



SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

DECEMBER 2015

CALENDAR

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

Street cleaning weather permitting
Please do not park on the street

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

Holiday Carol Sing in the Gazebo Park
5:00 p.m. (weather permitting—snow yes, rain no!)
Warm cider will be served...Bring the family!

DECEMBER 18 & 21

Thank our trash contractors with holiday tips

JANUARY 13

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

Christmas Tree Pick-up
(trees can be left curbside any Monday post holiday)

CHRISTMAS CAROLING IN THE PARK

Join us around the fire to sing Christmas Carols on Sunday, December 20. We'll keep you warm, remind you of the words with song sheets, and best of all, we'll have guitar music by our own **Lee Bodner** and **Richard Barry!** The event will be in the Gazebo Park from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. with warm cider and holiday cookies served. Join us for a family fun event.



HOLIDAY BUDDY SYSTEM URGED FOR SECTION 3 RESIDENTS

Anyone who lives in Section 3 for any length of time knows that we are a special neighborhood where neighbors watch out for one another. As more and more of us order holiday gifts on line, the risk of having packages stolen off your front porch while you are away or at work becomes greater. So with the support of the Council, we propose some measures to head off such unpleasantness.

1. Consider sending packages to yourself at work, instead of home.
2. Sign up for UPS My Choice, a free program that lets you know when packages addressed to you are going to be delivered—even those you didn't send! If your name and address show up in their system, they let you know when it's due to arrive and you can track it.
3. Finally, ask a neighbor who is home on the day you are expecting a package to take it in so it isn't sitting on your front step or porch waiting for someone to walk away with it—the Section 3 buddy system! If we all look out for one another, we'll be able to avoid missing packages swiped after they have been delivered.

Take a moment to chat with your neighbors who are likely to be home when you are expecting a package...it's not a lot to ask and it might avoid a problem.

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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 11 at CCUMC room 107. The meeting began at 7:55 p.m. with all Council members in attendance.

The Council approved the minutes of the October meeting as presented in the November newsletter.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Council has contacted two Montgomery County policemen interested in taking the second slot for community patrolling. Since the departure of one of our policemen at the beginning of the summer, Chris Jordan has been covering both positions. The Council feels it's important to have two different patrolmen covering the community and will be interviewing the candidates and making a decision soon.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

The Council voted to grant the Wellers of 3821 Bradley Lane a temporary variance request for a backyard ice rink in the rear setback. The variance expires March 31, 2016. The **LeBoo** family of 7100 Georgia Street was granted a variance for window wells. The Council granted the **Chaturvedi/Clark** family of 7007 Georgia Street a variance for steps and landings intruding into the side setbacks.

The **Hoffman** family was granted a permit for a fence.

We are working with Chester Engineers to prepare bid documents for both milling and paving and road reconstruction for segments of streets in Section 3 next spring. Prior to signing any documents, we are checking with both WSSC and Washington Gas to be certain that they aren't planning any work in the near future which would conflict with or stymie our plans.

We are also working with D & F Construction to get pricing on the replacement of the storm drain on Shepherd Street between Delaware and Florida Streets. Once we get pricing, we will make a presentation to the County to try and expedite the much needed repairs.

Work should start on the fence bordering the **Leleck** property at 3602 Shepherd Street on the Georgia Street side soon. The fencing has not been repaired in over 25 years and because it is an integral part of the public sidewalk, the Council felt that it should accept the responsibility for its repair. The fence is necessary because there is a significant drop between the public sidewalk and the side yard of the Leleck property.

For years, **Carolyn and Tom Wilson** have purchased and decorated the Gazebo Park for the holidays. This year, they announced that they would no longer be paying for the decorations, but would be happy to help install them. Happily, **John Fitzgerald** volunteered to pay for the live pine boughs and the Village purchased new LED lighting to be installed around the perimeter. Wreaths sold by the BCC Crew Boosters will decorate the gates and the gazebo. A team of volunteers will be helping with the installation.

Street sweeping will be done weather permitting on December 7. Our contract calls for one sweep in the winter and one in the spring. Section residents will be asked to keep their cars off the road the day that the sweeping is being done. Because our streets are so narrow, the job is done by hand and with blowers, not by a commercial street sweeper.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Village Manager noted that as part of the franchise agreement for CABLE-TV with the County, a grant goes to each municipality which is used to help support the Montgomery County Cable station (channel 16). Because of this, various municipalities are taking a more active role in making certain that the programming is more reflective of activities and interests of people in the community.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

The Council agreed to hold a family caroling program in the Gazebo Park on December 20 (see story this issue). The Council also agreed to hold its long overdue dinner with spouses in December.

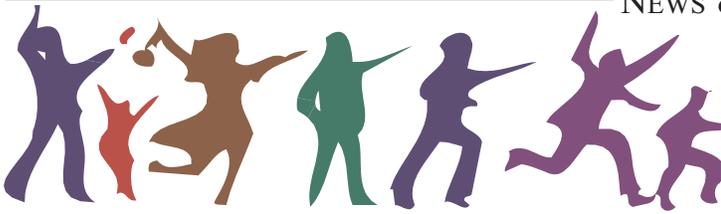
OTHER

The Council discussed making changes to the charter to include a provision to remove an inactive member. The decision to do this came not from any experience in Section 3 but because other Councils in Montgomery County have had difficulties when Councilmembers choose not to participate and it was thought better to make this change before any such problem occurs. (see story this issue with wording)

Recalling that the two men who were arrested in Section 3 for attempted burglary and linked to a number of burglaries in the Town of Chevy Chase took a package off someone's stoop in Martins Additions, the Council agreed to try a "buddy system" of neighbors watching for neighbors' packages this holiday season (see story front page).

