

SECTION THREE  
VILLAGE OF  
CHEVY CHASE

# NEWS & VIEWS

JUNE 2016

## CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1**

Bulk Trash Pick-up, Curbside

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4**

Shred Event, Brookville Market, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8**

Council Meeting, CCUMC Room 107, 7:45 pm

**SATURDAY, JUNE 11**

Wine Tasting Event, 7:00 to 10:00 pm

Sign-up deadline: June 6

**FRIDAY, JUNE 17**

Food Truck Night, 5:30 to 7:30 pm, Gazebo Park

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 6**

Bulk Trash Pick-up, Curbside

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 13**

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

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## ANNUAL MEETING: BUSY YEAR

This year's Annual Meeting was an opportunity to summarize what had taken place in the last year by members of the Council. Council members **Melissa Brown** and **Mike Dietrich** were re-elected with 25 votes each.

Council Chair **Bill Brownlee** began by recounting the wonderful way our community joined together to help one another during the blizzard.

Cooperation regarding the no-on street parking made it possible for our contractor, Snow Central, to clear the streets well and rapidly. Neighbors pitched in and Section 3 residents were free to move about without too much difficulty.

Brownlee particularly voiced the appreciation of all residents for the many long hours that the Village Manager put in during the storm, coordinating the efforts of Snow Central and keeping all residents informed on the progress of street and sidewalk clearing.

He noted we had been one of many municipalities and communities who expressed rejection of a Council-proposed B&B ordinance that would have allowed almost any resident to open their homes to strangers renting without any regulation and "self-certification."

On the police protection front, he announced the hiring of a second police patrolman who will share hours with our long-standing patrolman, Chris Jordan for a total of 16 hours a month. Chris was helpful in speaking with children who would be new to using bus stops at Raymond and Brookville and Taylor and Brookville at the beginning of school.

Brownlee mentioned that our new website, soon to go "live" will include all the policies the Council re-evaluated and adopted, some of which were previously not available on the site to make clear our policies on everything from Park use to Freedom of Information.

Brownlee then turned the program over to Vice Chair **Natasha Saifee** who summarized our very busy social calendar in Section 3—all the activities which bring us together as a community...from the informal meetings in the park with dogs, to running groups and the more organized events like the Everybody's Irish Party, the Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon, the House Tour, the Shredding Event, the Wine Tasting, our Food Truck nights, the Welcome New Neighbors BBQ and of course, the Annual Party in the Park.

She also pointed out our efforts to help others through the warm clothing and blanket drive every year and the towels and shampoos we donate for the showers for the homeless at Shepherd's Table. Ms. Saifee noted that all these events would not be possible without lots of volunteer involvement.

Newly re-elected Secretary Melissa Brown made a point to thank some of those volunteers...**Ellen McKenney** who welcomes every family who moves

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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.*

## ANNUAL MEETING, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

into Section 3 with wine and flowers, **Jan Augustine** who helps us with our website and helps proof the newsletter, **Bob Salmon** who is putting together our archives, **Russell Weil** and **Tim Healy** who are representatives of Section 3 on the Fire Board. She made a special point to thank those who have offered their homes and their yards for Section 3—**Richard and Rebecca Barry** who allow us to trample on their lawn and party in front of their home for St. Patty's Day, the Easter Egg Hunt, Two Food Truck nights a year, the Welcome New Neighbors Barbeque and the Party in the Park, **Kate and Susan Manning** who allow us to use their porch every party-in-the-park to store supplies, and **John Dorsey and Kirsten Williams** who let us use their front porch as a collection site for the annual warm blanket and clothing drive.

She also thanked **Ellie Nader** and **Elizabeth Dodson** who helped **Debbie Glynn** with the Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon, **Seth Benhard** our Easter Bunny, **Andrew Leleck** who led the Halloween parade, **Ellie Nader** and **Alison Mandell** who helped decorate Phillips Hall for Halloween and **Judy Corbett** and her daughter **Karoline** and **Sudi Press** who helped hand out pizza and **Lee Bodner** and **Richard Barry** for accompanying families around the fire singing Christmas Carols in the Gazebo Park. She noted all **Jen Roberti's** efforts to make the cakewalk the highlight of the Party in the Park along with all the wonderful bakers who contributed their time and efforts. And finally, she noted the tremendous amount of time **Carolyn Greis** devotes every year to helping residents understand our ordinances as they pertain to building and processing and reviewing many detailed building permit and variance applications.

