

SECTION THREE  
VILLAGE OF  
CHEVY CHASE

# NEWS & VIEWS

DECEMBER 2010

## CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1**

Last bulk trash pick-up of 2010, curbside

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5**

4:00 p.m. Gazebo Park

Decorate the Park with the Wilsons...bring your own hot chocolate and Items that you'd like to donate

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8**

Council Meeting

CCUMC Room 109, 7:45 p.m.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12**

Children's Holiday Event: Nicolo Whimsey

CCUMC—Phillips Hall, 4:15—5:15 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12**

Christmas Tree Pick-up, curbside

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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 17TH**

There will be no trash collection on Martin Luther King's Birthday

## WARM BLANKET/CLOTHING DRIVE SHOWS SECTION 3 GENEROSITY

Thanks to the generosity of Section 3 residents, two SUVs filled with warm blankets and clothing were delivered to Martha's Table prior to Thanksgiving. Residents donated a total of 18 blankets and quilts, 40 warm coats for adults, 43 warm sweaters, 50 scarves and warm hats and gloves, two pairs of men's shoes, children's sleepwear and lots of excellent children's clothing. Martha's Table, which serves the homeless and poor exclusively (in short, your teenager can't shop for cool stuff in their store) will make good use of all your donations.

## NICOLO WHIMSEY TO HEADLINE THIS YEAR'S HOLIDAY PARTY

Mark your calendars for a special holiday show for Section 3 children featuring entertainer Nicolo Whimsey who will juggle, amuse, play music, recite poetry and otherwise delight toddlers through sixth graders on December 12th from 4:15 to 5:15 at CCUMC Phillips Hall. Milk and cookies will be served.

## PARK DECORATING DECEMBER 5

Every year Section 3 residents **Tom and Carolyn Wilson** donate their decorations and time and energy to decorate the Gazebo Park. If you would like to join us, bring a warm cup of chocolate and we'll supply the cookies! Come from 4:15 to 5:00 and help make the Gazebo and park festive for the holidays!

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## HEARING EXAMINER DENIES EXPANSION OF EDELEN DAYCARE CENTER

On Tuesday, November 23th, the Montgomery County Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings issued their decision regarding the application by **Stephen and Patricia Edelen** for a special exception to allow a child day care center for up to 24 children at 6705 Connecticut Avenue.

In a 60-page decision, the hearing examiner, Martin L. Grossman, denied the application largely on the basis of inadequate on-site parking and the potential for dangerous traffic conditions caused by an additional volume of parents picking up and dropping off children at that address. Copies of the decision can be seen at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/council/zah/index.asp](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/council/zah/index.asp) when you get to that page, click on Special Exception Report and then click on case SE10—1 to see his full decision.

*\*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, November 10th at 7:50 p.m. All Council members were in attendance. The Council approved the minutes as printed in the November newsletter.

The Council heard a presentation by Mike Mitchell, Senior Engineer with the Department of Transportation of Montgomery County, about the resources available to municipalities regarding drainage and stormwater runoff issues.

### PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

After hearing the very high costs that the County intends to charge Chevy Chase View for extra police protection, the Council agreed to attempt to recruit off-duty police by using the Fraternal Order of Police website and they also agreed that the Council Chairman and the Village Manager would meet with the 2nd District police commander about getting the County police to be more of a presence in Section 3 even with their limited resources. The Council understands that there are serious budgetary constraints but hopes to convince the County that there are ways that more police cruisers could periodically be visible in Section 3.

### BUILDINGS AND ROADS

In light of the 90 percent cut in state funding for State Highway User Revenue funds, the Council passed a resolution urging our state legislators to increase funding to municipalities. Similar resolutions have been approved by our neighboring jurisdictions. The resolution will be presented at the Maryland Municipal League December 16 meeting with our state legislators.

Buildings and Roads Representative Carolyn Greis reported that the **Arconti/Heynen** family of 3704 Shepherd Street has received a permit to renovate their existing garage into a carport.

