noon  
Gazebo Park (see story this issue)

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

Bulk Trash Pick-Up, Curbside

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

Council Meeting CCUMC Room 109 7:45 p.m.

### TUESDAY, MAY 8

6-8 p.m. Annual Election  
8 p.m. Annual Meeting  
Eppworth Room, CCUMC

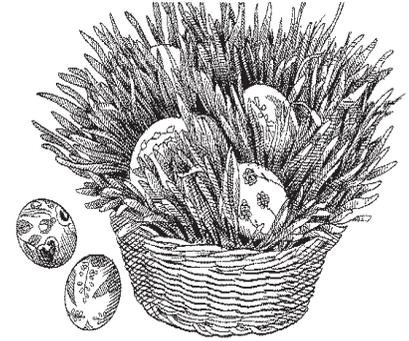
### SATURDAY, MAY 12

Paper Shredder at Brookville Market  
10 a.m. to 1 p.m., sponsored by Section 3, 5 and  
Martins Additions for our residents only!

### SUNDAY, MAY 20

Annual Section 3 House Tour  
2:00-4:30 p.m. Price of admission, gently used  
towels, soaps and shampoos for Shepherd's Table

## EASTER EGG HUNT AND LUNCHEON PLANNED FOR APRIL 1

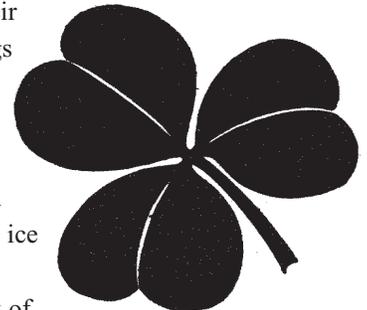


The Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon is planned for Sunday, April 1 at 12 noon sharp. Bring your little people (children, grandchildren) in second grade and under and a basket! At 12 noon, the Easter Bunny will open the gate and children three and under will be admitted first to “find” the eggs in the park...10 eggs per basket please! Then, a few minutes later, children 4 and older will be allowed to find their eggs.

A simple light luncheon will be provided as soon as the last egg is found. We hope you'll come and enjoy the event...rain or shine! (raincoats and umbrellas will work). The Easter Bunny has promised to make an appearance as well!

## EVERYBODY'S IRISH PARTY GETS SPRING OFF TO A GREEN START

Children chugged down green Gatorade while parents imbibed Irish adult beverages and plentiful snacks as the first Section 3 social event of the year got off to a grand old start at the Everybody's Irish Party on St. Patrick's Day. Thanks to the generosity of the Barry family, we were able to set up tables and chairs in the street and serve buffet on their lawn. All the green food—from green eggs and ham, green bagels, guacamole and even green onion dip went to making the affair a great success... And as if it was not enough to have strawberries dipped in chocolate and green white chocolate—the ice cream man drove up at exactly the right moment—one could say that was the luck of the Irish!



## VILLAGE COUNCIL

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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, March 9 at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church. All Council members with the exception of Council Chair **Bill Brownlee** and Secretary **Donna Harmon** were present. The meeting convened at 7:55 p.m.

### PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

Our police patrols continue to travel the neighborhood, giving citations for failure to observe stop signs, checking on any suspicious activity and cooperating with local police for calls to Section 3 made during their duty hours.

An non-resident crashed his car into the rear of a car parked on Taylor Street. Police and ambulances were called. No one was hurt, but a tow truck was called for driver's car. The driver accompanied the tow truck.

### BUILDINGS AND ROADS

The lot at 3823 Bradley Lane has been sold.

The drainage issues between the lot at 3821 Bradley and the **Edelen** rear yard are being worked out by a civil engineer.

The variance requests for the **Beebe** and **Koeppel/Velli** families were approved to allow for rear and side yard intrusion into the setbacks for the purpose of having an outdoor fireplace.

A building permit was granted to the **Steptoe/Carson** family for a sun room addition on the second floor of their home.

The **D'Angelo** family got a permit for a dumpster.

The **Virbikas** family started construction and were granted a dumpster permit as well.

The Council discussed the need to rehab our greenways and fill them with soil and possibly sod. They agreed the work should be done this spring. The first segment to be tackled will be on Georgia Street to try several different approaches. We are also exploring fertilizing and mulching all the serviceberry trees.