Buildings and Roads Representative **Carolyn Greis** highlighted all the activity that has taken place this year including 22 permits granting permission to build the following: 6 fences, 5 additions, 2 patios or decks, 1 shed, 2 driveways, 1 temporary ice rink, 1 pool, 2 temporary storage units, and 3 dumpsters. Two variances were also granted this past year.

She announced that two homes were going to be torn down or significantly demolished as to be unrecognizable in 2016: 3602 Taylor Street and 7104 Delaware Street. Permits have not been issued for either home but residents should be aware that there will be significant construction at both locations.

**Greis** also noted that Montgomery County would soon have contractors in to repair the cause of the sinkhole we experienced on Shepherd Street last year...a whole new storm drain will be installed in the street from Delaware Street down to Florida Street.

She stated that we had hired an engineering firm, **RKK**, to draft the technical specifications for re-building the roadway on Delaware Street between Shepherd and Taylor Streets and also the milling and paving of Raymond Street between Connecticut

Avenue and Delaware Street and Raymond Street between Georgia Street and Brookville Road.

She then turned the program over to newly re-elected Treasurer **Mike Dietrich**, who carefully walked attendees through the proposed budget. **Dietrich** pointed out that we had two areas of uncertainty regarding our income tax revenues, our largest source of funds: the impact of the Supreme Court **Wynne** decision on our income for claims made based on that decision as well as income going forward and problems we have had with the State Office of Comptroller regarding correctly attributing income from Section 3 residents to Section 3.

Despite these challenges, he assured residents that we had sufficient income to continue to provide services to our community and still save conservatively for the future. The Council then voted to retain the property tax at \$.02 per \$100 assessed valuation on real property and \$.05 for personal property taxes. They also voted by ordinance, to adopt the budget as presented in the May newsletter.

The meeting ended with Village Manager **Andy Leon Harney** summarizing developments in planning and construction at Chevy Chase Lake, the Downtown Bethesda Master Plan and Westbard's Master Plan.

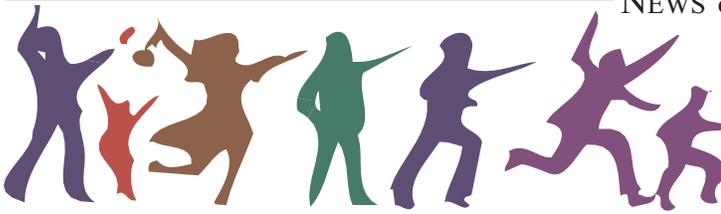
Those who attended were treated to delicious chocolate chip cookies provided by bake, a partnership of **Susan Theis** and Section 3's own **Karen Jacob**. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

## VARIANCE REQUESTS

The **Connor** family at 7109 Georgia Street is requesting two variances: one to build a covered porch with steps to grade that will extend 8'-8" into the 30' front yard setback, and the second to build a one and two story addition that will intrude a maximum of 4'-4" into the side setback on the north side of the house, thereby reducing the required setback from 14'-4" (necessary for a required sum of 18') to 10'-0".

The **Benhard** family at 3610 Raymond Street is requesting two variances: one to build a mudroom and covered porch with steps to grade that will encroach 3'-9" into the east side setback, thereby reducing the required setback from 14'-1" (necessary for a required sum of 18') to 10'-4", and the second to build a patio in the rear yard that will encroach 5' into the 20' rear yard setback.

**Taylor Road LLC**, the new owner of 3602 Taylor Street, is planning on extensively remodeling and building an addition to the house. The owner is requesting a variance to construct two retaining walls running the full distance of the 30' front setback (extending from the house to the street) in order to dig out a basement-level garage with a 20'-6" wide driveway.



**NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

Congrats to **Ada Morral** of Georgia Street who will be attending Virginia Tech. Ada plans to major in physics.

