



SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

APRIL 2014

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2
Bulk Trash Pick-up, Curbside

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9
Council Meeting
CCUMC Room 107, 7:45 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13
Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon
11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Gazebo Park 12 noon (see story this issue)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7
Bulk Trash, Curbside

THURSDAY, MAY 8
FOOD TRUCK NIGHT, Gazebo Park

TUESDAY, MAY 13
6-8 p.m. Election
8 p.m. Annual Meeting



EASTER EGG HUNT, LUNCHEON SLATED FOR APRIL 13

Get ready for the big rush to collect eggs at the Section 3 annual Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon! The park is closed while the big kids “hide” the eggs, then our littlest ones, ages 1-3 bring their baskets and helpers to search for 10 eggs apiece. After they have collected most of their share, we let in the bigger kids—ages 4-6 for their hunt, and then all of us, families, older siblings, sit down for a brief informal luncheon at the Gazebo Park. Section 3 grandparents of children ages 6 and under are welcome to bring their grandchildren.

Do plan on joining us, it’s a fun, low-key family centered event...and the Easter Bunny might even show up for a few photo ops too! Bring little ones with their own baskets to the Gazebo Park by 11:45 a.m. on Palm Sunday, April 13. The “hunt” is over in a flash and luncheon served immediately.

WHO REPRESENTS YOU? COUNTY CANDIDATES FORUMS

The 2014 primary elections for Montgomery County offices may not seem of primary concern to you—right now. But winners in contested party primaries often go on to win in the general elections. And elected County officials go on to enact legislation that strikes very close to home: zoning, building development, master plans, as well as funding for schools, libraries, parks and transportation.

Become informed at the first of three nonpartisan forums cosponsored by a dozen neighboring communities. On Wednesday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m., Roger Berliner, District 1 County Councilmember and a Bethesda resident running for a third term, will face Democratic primary challenger Duchy Trachtenberg, a North Bethesda resident and former At-Large County Councilmember. Republican Jim Kirkland, running in the general election, will join them at this first forum in the Town of Chevy Chase Town Hall.

Decide which candidates for County Council and County Executive would represent you best, then vote in the primaries on June 24 before choices are narrowed in the fall general elections. Early primary voting takes place June 12 to 19.

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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

PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

Police continue to monitor stop sign compliance throughout the community as well as on Brookville Road at Taylor Street where they have issued a number of citations. One of our two patrolling County policemen, Chris Jordan, has recently joined the K-9 unit and will be patrolling with his dog, Harper.

The County is investigating the burglary at 6406 Brookville Road, but so far no leads.

BUILDINGS & ROADS

Buildings and Roads Representative **Carolyn Greis** reported that a building permit had been issued to the White family of 3608 Spring Street to enclose their existing porch and construct new steps leading up to it.

The Council agreed to replace the rubber speed bump damaged by plows in the last several snow storms in the same location on Shepherd Street near the Church parking lot.

We should be receiving the specs for the bid package to mill and pave portions of Raymond and Shepherd Streets within the next week and then send it to three reliable contractors requesting bids. John Strong of Nobis Engineering is going to mark the streets for curb repairs so that bidders can check the locations in preparing their bids.

The Council approved the variance request for the **Quigley** family of 3809 Raymond Street to construct a six foot fence along a section of their property facing Connecticut Avenue. (See March issue for details.)

The Council discussed a possible solution for the icing problem on Fulton Street between Shepherd and Taylor Streets based upon input from consulting civil engineer Bill Bissell. One idea to remove the hazardous condition on the public street would be to install rain tanks in the greenway. It was agreed to wait before pursuing further action until the Dorsey/Williams have installed rain tanks on their property as part of their drainage plan so that we can properly size those in the greenway.

The depressions that were giant potholes on Bradley Lane have been temporarily repaired, but need a permanent solution. Unfortunately, the street is going to be torn up this summer for the installation of high pressure gas lines, so we may have to wait for that work to be done before we completely repair that area near the intersection of Bradley Lane and Connecticut Avenue.

