

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

DECEMBER 2014

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3
NO PARKING ON SECTION 3 STREETS—
Street Sweeping! Crack Sealing on Selected Blocks
(residents notified by email)
Last Bulk Trash Collection until March 2015!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10
Council Meeting, CCUMC Room 107, 7:45 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25
Merry Christmas!
NO Household Trash Pick-up
No Recycling until December 29th

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14
Council Meeting
CCUMC Room 107, 7:45 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30
Deadline for children's book donations
for A Wider Circle

HOLIDAY GIVING: CHILDREN TO CHILDREN



By now, many parents of little children are fed up with relentless holiday advertising. This year, rather than hold another holiday event, the Council decided to try a children's book drive with children from preschool to sixth grade donating books they no longer want or read to children served by A Wider Circle in Silver Spring.

Social service agencies send families who have been homeless to A Wider Circle in Silver Spring. Rather than move into an apartment found for them by that agency with just bags of clothing from their last shelter, A Wider Circle takes these families through their warehouse where they pick out furniture, bedding, mirrors, paintings and yes, even books for the children to move into their new start, their new home. What better way to celebrate the holidays by giving since we all know our children will be doing a lot of receiving?

Each child who makes a donation will receive a special "thank you" goodie bag—nothing elaborate, but a modest way of rewarding a good deed. Donations should be made by December 30th as they are not Christmas presents for the children who will be receiving them, but rather an act of giving from the children of Section 3 in the holiday spirit. Books should be dropped off at the home of the Village Manager (3801 Bradley Lane) with the name of the child or children making the donations. The books will be delivered to A Wider Circle so that, in the New Year, as families come through, there is something special for the children in their new home: their own book!

AS ALWAYS, WARM CLOTHING AND BLANKET DRIVE PLENTIFUL

It took two cars filled to the brim to bring all the donations to Martha's Table from our annual Warm Clothing and Blanket Drive. Special thanks to the Dorsey/Williams family and to the Murphy family for helping serve as collection points for all the goodies we are sharing with those less fortunate.

We took over 60 warm coats and jackets, some 70 warm sweaters, well over a dozen quilts and blankets, an entire bin of warm scarves and hats, mittens and gloves, pants for men, women and children, dresses, and socks and shoes and so much more. Thank you so much for all your contributions!

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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, November 12th at 7:55 p.m. All Council members were in attendance.

The minutes of the October meeting as published in the November newsletter were approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Village Manager has asked the State Highway Administration to come up with some solutions for better stop sign compliance at Taylor and Brookville Road. It may take up to 90 days for their team to study the intersection and come up with some suggestions.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

Carolyn Greis listed recent permits granted:

Lynn Geisert of 7104 Fulton Street was issued a permit to rebuild the deck in her side yard in accordance with the variance approved for her project at the October meeting. The **Afnans** were issued a demolition permit and a building permit to begin construction on their new house at 7102 Florida Street in accordance with the variances also approved for their project at the October meeting.

The **Patten-Nuccis** of 3609 Spring Street were issued a building permit to construct a shed in their rear yard. The **Leggetts** of 3719 Bradley Lane received a permit to install a sump pump.

The Council decided to purchase a "Little Free Library" to be placed in the park. The "library" is a small weatherproof box (see www.littlefreelibrary.org) into which adults and children can place books they want to share with others in the community. It should be installed around the first of the year and enhance the use of the park.

The Council discussed the triangle of land on the **Scheck** property and agreed to explore other possible ways to handle the ownership of what was incorrectly reported in the November newsletter as 408 square feet when it is actually only 169 square feet.

The Village Manager surveyed all our streets with our consulting civil engineer, John Strong of Nobis Engineering. Two streets have been designated as needing to be milled and repaved: Spring Street from the intersection at Delaware all the way to Georgia Street and Delaware Street from Shepherd Street to the end of the no-outlet segment of the street. Other streets need to have cracks sealed so that we can postpone more costly treatments

by preventing further weather damage. The Village Manager will arrange for that work to take place this December. Several sidewalk panels were noted to have shifted with rain and the growth of nearby trees and will have to be replaced so as not to cause a tripping hazard. She will contact contractors to take care of this in early December. Several patches put in by Washington Gas need to be renewed and the Village Manager has contacted them to take care of that and a valve that presents a tripping hazard. She has also contacted Verizon to patch a spot on Spring Street, all found in the process of surveying the streets and sidewalks.

Four serious cracks have appeared in the asphalt on Raymond Street in the area that had been milled and paved this past summer. The contractor has been contacted and promises to inspect and to correct the problem. No similar cracks were found on Shepherd Street.

Lanigan Enterprises is going to clean out leaves from the under-the-sidewalk drain at Georgia Street and also the trench drains in the sidewalk on Georgia Street between Shepherd and Taylor Streets. At the same time, the crew will also apply almond oil to the spots in the gazebo they sealed with wood filler once the wood bees were eliminated. The almond oil deters them from returning next spring.