The Maryland Senate held a hearing on a bill to allow municipalities to define the terms by which a court would evaluate the value of a place on the Pepco poles for municipalities to own their own street lights. The Village Manager submitted a letter in support of the bill to the Senate committee.

The Village Manager reported that several poles on Delaware Street are going to be replaced and new electrical lines strung and a new transformer placed on one pole. She is working with Pepco to be certain that our 1920's 10" terra cotta storm drains are not damaged in the process.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council discussed the budget for 2012-2013. See story this issue.

### COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

The Council discussed the new middle school site selected by the advisory committee, on which Section 3 residents **Karen Jacob** and **Wendy Eaton** served. The group recommended a site near Saul Road.

The Council divided up their responsibilities for dispensing adult beverages at the "Everybody's Irish" party. The weather is supposed to be good. The Council went over the menu and supplies to be certain there was enough of everything for everyone expected to attend.

The Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon plans are well underway. **Debby Glynn** is busy recruiting volunteers to hide eggs and the Easter Bunny has been selected—thanks in advance to **Patrick Heron!**

The Annual Meeting this year promises to be an interesting one (see story this issue).

The House Tour for May was discussed and potential houses suggested.

### OTHER

The Council voted on the revision of the ordinances to better define the responsibilities of the "building inspector" in the code (see story March issue).

## CHEVY CHASE AT HOME HIRES NEW DIRECTOR

Catherine McCallum has joined Chevy Chase At Home as its new Executive Director. Her regular office hours are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday and she can be reached by phone at (301) 657-3115 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

The organization has expanded its scope to include Rollingwood and Old Hamlet. The group now has some 79 active members—40 associate members and 39 full memberships. On Friday evening, April 13th, the group will hold a Master Class in Classical Guitar with master guitarist Pepe Romero at 7:00 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Village Hall. On Tuesday, April 17th at 2:00 p.m., John Fitzgerald, the Chevy Chase Village Chief of Police, will speak on Home Safety and Crime Prevention: Protecting ourselves and our property as burglaries and robberies become more frequent in our secure neighborhood.



Kudos to **Kate Kiernan** for having been selected as in Bethesda Magazine's "Extraordinary Teen Awards"...only 12 area students have been selected "whose academic accomplishments, extracurricular activities and volunteer service demonstrate a desire to succeed and give back to their communities."

A full page spread on Kate highlights her work at Children's Hospital as a volunteer, the very place where she herself was treated for leukemia in the eighth grade, and her work with the elderly as well as the Social Action Program at Stone Ridge School. Kate has been accepted and plans to attend Brown University in the fall.

While all the neighbors saw **Anthony Franze** leave for work at Arnold & Porter every day, few knew that he spent his nights and weekends, when not tending to his brood along with wife **Tracy**, writing a novel! *The Last Justice*, published by Sterling & Ross, is about a solicitor general who witnesses a crime—while doing research for an academic article. Franze is a Supreme Court specialist who has now lent his talents to fiction writing with a legal setting. The book can be purchased on line at Barnes and Noble and Amazon.com as well as at local bookstores.

The Supreme Court must be on everyone's minds these days. Former Spring Street resident **Claire Cushman** has just authored a book called *Courtwatchers: Eyewitness Accounts in Supreme Court History*, published by Rowman & Littlefield. Cushman is director of publications for The Supreme Court Historical Society and also recently edited a book of recipes by the late spouse of Supreme Court Justice Ginsburg, Martin Ginsburg.

Section 3's newest residents, **Rebecca Jane** and **Victoria Lynne Reeves** arrived on February 16th at 8:28 and 8:30 a.m., respectively. Big sister **Sofia** is delighted—as are Mom **Anna** and Dad **Nathan**. It's nice to have a few more twins in the neighborhood... Section 3 has a total of 12 sets of twin children living in the neighborhood right now! Not bad for 1/10th of a square mile!

Way to go Team Section 3...a group of avid runners from Section 3 ran in the Cherry Blossom 10 mile race—the team includes **Debbie Glynn**, **Natasha Saifee**, **Cindy Owens**, **Tabitha Bailey** and **Mary Jo Slidell**.