The **Harmon** family of 6806 Florida Street has received both a demolition permit and a permit to build a new house on that site. The family has hired a firm that will recycle as many of the building materials as possible—windows, doors, flooring, appliances, all will be recycled. The community will benefit from the project in that mature bushes that can be transplanted will be “fostered” in our Gazebo park for at least a year or until the project is completed,, enhancing our park environment and saving plants that will be re-planted on the site.

The Village Manager is working with WSSC to be certain that three residents on Connecticut Avenue whose sanitary sewer needs to be renewed are not adversely affected by the work being done.

The Village Manager is working with Verizon to make certain that public and private property is respected in the installation of underground wiring for 3612 Spring Street. Montgomery County law requires that new construction have all utilities serving the house buried. In order to do that, it requires that incisions be made in both the greenway and in the street. We are working with Verizon to assure that minimal damage is done to both the greenways and the street, and that everything is properly restored as it was before their work.

The Village Manager is meeting with D & F Contractors on November 13th to discuss the installation of the sidewalk on Bradley Lane between Brookville Road and Georgia Street and also the improvements we hope to make in the drainage problem at Georgia and Raymond Streets.

The Council agreed to do a drainage survey of residents on the dead end streets to assess whether there are particular drainage issues related to these parts of the community. The Village Manager will be calling residents to gather information.

The Park fence has been repaired and the panel box, which is now much more visible, is getting new lattice doors in cedar and we will be installing a sign saying Gazebo Park on the back side of the panel box. There is also a new crape myrtle where the old mulberry tree used to be that will grow to about 12’ in height.

The arborist-for-a-day idea has been well received and the Village Manager is making reservations. She will be sending out an email reminding people of the deadline on this and other events in November. The Special Trash Pick-up sign-ups are going well. More are expected by the deadline. Leaf bags will be distributed on November 13th, 25 per household.

The Council agreed to use the services of Snow Central for snow removal again. Their prices are unchanged from last year’s pricing schedule.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

CD rates continue to be extremely poor. The Village Manager is always seeking new FDIC insured institutions for possible investment but the interest rate climate is dismal.

### COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

The Village Manager asked for feedback on the Halloween Party and everyone seemed to feel it went well without any glitches.

The Manager is checking availability of the Village Hall to do a Seniors Brunch prior to the holidays if possible. Because Chevy Chase @ Home was doing their kick-off event in mid November, the Manager postponed the Section 3 brunch so as not to conflict.

The Manager is looking for new holiday entertainment for the Children in December and asked for any suggestions. One option discussed (and later signed up) was juggler Nicolò Whimsey.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.



A special welcome to **Selia Lina Vrbikas** who joins parents **Kelly and Linas** and sisters **Sadie and Summer**. Selia joined the latest batch of Section 3 new residents on October 29 and weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 21" long!

## HALLOWEEN PARTY, PARADE POSITIVELY BALLETTIC

The nutcracker led the artful parade of ghosts and goblins up Shepherd Street to the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church where families enjoyed a hasty pizza party and children left with flashing light pumpkin necklaces to trick or treat.

Special thanks to our leader, Nutcracker **Chris Whatley**. Thanks too to **Heidi Blaker** and **Judy Corbett** for their help with handing out the pizza, eyeballs (grapes), fingers (carrots), juice boxes and water. Thanks too to **Tabitha Bailey** and **Kelly Derrick**, who helped with set-up:

All the decorations were prepared a few days in advance so that the children in the four-year-old group at CCUMC's pre-school could benefit from the holiday atmosphere our Halloween decorations offered. Thanks too to CCUMC for allowing us to use the facility for this event year after year.

## SECTION NEWS BRIEFS

### SPECIAL BULK TRASH PICK-UP YIELDS TONS

The special bulk trash pick-up for items not normally accepted in our regular monthly bulk trash pick-up was extremely successful. Over 50 Section 3 families participated and according to our contractor, three truckloads, or between 6 and 7 tons of STUFF was removed from Section 3 on November 20th....