The Council continues to follow the sewer issues related to

3815 Bradley Lane and the Village Manager is working with WSSC and the homeowner to find a long-term equitable solution.

The Council voted to exempt itself from the County's tree canopy bill. (See March News & Views.)

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council went over the tentative budget for next year and agreed to publish it in the April newsletter (see story this issue).

The Village Manager has some leads on institutions to move funds to for CDs but all rates are extremely low.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

The Council discussed the program for the Annual Meeting in May and the upcoming elections. The Village Manager is going to issue an invitation to the chief County planner for the Bethesda Master Plan.

The Council agreed to having Food Truck Night on Thursday, May 8th and the Village Manager is in the process of inviting four trucks for food and one additional truck for desserts.

Everything is set for the Everybody's Irish Event and the Village Manager has hired both a tent and some heaters for outside the tent for the event.

The Village Manager and Council discussed the Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon. Pastor Reynolds of CCUMC had suggested to the Village Manager that perhaps the Section 3 event on Palm Sunday and the CCUMC Easter Egg Hunt the day before Easter could be combined in some way, possibly by including members of the Church community in the Section 3 gathering. The Council decided that a merging of these activities would be too complicated in terms of planning, budgeting and the secular nature of our neighborhood's social event.

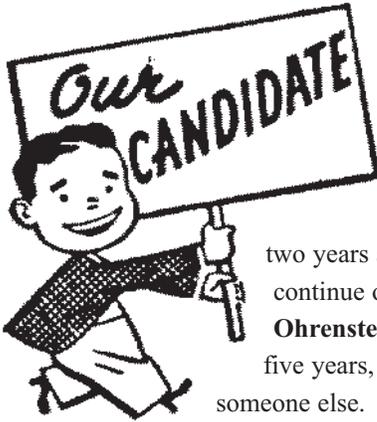
Bob Salmon is almost finished going through the first round of our archives so that in phase two, we will be sorting those items to be stored with the State Archives, per our agreement with them, and those items that we wish to store ourselves to document our community's history.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

SHRED IT EVENT COMING IN JUNE

As you pour through your taxes and old records, remember the annual shred-it event, co-sponsored by Section 3, Section 5 and Martins Additions. This year's event will be on June 21, so you have plenty of time to decide what items you want to shred. Special thanks to Free-secure Shredding for providing this valuable service to us all! More detailed info will come in the June newsletter, just wanted to alert everyone to the upcoming event!

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS



There are five members of the Village Council who serve two year rotating terms. This year, only two seats are up for election. **Melissa**

Brown, who was first elected two years ago, has expressed a desire to continue on the Council. **David Ohrenstein**, who has served us well for five years, has decided to pass the torch to someone else. **Michael Dietrich** has expressed an interest in stepping up to serve the community. Here are the statements of the two candidates:

MELISSA BROWN

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve Section 3 for the past two years as an elected representative to the Village Council. I would be grateful for your vote and an opportunity to serve another term. My family has lived in Section 3 for almost five years, and in two Spring Street residences! We have one daughter in Rosemary Hills Elementary and another in Chevy Chase Elementary. I am active in their schools, our church and our community. I have nearly 20 years of government service as well. Serving on the Council as Secretary has provided me with great insight into the workings of this wonderful, tight-knit village and an opportunity to contribute to the decisions that make it so. I am proud to have been part of the Council's work over the past two years. Our agenda has focused on important matters that affect the character and social fabric of our community, including the potential impact of development plans on our roads and schools, the implications for Section 3 of zoning rewrite proposals, and the planning of social activities from the always much anticipated Party in the Park to the new addition of Food Truck Night. Over the past two years, I have learned much about local governance from the community as well as my wonderful neighbors who serve on the Council and as Village Manager. I would greatly appreciate your vote and the opportunity to build on this experience and deepen my service to Section 3.

MIKE DIETRICH

As mine is a new name for Council consideration this year, I imagine the best way to start is with an introduction.