Congratulations to **Sofia D'Ambrosio** of Fulton Street, a recent Summa Cum Laude graduate of the University of Maryland with a degree in Environmental Science. Sofia was selected for a prestigious National Science Foundation research fellowship and will be headed to graduate school at Washington State University.

Congratulations to **Emily Rost** of Taylor Street who was graduated from St. Mary's College in May, double majoring in Spanish and psychology.

A special welcome to **James and Ashley Kilpatrick** who have moved into 3614 Raymond Street with their two boys, Jules almost age 1 and Harry, almost 3. The family is moving from the Crestwood area of D.C. James impressively demolished and installed a brand new kitchen, moved doorways, and installed flooring, all before the family moved in.

Welcome too to **Chrissy Wild and Brad Myers** who moved into 6808 Georgia Street with their almost 8 month old daughter, **Olivia**. The family moved here from Columbia Heights in D.C. in late May.

We have a budding chef in Section 3. **Colby Trenor** of Florida Street, a fourth grader at CCES, is one of three finalists for Maryland in Michelle Obama's Healthy Lunchtime Challenge, co-sponsored by PBS and the U.S. Departments of Agriculture and Education. The competition is for kids age 8 to 12 to create a healthy lunch recipe featuring local foods from their respective states. Colby's recipe features Maryland Blue Crab lettuce bowls, with baked Old Bay-seasoned tortilla chips and apple-green tomato salsa. The winners will be announced in June and invited to a "Kid's State Dinner" with Mrs. Obama at the White House in July. We wish him well and congratulate him on getting this far.



**WINE TASTING  
EVENT, JUNE 11**

Every year Section 3 residents come together to enjoy wine and one another's company at our annual Wine Tasting Event. This year's event will begin at the home of **John and Sarah Stephens** on Delaware Street at 7:00 p.m. with three white wines then move on to the **Shannon** home for three reds in their lovely garden (weather permitting) and finally, we'll head back to the center of the Village with a tasting of three sparkling wines at the home of **Kirsten Williams and John Dorsey**. We invite you all to sign up and attend. Our sommelier, **Ken Harney**, will select the wines. Lists of what you're tasting, how much it costs and where to find it will be at each host site. The wines will be \$15 and under so that they are affordable. All you have to do is sign up for \$15 a person (make checks payable to Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase) no later than June 6. We need you to sign up so we can arrange to purchase the wines and deliver them to the hosts before the event. So contact the village manager by email to sign up and follow up with your checks to make it official and don't forget to bring your own wine glass!

Looking forward to seeing a good turnout!

**Yes!**

**We'll be at the Wine Tasting Event. Enclosed is our \$15 per person check and our sign up sheet. All sign-ups and checks are due at the Village Manager's home (3801 Bradley Lane) by Monday, June 6 You can also sign up via e-mail at [villagemanager@chevychase3.org](mailto:villagemanager@chevychase3.org) and follow up with a check made out to Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase.**

**Name(s)**

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**E-mail Address for confirmation:**

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**Enclosed is \$15 per person to defray the cost of the wine.**

## CHEVY CHASE LAKE PLANS TAKING SHAPE

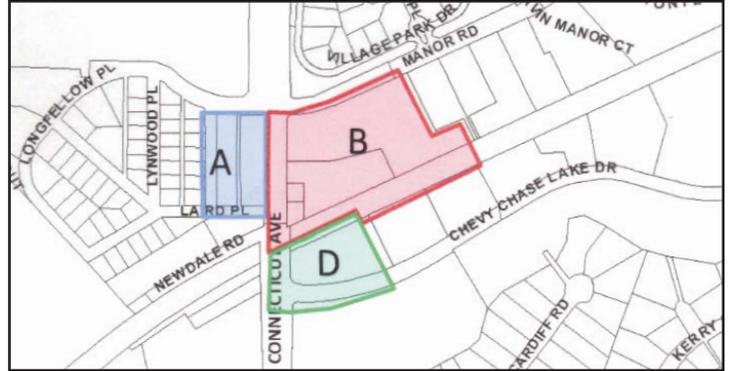
We've all heard that the Purple Line has received funding. We haven't had a status report on the progress of plans crafted in 2013 by the Planning Board and approved by the County Council. You may recall that for the first time ever, the Council agreed to a phased program which would allow development to proceed with or without Purple Line funding. This plan was later refined so that certain projects could only proceed when the leg of the line between Silver Spring and Bethesda had begun construction. The goal is to be certain that we build a truly transit oriented development.

