

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

JANUARY 2012

CALENDAR

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

Christmas Tree pick-up curbside

NOTE: you can leave out your tree any Monday with yard waste.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

Council Meeting, 7:45 p.m.

CCUMC Room 109

Executive session at end of meeting for Village Manager annual review

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

Wine and Cheese Event for Single Women

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Deadline for email yard sale submission

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

Martin Luther King's Birthday

NO TRASH PICK-UP

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Council Meeting, 7:45 p.m.

CCUMC Room 109

ON LINE YARD SALE

We tried this a few months back and it was such a success that we're going to try it again only this time we're only going to publish the listing via email! So if you have something to sell, describe it briefly along with your price or "best offer above \$XX" and your name by January 15th and we'll put together an email with everyone's offerings. If you have freebies, stuff you just want to get rid of but think someone in the neighborhood might use, you can send those in as well to villagemanager@chevychasesection3.org

So if Nana's Christmas gift doesn't cut it, or is too small and you don't want to hurt her feelings, offer it for sale! If you have furniture you'd like to de-accession, this is the time to do it! Do you have too many bicycles in the garage or basement—clean them up and sell them! If you have a car that might be perfect for a high school or college student, now's the time...but remember, you'll be selling it to a neighbor!

In order to keep this within Section 3 and not release your email addresses to the world, we will use your names only and assume that you have the individual's email in your directory and recently published addendum. If you have photos, if someone from Section 3 contacts you, you can forward them directly to the interested buyers—that would be helpful, but to keep the listings brief, we won't be including them. The whole idea is to keep things "within the family" and avoid the Craigslist problem of "I don't know who you are and I don't want you to know where I live." So remember, send in your listings—product description and price and your name by January 15th and we'll get it out as soon as it's all assembled via email. We'll snail mail our listings to the few folks in the neighborhood who are NOT on our email distribution list.

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WINE & CHEESE FOR SINGLE WOMEN

So many of Section 3's events involve children or families, we thought it might be nice for the many (we have over 45) smart, interesting single women to meet one another in an informal setting. All will be receiving invitations, but the event is scheduled for the evening of the 15th of January at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Village Manager's home.

**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, December 14th. The meeting began at 7:55 p.m. All Council members were present. The minutes of the November meeting, as published in the newsletter were approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY

We've been in close touch with the community liaison regarding the numerous burglaries in the Bethesda Chevy Chase area and have informed the community of the one burglary on Delaware Street via email (see story this issue).

We must remind folks of the hours in the dog park for walking dogs so that we keep the park open to both dogs and people. Some folks seem to have forgotten or ignored the hours.

Police patrols have done significant stop sign enforcement in the neighborhood.

The snow shoveling list has been sent to our contractor so we're ready if we get a snow storm of two inches or more to help our seniors.

The Village Manager went through the neighborhood with our arborist to identify dead limbs or hanging limbs over the sidewalk and the street which need to be cut back. In a few instances, we have asked neighbors to cut back their own trees and/or ivy encroaching on the sidewalk. The tree service is in the process of removing anything which we have been identified as a possible hazard in heavy winds, during any ice or snow storm.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

Fence permits have been issued to the **Watkins/Stone family** and the **Nott/Greis family**.

The work at 3821 Bradley Lane continues to occupy both the time of the Buildings and Roads Representative and the Village Manager. We are working with one of the property owners to get the fence lowered to legal limits in the front, to get the road paved as soon as possible and to take care of the drainage problem at the rear of the yard.

The Council discussed the new plans presented by the Chevy Chase Land Company and agreed that their proposed levels of density and building heights are of great concern particularly as regards traffic on Connecticut Avenue. The Council drafted a letter outlining its concerns as the Land Company refines its plans to let them know of our desire for more open space at grade level, more on-street parking, lower building heights and lower densities.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council continues to turn over CDs and find new institutions with FDIC insurance and the best rates available to invest town funds. The last income tax payment was better than had been anticipated so we are on track to meet or perhaps exceed our budget for this fiscal year.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

Special thanks to **Tom and Carolyn Wilson** for the beautiful job they did in decorating the Gazebo Park. The whole area at the heart of the community looks like a winter wonderland with decorated picket fences on all four corners of Shepherd and Fulton Streets.

The Holiday Cookie Decorating event was lots of fun, very low key and a delight for the children. The Gingerbread house made by **the Harmon boys** was donated to St. Ann's Home in Hyattsville and all the cookies the children made and decorated were also donated to charity and much appreciated! Congrats to all our children who participated in the event and were so generous in sharing their art work and their cookies with others.

The single women's event has been postponed until January.

The Everybody's Irish event will be held on St. Patty's Day as usual.

The Warm Clothing and Blanket drive was a huge success...we brought two SUV loaded with quality warm clothing and blankets to Martha's Table (See Dec. 2011 issue of News and Views).

The BCC Rescue Squad fund-raiser was a great success, netting a total of \$10,465! (see story this issue).

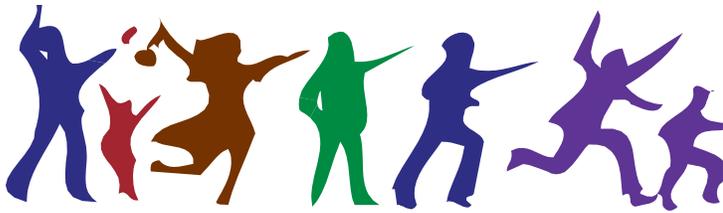
We may be able to coordinate a community Paper Shred this coming April with the two other jurisdictions in our area... we are shooting for somewhere around April 21st, after taxes!