My wife Ferrall and I, who have had a history of moving frequently, arrived in Section 3 in 2007, settling into Florida Street with our two boys and dogs. Section 3 tends to make an immediate impression on those of us lucky enough to live here, and sure enough, two short years later when we made our next move, the furthest we would consider moving was only across the street. Today,

our boys attend Chevy Chase Elementary, and my wife owns a small business just down Connecticut Avenue. The roots are deep.

I've given much thought to what it is that makes the Section 3 community so special. For me, it's several things: the safe environment in which our boys can explore and play, the easy interaction with neighbors, the access to parks, trails and downtown. But mostly, it's the people. It's a caring, interesting, fun, and active group that works hard to build and sustain that sense of community. The annual Party in the Park, the way we welcome new neighbors, and the Halloween Parade are but a few examples.

But, as I look to join the Section 3 Council, I'm also aware that your reasons for what makes Section 3 so special may be different than mine. Balancing these different perspectives and priorities are vital to the well-being of our community, and I'll strive for that balance as a council member. I also realize the importance of the services that underpin the quality of life here; the not-so glamorous things like trash, roads, street signs and street lights. Attention to, and investment in, these "little" things are important, and the Council plays a vital role in administering these things so you don't have to worry about them.

Professionally, I've spent almost 20 years in technology-based businesses, including management positions in telecommunications, media, and now education technology. As such, I have strong project management, budget and planning experience. More importantly, I'm a dad, a husband, and "VP of Everything Else" reporting directly to my wife.

In all seriousness, this community has given me and my family so much. It's time to give back and help ensure Section 3 remains such a great place to live. I respectfully ask for your vote.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Unlike most jurisdictions, if you live in Section 3, we want you to vote in our elections—even if you're not a citizen of the U.S. Our only requirement is that you be 18 years of age and own or rent in Section 3. Those who have registered with us in prior years do not have to re-register. If you are listed in the Section 3 directory, you don't need to show us proof that you're a resident. If you're not listed in the directory, we will need a copy of a driver's license with your Section 3 address or a bill proving that you are indeed a resident.

Just fill out this form and submit it to the Village Manager (3801 Bradley Lane) prior to 5:00 p.m. on election day and we'll be happy to have you vote.

Name _____

Street Address _____

Signature _____

Print your Name _____

CHEVY CHASE AT HOME APPRAISAL DAY FUNDRAISER

Wondering what Aunt Nellie’s fine china is worth? Want to know more about that oil painting you bought years ago? Chevy Chase at Home is sponsoring an Appraisal Day at the Chevy Chase Village Hall on Saturday, May 17 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Appraisers from Sloans & Kenyon Auction House in Bethesda will be on hand to give you valuations on up to three items per ticket. Tickets, which support the work of this worthy nonprofit, are \$35 prior to May 12th and \$45 at the door.

Any item valued at \$300 or more can be donated for auction by Sloans and Kenyon with the sellers fee waived and any costs of hauling items to the auction house. Should you wish to auction or consign an item at a later time, as a result of the event, Sloans and Kenyon will make a charitable contribution to Chevy Chase at Home. For further info or reservations, go to www.chevychaseathome.org or call them at (301) 657-3115.

ST. PADDY’S DAY EVENT DRAWS A HARDY CROWD!

The Federal and County governments may close down, the schools may close, but Section 3’s Everybody’s Irish event went on as planned with excellent attendance and a good time had by all! Mindy’s Catering supplied delicious snacks—green eggs and ham (an annual favorite), green bagels and cream cheese, green Gatorade, outstanding guacamole, corned beef sandwiches and pita bread filled with lamb, veggie wraps and of course, giant strawberries dipped in green-dyed white chocolate! The food was gone a little over an hour after the event got started around 5:00 p.m. and

the Irish beer flowed to the bitter end. Thank goodness for the two heaters supplied for the occasion which gave us all a gathering place to chat with friends and neighbors. We’ve never had an “Everybody’s Irish” event in the snow, but we saved \$\$ by not having to buy any ice to cool the drinks! Many thanks to the Barry family for allowing us to use their front yard for the festivities!