Village Manager Andy Leon Harney described the progress as of May 10 to those who attended the Annual meeting. Subsequent to that meeting, the Chevy Chase Land Company has submitted even more detailed plans, which we share with you:

Activity has begun based on the master plan on Chevy Chase Lake Drive. It's being transformed with 62 new townhomes being built by EYA Associates along with a 200 unit multi-family dwelling to be built by the non-profit Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC). The development will also feature a half acre park for children to play in. A road will be built by the developers to connect Manor Road to Chevy Chase Lake Drive. The road will be parallel to Connecticut Avenue and will run beneath the purple line tracks which will be elevated at that point as they rise to go over Connecticut Avenue.

The next parcels to be developed, prior to the Purple Line actually reaching Silver Spring are slated for late 2017 or early 2018. That includes block B which includes three buildings which will form a U shape, two will be 70 feet tall (those closest to the street) and one building will be 120 feet tall. Block B is on the east side of Connecticut Avenue where Joseph A. Bank used to be and where the Lemon Twist and T.W. Perry are located. The buildings will be a combination of offices and apartments above retail on Connecticut Avenue. Blocks A & D which include the existing Chevy Chase Building and that whole corner by Chevy Chase Lake Drive (Block D) and the gas station and all the shops including Starbucks across the street (Block A) will not be developed until construction on the Purple Line reaches Silver Spring, heading towards Bethesda. In short, by late 2017 you will no longer be able to shop at Chevy Chase Supermarket because it will be the site of a large excavation for the three new buildings in Block B but you will still be able to drink your Starbucks coffee.

More intense development will take place once construction on the Purple Line begins at Silver Spring heading in the direction of Bethesda, the end of the line. In terms of traffic, most of the deliveries for the construction site will be coming from the Beltway south



and while there will obviously be some disruption because of the massive construction project, once the excavation of the underground parking for Block B is completed, traffic will be coming more from the north to the south rather than clustering in the northbound lanes...no small comfort to anyone who has to travel that way, particularly if our neighborhood children end up attending the new middle school north of the Beltway.

## PLANNING CONCERNS ON BETHESDA MASTER PLAN

The County Planning Board has been holding work sessions and hearings where they have made decisions on the Downtown Bethesda master plan. Based on the decisions adopted by the Board approving heights and densities over the limits recommended by the staff, the Council sent the following letter to the County Planning Board Chair Casey Anderson and the chief of staff Gwen Wright.

"We are writing to you on behalf of the full Council of Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase, a municipality to the east of the Downtown Bethesda area. We have been watching with some concern the evolution of the plan. Our concern is based on our understanding that the County Council and the Planning Board were committed to preserving single family neighborhoods and yet instead of tapering building heights near single family homes, we see a willingness to place tall, densely populated buildings opposite single family houses. That approach does not provide a transition to the neighborhoods adjacent to the downtown Bethesda neighborhood.

We are concerned overall about the high densities that have been proposed because of their impact on traffic and schools, both of which have an undeniable domino effect on our municipality and put a strain on the county as a whole in terms of infrastructure.

Finally, the recent decision to allow the distribution of new building densities by developers and property owners on a first-come, first-served basis seems to invite developers to apply for as much density as they can and makes for a chaotic development without thought to the overall goals for the entire plan. We urge you to reconsider all these decisions."

## SHRED EVENT, JUNE 4



Get your personal documents ready... our annual shred event is coming up soon. Beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 4, right next to Brookville Market, Free Secure Shredding will be setting up their trucks, emptying your cars and making all our lives a lot easier! Please be sure to remove large metal clips as well as all binders. The limit is five boxes per family. Cars will line up in the first block of Taylor Street in Section 3 and cross Brookville Road to the truck in turn. Only Section 3, Martins Additions and Section 5 residents are allowed to take part.