## COUNCIL WEIGHS BUDGET COMMITMENTS FOR NEXT YEAR

The Council spent the last meeting reviewing budgetary considerations for the next year and developing a proposed budget (see page 4) to be approved at the May 8 Annual Meeting. On the revenue side, there are a number of still unsettled funding issues at the state and county levels: the State may again slash the anticipated State Highway funding and the new requirement that counties share the burden of teacher pensions may cause the County Council to cut back on the amount the County Executive has in his budget for tax duplication (repayment for services we provide to our residents that the county would otherwise have to provide.) The proposed budget includes the amounts currently allocated by the state and the county.

The Council plans to leave the property tax rate paid by residents to Section 3 at the same level as it has been for years: \$.02 per \$100 assessed valuation. Some of that money will then be used to pay the sanitary landfill charge that would otherwise be the responsibility of individual homeowners in Section 3. The personal property tax will continue to be \$.05 per \$100 assessed valuation but that applies only to those who operate businesses in their homes in Section 3.

On the expense side, the Council reviewed projected funding needs and proposed a budget that will address those needs while maintaining a small surplus. For any significant needs beyond those listed, like the upgraded street lighting and any unforeseen emergencies that may arise, we will draw on the Capital Improvement Fund or our reserves. This year's budget has a few notable goals:

1. To replace all our street signs with better quality, easier to read signs that are compliant with state and federal standards. Whenever possible, we will combine stop signs and street signs to minimize the number of poles at each corner.

2. In order to meet a State-mandated archives requirement, we have to develop a records retention schedule and then pick through Section 3 records dating back to its inception as a municipality in 1981 to separate those items we wish to retain and those we wish to dispose of and categorize them. This monumental task requires us to bring on additional temporary personnel who will be hired on a personal services contract to assist in doing the work once the Council develops its records retention plan and gets it approved by the State Archives.

If, after reviewing the proposed budget, you have any questions, please contact any of the Council members or the Village Manager.