COUNCIL PROPOSES BUDGET FOR FY 14-15

The Council has proposed a budget for the next fiscal year (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015) which will include two major efforts that have been in the planning stages for years: new street signs and new street lighting.

First, we hope to move forward next fiscal year with replacing our neighborhood’s street lights to ones that will provide a better quality light to make our streets brighter and safer. LED lighting technology has taken a dramatic upturn and it is now possible to get a street light, with the same output, in an energy efficient LED light. But will we like it? Our plan is to ask the manufacturer (with Pepco’s help), to install a single LED light of the design we hope to install, and make a comparison between the induction light now on Georgia Street, with this new technology. Then, with community input, we can make a decision about which type of light to purchase (the design of the fixture is the same, only the light would be different). At the same time, we hope to initiate discussions with Pepco regarding changing all our street lights to a more even pedestrian friendly, crime averse lighting consistent with our initial vision. For that reason, we are increasing our capital improvement fund to cover these items.

Secondly, we hope to start installing new street signs throughout the community this year and finish the job next fiscal year. We have one new sign installed and hope to order additional street signs for major intersections before the end of this fiscal year and then complete the sign installation next year. Given the delays in our initial orders, we’re not certain that will be possible.

In terms of the overall budget, we continue to be conservative regarding the amount of income tax revenue that we project to receive. As we don’t anticipate many building projects in the next year, we have cut back on income estimates for building permits, kept our estimates for all other income sources (cable tv franchise fees, property taxes and state highway funding) modest. Interest income from our investments continues to be meager in the current low interest rate environment but we may be able to secure higher interest rates for our CDs should the Federal Reserve moves to raise interest rates.

In terms of expenses, our estimates are largely in line with prior years, with some budget categories where funds were not expended this year (street signs) being carried over to next year.

REQUEST FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR MAY 13, 2014 SECTION 3 ELECTION

I (name) _____ of (street address) _____ am unable to attend the election for Village Council members from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on May 13th and therefore request an absentee ballot. I understand that I can pick up a copy of the ballot at the home of the Village Manager anytime after Friday, April 18th and that I must return my ballot no later than 5:30 p.m. on the day of the election in order for my vote to be counted. I also understand that facsimile votes will not be considered valid.