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

CHEVY CHASE AT HOME EVENTS

On Wednesday, January 25, Chevy Chase At Home will continue its ongoing lecture series on health issues with a presentation by Daniel M. Berinstein, MD, titled, "Maintaining Your Sight and Health: Macula and Retina Symptoms That Command Attention." The free forum will be held at Chevy Chase Village Hall at 7:00 p.m.

On January 17th, the group will feature a musical program on Strumming and Singing by David Almy, a Chevy Chase native who plays a four-string tenor guitar and singers Cheryl and Hal Gearhardt. The event will be at 2:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Congrats to Grandma and Grandpa **Marion and Don Robertson** on the birth of their latest grandchild, Finn Orosz Robertson, born on Thanksgiving, November 24th to Deborah Orosz and Ted Robertson in Boston.

Both of our police patrolmen became fathers in the last few months. **William Douglas Merryman** was born October 20th, weighing in at 8 pounds, 2 ounces. Dad Brian and Mom Tina are thrilled. **Evan David Jordan** was born December 12, weighing in at 7 pounds, 1 ounce. Mom Lisa and Dad Chris are also delighted. All, however, haven't seen a solid night's sleep in some time!

If you were lucky enough to see the Kennedy Center Honors Ceremony on December 27th, you know that it's a monumental production with lots of impressive moving parts—not the least of which is getting the “talent” coordinated and getting all the guests in their seats. As with every ceremony, there are many behind the scenes folks who help make this happen. The event requires some 100 volunteers, and helping to coordinate them all was our own **Lanny Johnson** of Raymond Street. Kudos to Lanny for a job well done! It helps to have been a television producer used to working under tight deadlines your entire career, but as usual, Lanny handled the event with skill and grace. Congrats!

It is with great sadness that we share the recent passing of one of our neighbors, **David Isbell**, who passed away December 7th of West Nile virus. David was a partner in the Washington law firm Covington & Burling, a former president of the DC Bar and an adjunct faculty member at the University of Virginia Law School for almost 50 years. He was an authority on legal ethics, a former assistant director of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and a directory of the American Civil Liberties Union and a member of the Disability Rights Council of the Washington Metropolitan Area. He was given the DC Bar Association's Thurgood Marshall Award and the Wiley A. Branton Award from the Washington Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, an award he shared with his wife of 40 years, **Florence Isbell**. An avid tennis player and gardener, Section 3 residents were treated to viewing his beautifully tended gardens on several House Tours over the years. He leaves his wife Florence and three children and two stepchildren and 11 grandchildren. He will be missed. The family suggests that those who wish to may make a donation in his name to the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation.

CRIMINAL STOPPED!

Just prior to Christmas, thanks to observant members of the Montgomery County community, a suspect in a series of burglaries has been arrested. Delonte Greenwald, 21, was wanted by Montgomery County for burglary. He was also wanted for violating his probation for a robbery conviction in D.C. and for violating his probation for an auto theft conviction in Montgomery County. U.S. Marshalls were looking for him for his alleged involvement in breaking into homes in Bethesda and Chevy Chase. Kudos to the Montgomery County police for this arrest!

SECTION 3 GENEROUSLY SUPPORTS RESCUE SQUAD

Thanks to the generosity of Section 3 residents, BCC Rescue Squad collected \$6465 in donations from Section 3 residents between September 1 and December 1. Section 3's Council voted to make a donation of \$2,000 and to match, up to \$2,000 any donation made by residents during that time period up to \$75 per household. The total donation from Section 3 was \$10,465!

The BCC Rescue Squad gets no government funding and provides ambulance services to everyone in Section 3. This spring, the Rescue Squad plans to have a day when everyone can see the fruits of their generosity and the new truck will pay a visit to Section 3. We'll announce this in advance so all the neighborhood children can see this modern emergency rescue equipment.

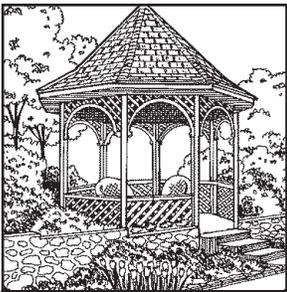
Founded in 1950, the BCC Rescue Squad for years has been a national leader in developing the kinds of equipment that communities all across the nation look to for new ideas and better practices. We are indeed fortunate that so many bright, dedicated residents in Montgomery County, including our own **Ferrall Dietrich**, give of their time and energy to make this squad the professional organization it is today. We are grateful for their efforts and grateful to each and every household making a donation.

PARK HOURS CREATE DOG/PEOPLE BALANCE

The Gazebo Park is once again open. Unfortunately, some folks have forgotten that we have dog hours at the park and have been using it at other times. We ask that everyone respect the hours reserved for dogs (7:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.). Those without dogs have been discouraged from using the park during those hours. We want to try and keep the park available to everyone by respecting those hours reserved for dogs, and keeping the park available to those without dogs the remainder of the day.



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TREE TRIMMING

In keeping with our policy of trying to anticipate problems before they happen, the Village Manager and the arborist have toured the neighborhood and identified trees with dangerous or dead limbs overhanging the sidewalks and streets. It pays to look up every once in a while! We found three different areas where broken limbs were literally dangling over cars and sidewalks just waiting for the next big wind...all have been removed. There were some 25 different addresses in the Village where trees were thinned and trimmed to avoid problems that ice and snow might have presented to us.