The Council adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

PLEASE PLACE HOLIDAY ON THE INSIDE LID OF YOUR TRASH CANS ON EITHER DECEMBER 18 OR 21.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Congrats to **Kristen and Mark Salotti** on the birth of their daughter **Juliet** on October 24. We're delighted to welcome our newest resident!

Welcome to **Philippe Le Corre and Jiajia Wang-Le Corre** who just moved into 7105 Fulton Street with their three-year old son **Gustave**. Philippe is French, Jiajia hails from Shanghai. Happily the day they moved in was Halloween so Gustave got a good taste of the neighborhood right away and was able to join us for the parade and pizza party.

Directory updates reveals a new neighbor we neglected to welcome.... A belated welcome to **Rachael Hanssen**, daughter of **Jay Hanssen and Laura Chap**, born last April. Rachael joins sister **Charlotte** and brothers **Tim and Teddy**.

Chevy Chase United Methodist Church invites neighbors in Section 3 for an evening of holiday choral music for the Choir's first presentation of a Festival of Lessons and Carols. Led by the Church's new Director of Music Anthony Blank Clarke, the choir will be exploring the rich Advent and Christmastide repertoire that flourished in England from the 19th century to the present, including a composition commissioned for this occasion. The performance begins at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 12 in the church sanctuary. Suggested donation is \$10.

Congratulations to **Jay Epstien** on receiving the Judge Learned Hand award given by the Washington regional chapter of the American Jewish Committee in memory of Judge Hand, Senior Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit from 1924 to 1951. Epstien, a partner in the law firm of DLA Piper, is co-chair of the firm's U.S. and Global Real Estate practices. The awards event raised more than \$500,000 for the AJC and was the most successful fundraiser ever for the Washington regional office.

Section 3 prides itself on its entrepreneurial women. Our own **Ferrall Dietrich** has opened her second CORE 72 shop, this one at Wisconsin Avenue and Macomb Street, specializing in outstanding women's athletic wear. Congrats to Ferrall!

Mary Jo Slidell has just started a new organization, the fitCene. It is a social networking fitness group that aims to inform, inspire and connect local women. Members have access to sample classes at local studios, running events, social events, speakers, special discounts and promotions, and other amazing local women.

You can learn more about it at www.thefitCene.com.

COUNCIL PROPOSES CHANGE IN CHARTER

The Council has decided to enact a simple change in the Charter such that if a Councilmember does not attend three meetings in a row, three of the five members of the Council may vote to remove that individual from office. The decision was made because at present the Charter has no provisions and while this situation has never occurred in Section 3 and all our Council members get along with one another, it was felt that this was the best possible time to make the change to protect future Councils. The underlined language change would read as follows:

Section 401, Number, Selection, Term

There is hereby established a Village Council of five members to administer the affairs, fulfill the obligations and carry out the responsibilities of Section 3 as herein provided.

Councilmembers shall be elected, as hereinafter provided, to terms of two years which shall expire on the Second Tuesday in May or upon the election and qualification of their successors, whichever is later. **A Council member may be removed from office as a result of extended absenteeism, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Council, follow a public hearing. As used herein, extended absenteeism means missing three or more consecutive regular and/or special Council meetings.**

The proposed wording does not mean that missing three or more consecutive regular and/or special Council meetings would result in the automatic removal of a Council member but that the Council would have the choice to do so if they deemed it appropriate.

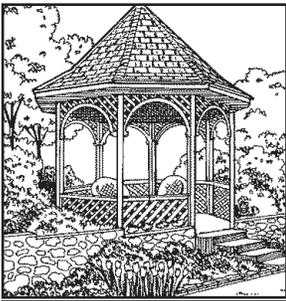
The Council will take up this proposal for a vote at the next meeting. If members of the community have questions, feel free to contact any member of the Council or come to the meeting on December 9.

MARTHA'S TABLE GETS A CARLOAD OF WARM CLOTHING AND BLANKETS

A total of 23 bags of sorted warm clothing and blankets was donated to the "Martha's Outfitters" section of Martha's Table on 14th Street. A special thanks to all those who donated clothing for those less fortunate. Thanks too to the **Dorsey/Williams** family for helping to serve as a collection point for the community.



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DIRECTORY UPDATE IS ALMOST COMPLETE

TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR LISTING!

GOT A NEW CELL NUMBER?

KIDS OUT OF THE HOUSE?

EMAIL CHANGE?

LET US KNOW ASAP!

LEAF REMOVAL SLATED FOR DECEMBER 7; NO STREET PARKING, PLEASE!

It's time to sweep the streets now that every leaf has fallen! We ask Section residents to please keep all cars off the street on December 7 (raindate December 8) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Because our streets are so narrow, they actually hand sweep them rather than run a noisy street sweeper, but to do this, the streets must be clear. We ask for your patience and understanding in this matter.