The Village Manager also reported that, weather permitting, we will have the streets swept on December 3rd.

The Village Manager discussed the fact that the Montgomery Municipal League's County chapter had voted in an executive session to have the local chapter be party, including its individual members, to a coalition formed to fight the Pepco/Exelon merger with demands that they change the rate structure and provide all sorts of other concessions. The document that was sent on behalf of this Coalition not only asked for changes in rate structure that cannot be made just for Pepco, but need to be made by all the stakeholders subject to Public Service Commission tariffs. It also made statements regarding the poor quality of service provided by Pepco, which in the past few years has not been the experience in Section 3. If the local Chapter did not withdraw the vote which linked our community to this Coalition, then the Council felt that we should contact the Public Service Commission to disavow membership in it. The Council also felt it did not have sufficient information or expertise to either support or condemn the merger itself.

The Village Manager reports that Pepco has indicated that the last few remaining service lines that need to be renewed will be replaced in 2015. In the meantime, we are working to get the few double poles remaining since the new lines and poles were installed removed.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Congratulations to **Jackie and Malcolm Lawrence** on their 68th wedding anniversary November 27th! The couple had nine children and are the proud grandparents of 15 and great-great grandparents of 10.

Welcome to **Randy and Molly Friedland** who have moved into 3601 Raymond Street at almost the same time the **Nader** family was moving in on Fulton Street (see November *News & Views*). We're delighted to have both families as part of our community!

Congrats to **Juan and Laney Altamar** who have been renting a home on Florida Street and will soon be renovating and moving into their own home at 6805 Delaware Street. We're delighted they've decided to stay in the neighborhood!

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Our exit from SunTrust Bank is complete. Our funds are now safely collateralized in M&T Bank and we get weekly reports regarding the fluctuating balance in the collateral accounts.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

The Halloween Parade and Pizza Party went well. For the first time in several years, we have seen a decline in the numbers of children in second grade and under in Section 3...we're all aging in place!! Special thanks to **Judy Corbett** and **Sudi Press** for helping to decorate Phillips Hall for the event and to Judy and **Helga Butler** for serving up the pizza! We consumed 12 large Ledo pizzas in about a half hour!

Special thanks to **Jimmy Dodson** for leading the parade! Everyone had a great time and all the little ghosts and goblins went away with flashing rubber LED lights they could wear around their necks to be seen while trick or treating.

This year's Holiday event will be a book drive. The Council decided that each child who donates a book will get a thank you "goodie bag" with a cookie as a way of rewarding them for their generosity. This drive is in lieu of a puppet show or other holiday event given the crowded schedules of all concerned at this time of year (see story this issue).

The deadline for the Bill Prigg Memorial Warm Clothing and Blanket drive is November 23rd so that all items can be sorted and donated to Martha's Table before the holiday (See story this issue).

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

LET IT SNOW..... LET IT SNOW!



When it snows heavily, Section 3 has made arrangements for the public sidewalks belonging to seniors who have signed up for this

service to be shoveled. If you have signed up in the past, you're still on the list. If you only recently qualified for Medicare, and you'd like this service, let us know! We help with the heavy lifting, but if we get a light snow, or an icy situation, the sidewalk is your responsibility, please remember!

If you are going to be away, make sure you make arrangements to have your walk shoveled while you are gone .

If you need help with shoveling your driveway or your front walkway, we try and match enterprising teenagers with needy seniors...you make your own financial arrangements, we'll just give you some leads, so if you need some assistance, feel free to contact the Village Manager.

If you are a teenager who would like to make some extra cash on a snowy day, let us know. We'll send your neighbors in need of assistance your way!

MVA ON WHEELS

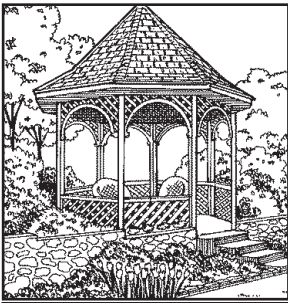
Interested in getting some basic "express" services done at the MVA? It comes to us in the form of a large bus parked at Friendship Heights (4433 South Park Avenue, Chevy Chase) between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on: January 26; February 23; March 23; April 27; May 18; and June 22. Save these dates in case you need a new license, new tags, or a non-driver id card.

VARIANCE REQUEST

The **Wellers** of 3821 Bradley Lane are requesting a variance to temporarily install an ice rink in their rear yard which will extend eight feet into the 20 foot rear setback.



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SNOW IN THE FORECAST?

Please be certain to take your cars off the street so we can plow them as soon as possible to make them clear for you to move about! If you are planning on a trip, please leave your car in the driveway so that if it snows while you are gone, our plows can get through.

Section 3 has the narrowest streets in Montgomery County, except for Washington Grove. We can only plow with a pick-up truck because of our narrow streets. By parking on them, you make it very difficult for a plow to navigate and do a good job for all of us!