Signature

CHEVY CHASE SECTION 3 BUDGET

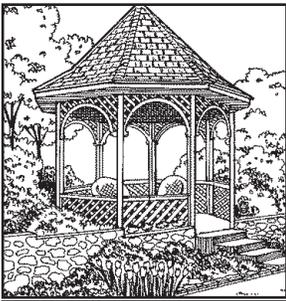
	Actual	Actual	Budget	YTD	Proposed budget
Income	FY 11-12	FY 12-13	FY 13-14	FY 13-14	FY 14-15
Building Permits	\$1,100.00	\$4,210.00	\$3,200.00	\$375.00	\$1,500.00
Cable TV	\$6,400.00	\$8,534.38	\$8,000.00	\$7,858.71	\$8,500.00
CCUMC Trash	\$1,860.00	\$1,850.00	\$1,860.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Corporate Taxes	\$22.73	\$46.96	\$0.00	\$26.28	\$0.00
County Duplication	\$27,474.00	\$30,796.00	\$27,474.00	\$30,796.00	\$30,796.00
Court & Misc fees	\$14.10	\$28.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Income Taxes	\$389,989.22	\$422,469.92	\$300,000.00	\$287,008.70	\$350,000.00
Interest	\$24,868.45	\$20,765.40	\$14,000.00	\$11,226.75	\$14,000.00
Interest Income from Taxes	\$177.84	\$169.90	\$25.00	\$7.46	\$0.00
Parking Fines	\$82.50	\$682.20	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Personal Property Taxes	\$310.01	\$344.19	\$0.00	\$20.41	\$0.00
Property Taxes	\$51,006.15	\$50,162.79	\$63,730.00	\$49,457.72	\$63,730.00
State Highway	\$8,237.86	\$4,407.99	\$5,472.57	\$16,148.43	\$15,000.00
Total Income	\$511,542.86	\$544,467.93	\$423,811.57	\$402,925.46	\$485,576.00
Expenses					
Accounting Fees	\$8,096.88	\$8,454.22	\$8,700.00	\$8,630.10	\$9,000.00
Bank Service Charges	\$180.02	\$227.82	\$50.00	\$59.00	\$60.00
Charitable Donation	\$4,524.39	\$0.00			
Community Promotion	\$16,587.72	\$19,821.90	\$20,000.00	\$11,657.66	\$20,000.00
County Landfill Charges	\$13,506.75	\$14,555.97	\$16,000.00	\$9,951.06	\$12,000.00
Depreciation Expense*					
Dues and Conventions/Dinner	\$3,949.28	\$4,153.52	\$4,800.00	\$3,027.62	\$4,800.00
Engineering Study/Services	\$2,947.50	\$6,113.28	\$4,500.00	\$600.00	\$2,500.00
Equipment	\$224.45	\$52.99	\$250.00	\$239.00	\$250.00
Grass & Trees	\$37,478.96	\$37,465.01	\$48,000.00	\$11,785.30	\$48,000.00
Insurance	\$8,328.42	\$8,192.34	\$12,000.00	\$4,911.36	\$10,000.00
Legal Fees	\$10,192.00	\$6,961.01	\$12,000.00	\$383.50	\$8,000.00
Messenger					
Miscellaneous	\$30.54	\$693.79	\$100.00	\$126.56	\$100.00
Newsletter	\$8,803.09	\$9,326.91	\$10,000.00	\$4,940.69	\$10,000.00
Office Supplies	\$775.66	\$740.26	\$750.00	\$477.47	\$800.00
Party-in-the-Park	\$14,247.21	\$13,408.58	\$16,000.00	\$12,755.58	\$16,000.00
Payroll and Taxes	\$62,966.40	\$65,737.15	\$70,000.00	\$52,986.85	\$75,400.00
Police	\$6,920.00	\$7,960.00	\$10,000.00	\$6,114.52	\$9,000.00
Postage and Delivery	\$2,249.53	\$1,844.43	\$3,000.00	\$1,311.66	\$2,800.00
Recycling	\$2,821.90	\$2,867.35	\$3,300.00	\$3,179.60	\$3,500.00
Rent	\$2,127.00	\$2,229.00	\$2,300.00	\$1,496.00	\$2,400.00
Snow Removal	\$2,180.00	\$6,167.00	\$15,000.00	\$23,651.50	\$18,000.00
Street Lighting	\$5,862.93	\$6,069.14	\$8,000.00	\$4,736.61	\$8,000.00
Street Repairs	\$1,982.40	\$225.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,880.78	\$8,500.00
Street Signs	\$1,449.35	\$3,662.00	\$50,000.00	\$1,978.00	\$60,000.00
Telephone and On-Line	\$1,655.67	\$1,448.62	\$1,800.00	\$1,629.76	\$2,000.00
Waste Collection	\$74,024.28	\$74,024.28	\$84,000.00	\$55,518.21	\$84,000.00
Water	\$0.00	\$197.25	\$150.00	\$226.81	\$300.00
Total Expenses	\$294,112.33	\$302,598.82	\$408,700.00	\$231,308.19	\$415,410.00
Capital Improvement Fund**	\$700,000.00	\$700,000.00	\$800,000.00	\$800,000.00	\$1,000,000.00

Our fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. * as of March 24, 2014

* Depreciation expense is not included in the total 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 FY 14-15.



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**MARYLAND RESIDENT INCOME
 FORM 502 TAX RETURN**



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OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 2013, ENDING

Social Security Number		Spouse's Social Security Number	
Your First Name	Initial	Last Name	
Spouse's First Name	Initial	Last Name	
Present Address (No. and street)			
City or Town	State	ZIP code	
Chevy Chase	MD	20815	
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	City, Town or Taxing Area
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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.

FILING STATUS

1. Single (If you can be claimed on another person's tax return, use Filing Status 6.) 4. Head of household