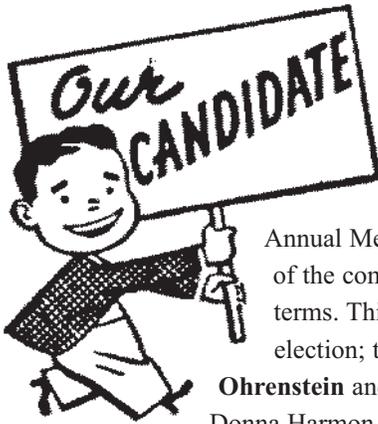
## CHEVY CHASE SECTION 3 BUDGET

Income	Actual FY 10-11	Budget FY 10-11	Budget FY 11-12	Actual FY 11-12 *	Proposed budget FY 12-13 YTD
Building Permits	\$337.85	\$140.00	\$140.00	\$130.00	\$140.00
Cable TV	\$7,066.00	\$5,200.00	\$5,200.00	\$6,905.42	\$7,000.00
CCUMC Trash	\$1,758.00	\$2,550.00	\$1,860.00	\$0.00	\$1,860.00
Corporate Taxes	\$0.46	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$52.33	\$0.00
County Duplication	\$27,474.00	\$30,000.00	\$24,726.60	\$27,474.00	\$30,796.00
Court & Misc fees	\$175.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14.10	\$0.00
Income Taxes	\$325,420.00	\$300,000.00	\$285,000.00	\$258,266.91	\$296,400.00
Interest	\$25,960.00	\$20,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$15,766.31	\$14,000.00
Interest Income from Taxes	\$145.59	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$1,602.48	\$25.00
Parking Fines	\$251.25	\$350.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Personal Property Taxes	\$348.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$97.71)	\$0.00
Property Taxes	\$53,658.00	\$45,100.00	\$53,000.00	\$61,299.81	\$63,730.00
State Highway	\$2,242.00	\$1,267.00	\$1,333.00	\$1,651.32	\$5,124.51
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$444,837.17</b>	<b>\$404,732.00</b>	<b>\$387,334.60</b>	<b>\$373,064.97</b>	<b>\$419,125.51</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Accounting Fees	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,800.00	\$8,096.88	\$8,250.00
Bank Service Charges	\$47.30	\$180.00	\$100.00	\$180.02	\$100.00
Charitable Donation	\$2,975.61			\$4,000.00	
Community Promotion	\$20,641.55	\$20,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$10,749.29	\$18,000.00
County Landfill Charges	\$10,649.00	\$8,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$13,506.75	\$14,000.00
Depreciation Expense *					
Dues and Conventions/Dinner	\$4,200.00	4,200.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,949.28	\$4,300.00
Engineering Study/Services	\$3,609.00	\$17,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$767.50	\$3,000.00
Equipment	\$56.00	\$500.00	\$300.00	\$144.45	\$250.00
Grass & Trees	\$37,203.00	\$59,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$24,502.10	\$48,000.00
Insurance	\$12,021.32	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$4,708.71	\$8,500.00
Legal Fees	\$39,867.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$8,820.50	\$12,000.00
Messenger	\$14.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$55.00	\$800.00	\$400.00	\$196.30	\$800.00
Newsletter	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$6,751.54	\$15,000.00
Office Supplies	\$722.00	\$780.00	\$600.00	\$627.24	\$750.00
Party-in-the-Park	\$12,665.73	\$16,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$12,992.21	\$16,000.00
Payroll and Taxes	\$60,443.00	\$65,490.00	\$62,000.00	\$48,095.68	\$65,000.00
Police	\$2,720.00	\$14,000.00	\$8,268.00	\$4,840.00	\$10,000.00
Postage and Delivery	\$2,638.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,300.00	\$1,664.13	\$3,000.00
Recycling	\$2,645.00	\$9,000.00	\$3,800.00	\$2,821.90	\$3,300.00
Rent	\$2,100.00	\$2,220.00	\$2,200.00	\$1,575.00	\$2,200.00
Snow Removal	\$12,329.00	\$12,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$2,180.00	\$15,000.00
Street Lighting	\$6,282.00	\$10,000.00	\$8,500.00	\$4,436.00	\$8,000.00
Street Repairs	\$6,717.00	\$65,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,600.00	\$10,000.00
Street Signs	\$4,250.00	\$37,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,449.35	\$50,000.00
Telephone and On-Line	\$1,681.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,256.82	\$1,800.00
Waste Collection	\$70,323.00	\$82,000.00	\$78,000.00	\$49,349.52	\$78,000.00
Water	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Only FY 12-13 only Archivist Asst.					\$15,000.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$334,355.14</b>	<b>\$463,170.00</b>	<b>\$322,818.00</b>	<b>\$219,261.17</b>	<b>\$410,500.00</b>
Capital Improvement Fund**	\$2,968.50	\$600,000.00	\$700,000.00	\$0.00	\$700,000.00

Our fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. \* as of March 9, 2012

\* Depreciation expense is not included as it cannot be compared to this current fiscal year as the depreciation hasn't yet been taken.

\*\*Only a portion of this will be spent in FY12-13.



## COUNCIL ELECTIONS

We hold Council elections every year at the Annual Meeting—there are five members of the community who serve two year terms. This year, two seats are up for the election; that of Treasurer **David**

**Ohrenstein** and Secretary **Donna Harmon**.

Donna Harmon has decided not to run this

year. **Melissa Brown** and David Ohrenstein have submitted the following statements about their desire to serve the community on the Council.

Voting will be at the Annual Meeting, Tuesday, May 8th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Annual meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m.

### MELISSA BROWN

It was two and half years ago when our family moved to Section 3 and it wasn't long, maybe a week, when we realized that we had found our permanent home. Our family was drawn immediately to the welcoming spirit and small town feel. I must admit that Section 3 "had us at hello." Our daughters now go to neighborhood schools, with one in CCUMC Preschool and another at Chevy Chase Elementary. We've enjoyed the myriad of social and service opportunities the village has to offer, and are still stunned by the wonder of "The Party in the Park." I have followed closely the workings of the Council and appreciate the critical role that it plays in Section 3's well-being. Section 3's success reflects not only the sum total of its citizens but the Council's commitment to high quality services, financial responsibility, and neighborliness. It would be a privilege to represent the community our family has grown so close to by serving on the Council. My professional background is in government where I have worked for nearly 18 years as an international development expert. I have also sought opportunities to serve locally, including on our Church Council, where resource and future planning are top priorities, and at my daughters' schools. I have policy analysis, planning and budget skills that I believe are relevant to, and I hope would benefit, our community. It would be an honor to represent our wonderful neighbors on the Council, and an honor to have your vote.