## NEW PENALTIES FOR SERVING ALCOHOL TO UNDERAGE INDIVIDUALS

Parents who think their kids will drink anyway and decide to serve them and their friends in their home should think twice now that a new law has passed in Maryland. The law is named after Alex Murk and Calvin Li, two Montgomery County kids who lost their lives in a driving accident after an underage drinking party. The law promises serious fines to adults who "knowingly and willfully allow an individual under 21 to possess or consume an alcoholic beverage at a residence" owned or rented by that individual or furnish underage individuals with alcohol particularly if they might operate a vehicle under the influence. The fines are serious: first offense, \$5,000 or a year in jail or both, second or subsequent offenses, \$7,500 or imprisonment for up to two years. Hopefully this will be a deterrent for those who think that having kids drink at home is safe.

## QUESTIONS ABOUT POST OFFICE DELIVERY SERVICES

Some time ago, Section 3 suffered from thefts of mail placed for pick-up by the postman and serious delivery delays. Senator Van Hollen's office has been involved in trying to get the post office to improve its services to our community and those of our neighboring communities.

If you have had any mail delivery problems of late, please let the Village Manager know as soon as possible so she can convey this information to Sen. Van Hollen's office and at an upcoming meeting on the topic hosted by the Senator's office with Post Office officials.

## MAY HOUSE TOUR MARKS FIRST SUNNY DAY IN WEEKS



Section 3 visitors to the five homes and a garden on Sunday, May 15 were treated to one of the few sunny days in two weeks of soggy days and nights. Designer **Carolyn Wilson** used the occasion to raise funds for Jubilee Housing, a faith based non-profit organization

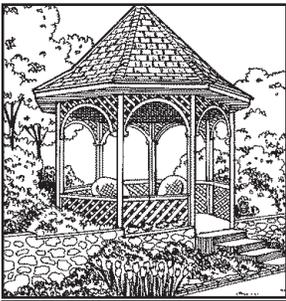
providing affordable housing and supportive services to economically disadvantaged individuals and families. She invited the design clients from her firm, Design in a Day, which she runs with her daughter Elizabeth Bolland and raised \$925. Then Section 3 folks visited, donating hundreds of soaps, lotions and dozens of gently used towels for our charity event, bringing much needed supplies to the homeless showers at Shepherd's Table in Silver Spring. Visitors got lots of inspiration from the interiors at all the homes. **Daniella Landau's** contemporary open plan house built in the late 1920s demonstrates what a dramatic transformation can take place by removing a few walls. The modern décor makes it a completely contemporary space. The home of **John and Sarah Stephens**, by contrast, was built a bit earlier and while it has an open kitchen, family room at the rear of the house, the front portion, decorated with antiques, honors the past and at the rear, the sun room makes for a delightful way to enjoy the garden and the exterior patio. Across the street the **Heller** family showed folks how one can transform a modest rear garden into a special oasis, complete with koi fish swimming in the pond. The **Margolis** family home showed how a little "bump out" can reshape the whole kitchen/family room experience and bring light into the rear of the house. Finally, the **Chaturvedi/Clark** home while almost doubled in size, shows how one can integrate a traditional home with a long list of contemporary needs: a modern kitchen family room, an easily accessed outdoor grill, a private office that can be accessed without entering the house, a mother-in-law suite AND a garage. All in all, those who visited thoroughly enjoyed the contrasts, the creativity and the pleasure our neighbors have in their newly renovated homes. A special thanks to all our hosts.



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## **FOOD TRUCK NIGHT CELEBRATES END OF SCHOOL, JUNE 17**

The original, official last day of school is Friday, June 17 for those with children in Montgomery County Public Schools. Because of all the snow days this year, many children will be attending on Monday the 20th, but for our purposes, we choose to celebrate the end of school on the 17th with our Spring Food Truck Night. From 5:50 to 7:30 p.m., we'll have our favorites, Go Fish, Corned Beef King and Carmen's Italian Ices and this Spring, we've asked Hardy's BBQ to join us to round out the evening. This is a time to bring friends and family (and your wallets), adult beverages if you wish, a picnic blanket and enjoy the prospect of a wonderful family summer.

We hope you'll join us and bring friends and family so that these trucks keep coming back...they need a good attendance to make it worth their while and we need a good attendance for the fun of it! Looking forward to seeing you there!