### PARK SODDED

A large portion of the park has been sodded to make sure we don't have a muddy slosh pit this winter. The sod will take about two weeks to gain a grip before the park will be opened to regular visitors. There will also be sodding of greenways in need throughout the Section. If your greenway has had new sod put down, we ask that you water it regularly to give it a chance to take hold before we have hard freezes.

### LEAF BAGS DISTRIBUTED

Every family in Section 3 who wanted leaf bags has now received a pack of 25 bags. If you did not receive your delivery, please let the Village Manager know and we'll make sure you get yours. If you need additional bags, contact the Village Manager.

### YELLOW CURBING COMPLETED

Our contractor FSM has completed painting yellow curb throughout the community. There were several areas where parked cars made it impossible for them to complete the painting. Please don't be shy about advising visitors that yellow curb indicates a no parking zone so that neighbors can get out of their own driveways on our narrow streets.

### PARK MULBERRY TAKES A DIVE

In one of our exceptionally fierce wind and rain storms this fall, the mulberry tree which marked the corner of Fulton and Shepherd Streets took a dive and took out the park fence with it!. The tree was soon cut up and removed, but the roots were intertwined with the electricity which feeds the Gazebo and the park, so that part of the process took much longer to complete. Once removed, we have planted a lovely crape myrtle which should bloom beautifully in the spring. The panel box, always unsightly, is now much more visible and as a result, has been masked with cedar lattice work and will soon have a sign noting the Gazebo Park on the outside.

The park has been filled in by a series of azalea plants which will bring beautiful blooms to us next spring while we foster them for the Harmon family. Once their new home is completed, the plants will be returned to their Florida Street home and Section 3 will explore getting other flowering bushes for that part of the park.

### ARBORIST-FOR-A-DAY VISIT SUCCESSFUL

Paul Wolfe of Integrated Plant Care and Section 3's arborist was kept very busy on November 16th, meeting with residents with questions about tree care and tree trimming. Wolfe visited the homes of 22 residents and rushed in the pouring rain from one appointment to another. We appreciate his true grit in spite of the heavy rain and the insights he provided to residents. Wolfe gave suggestions about everything from when and where to cut tree limbs to the health of trees to how to combat scale on bushes.

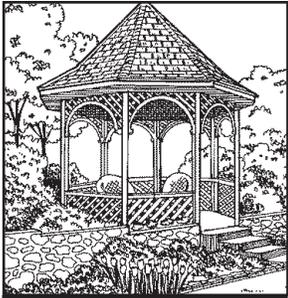
Based on some design questions asked of our arborist, the Section's Plant Exchange Coordinator and gardener extraordinaire **Mary Lou Steptoe** is talking with fellow neighborhood gardeners about offering some free design consults, neighbor to neighbor, for those who don't have a green thumb this spring. If you'd like to be one of those neighborhood green thumb resources, please contact Mary Lou so that in the spring, we can publish a roster of people willing to try and help and answer questions about garden design and care of annuals and perennials for neighbors.



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## SNOW SHOVELING—WANTS AND NEEDS

Senior citizens who request the service can have their public walkways shoveled by our snow removal contractor in snows of 2” or more. The purpose of the service is to help with the “heavy lifting” part of snow removal, however all residents, seniors included, are responsible for any ice which forms on sidewalks. We ask that you check or have someone else check to be certain that your walkway is clear after a heavy snow or a warm spell which might cause ice to form on the public sidewalks. If you have had the service in prior years, there is no need to notify the Village Manager, you’re already on the list, but if you wish to be placed on the list, just call or email the Manager and she’ll put you on the list.

If you are looking for someone to shovel your private walkway or driveway, let the Village Manager know and if you are looking to make some holiday gift giving money, then contact the Village Manager and let us know that you would like job referrals---we’ll try and put those who need work with those who need their walks shoveled.

So seniors, if you need some help on snowy icy days getting your recycling curbside, let us know and we’ll try and pair you with someone in your neighborhood who can help.