### DAVID OHRENSTEIN

It has been a great privilege to serve on the Council the past two and a half years. One of our neighborhood's great strengths is its grassroots governance. Five neighbors of our small community serving on the Council, along with a fellow neighbor as the Village Manager, working closely to address the issues of most immediate importance to our daily lives. I have enjoyed working

closely with my fellow Council members and the Village Manager to enhance the wonderful neighborhood we call home and hope to serve another term.

As the Council's Treasurer, I am particularly proud of the prudent way we have managed our tax dollars. Despite decreased tax revenues and less funding from the State over the past few years, we have nonetheless been able to take care of the neighborhood's important street maintenance and landscaping needs, ensure no cut-backs in services like bulk trash pickups and police patrols, and continue to offer many wonderful social events, all while running budget surpluses so we have sufficient reserves for emergencies.

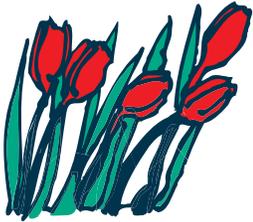
One of the big issues on the horizon is the development of the nearby Chevy Chase Lake area. With proposals for significant new development under consideration, it will be important for the Council to be highly engaged in voicing our views for what we would like to see in that area and how proposed plans would impact our neighborhood. This is an issue that I would hope to remain actively involved with on the Council.

Our family has been in Section 3 for nearly thirteen years and we have always felt lucky to have found this special place to live. I thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Council and would appreciate your vote for another term.

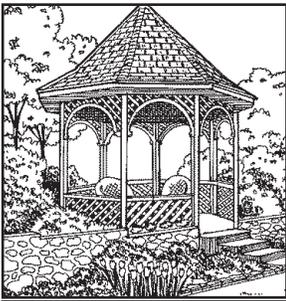
## CHEVY CHASE LAKE SECTOR PLAN SUBJECT FOR ANNUAL MEETING SPEAKER

We are fortunate to have one of the lead planners from the County Planning Commission working on the Chevy Chase Lake Sector Plan, Elza Heisel-McCoy who will speak to our community about the County's plans for the area just to our north (by Chevy Chase Supermarket and the planned Purple Line stop). A great deal of thinking and work has gone into this plan and we will have an opportunity to hear about it and ask questions first hand at the Annual Meeting beginning at 8:00 p.m. on May 8th.

The Plan proposed by the County's Planning Commission staff has been delayed because they are combining the planning projections with design guidelines. The planned development is phased, dependent on the building of the purple line. It's now expected to be released on or about April 15th. We will continue to keep you informed. The plan that has been presented to the community by the Chevy Chase Land Company is a vision of what that developer would like to see happen on the land they own, but the Planning Commission staff plan is the plan that the County Council will review and amend, and will include land owned by the HOC, the Hughes Medical Center and some private owners of property west of Connecticut Ave.



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APRIL 2012

**FORM  
 502**

**MARYLAND  
 RESIDENT  
 INCOME TAX RETURN**



**2011**

OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 2011, ENDING

Social Security number <b>123456787</b>		Spouse's Social Security number <b>987654321</b>	
Your First Name <b>JOHN</b>	Initial	Last Name <b>DOE</b>	
Spouse's First Name <b>MARY</b>	Initial	Last Name <b>DOE</b>	
Present Address (No. and street) <b>1234 SECTION THREE STREET</b>			
City or Town <b>CHEVY CHASE</b>		State <b>MD</b>	Zip Code <b>20815</b>
Name of county and incorporated city, town or special taxing area in which you resided on the last day of the taxable period. (See Instruction 6)		Maryland County <b>MONT</b>	City, Town, or Taxing Area <b>CH CH SEC 3</b>

**FILING STATUS**  
 See Instruction 1 to determine if you are required to file.  
 CHECK ONE BOX

1.  Single (If you can be claimed on another person's tax return, use 2.)  
 2.  Married filing joint return or spouse had no income  
 3.  Married filing separately

**PART-YEAR RESIDENT**  
 See Instruction 26  
 If you began or ended legal residence in Maryland in 2011 place a P in the box

**EXEMPTIONS**  
 See Instruction 10

(A)  You  
 (B)  65

## TAXES TAXES TAXES

Please remember when you fill out your Maryland returns to indicate that you are a resident of Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase! Without that identification, we do not get our share of your income tax payments which we need to help support all the activities and services provided by your most local government.