

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

JANUARY 2014

CALENDAR

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY
No Bulk Trash Pick-up

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8
Christmas Tree Pick-up Curbside
(no plastic bags; trees will become useful mulch)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8
Council Meeting
CCUMC, Room 107, 7:45 p.m.
(At the conclusion of the regular meeting,
the Council will go into Executive Session to
review Village Manager's performance and salary.)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12
Council Meeting
CCUMC, Rom 107, 7:45 p.m.

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NEW DIRECTORY IN 2014

We've had so many new families move into Section 3 that it's time for another directory. We've decided that since so many of us are more cell phone dependent than land line dependent that it might be smarter to give that number as well... We already feature "his" and "hers" listings and phone numbers, but now we'd like to continue to include land lines AND cell phones. As you know, our directory is just for our own residents and is not to be used for commercial, political or fund-raising purposes. We just want to make it easier to reach a neighbor when needed.

People check their cell phone voice mails far more frequently than their land line messages, so often we've found there is a big lag time when we leave messages solely on a land line. In a number of instances, families have abandoned even having a land line because they use their cell so much.

We've also noticed that a number of you have changed your email addresses, have had grown children move out or someone new move in. Let us know! You can email the Village Manager with this information. If you are new to the neighborhood, you might want to pull the new neighbor pdf off our website and fill it out and drop it off at the Village Manager's home (3801 Bradley Lane). We need to know the month and year only of all children under 18, and the names of children or others still living at home over 18. If you are already in the directory, take a look and let us know what changes need to be made. For example, if your children now live elsewhere and no longer share your home, then we will remove their names from your listing. And please, let us know your cell phone number if you want it included in the directory—it would sure help neighbors to be able to get in touch with you!

HOLIDAY PARTY BIG SUCCESS!

The MagiCompany's Wonderbunny magician/comedian managed to captivate Section 3 and CCUMC pre-school children for a full hour on Saturday morning, December 21st. Children ages 2 to 7 or 8 were completely fascinated with his tricks, his audience participation activities, and of course, his adorable little rabbit, Beowolf. Everyone left with a balloon sculpture on their heads and lots of cookies and juice!

The Village Manager delivered a carload of gently used and even some new toys (the price of admission) to A Wider Circle and the leftover cider went to the homeless shelter for men on Cordell Avenue in Bethesda. A special thanks to all those who helped fold up chairs and clean up after the event.

**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 11th. The meeting began at 8:00 p.m. with all Council members present.

The Council approved the minutes of the November meeting as published in the December newsletter.

PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

Police continue to patrol and monitor stop sign compliance at Taylor and Brookville Road. No incidents to report.

BUILDINGS & ROADS

Our new resident at 3809 Taylor Street needed a letter of acknowledgement for interior work being done on the residence not requiring a permit from Section 3.

We issued a dumpster permit to be briefly placed on the street in front of 7004 Georgia Street for basement work being done at that address.

The work at 3700 Raymond Street is almost complete. We are just awaiting the sodding of the greenway and final touches on the landscaping. The driveway apron was recently poured. The family plans to move in January.

The broken water meter housing in front of 3612 Spring Street was reported to the Village Manager who will take care of getting WSSC out to repair it.

The debris littering the rear yard at 3616 Raymond Street has been reported to the manager of the construction job on the property so that they take care of it as soon as possible.

The Village Manager reports that the final copy of the Zoning Rewrite is not yet available and that the PHED committee is still making changes. Of the 82 people who testified before the whole County Council on the rewrite, only two were in support of the package as it was in mid-November. Since that time the Council has decided to postpone a decision on the overhaul of the entire

zoning map as many questions have been raised about specific “conversions” from the existing zoning to the new zoning. There are also many issues yet to be resolved in the “almost final” version before the County Council. The Village Manager highlighted some issues that need to be addressed and will be drafting a letter on behalf of the Council urging them to reconsider some aspects that would have direct impact on R-60 zones like ours and on the larger County development as a whole. See story, next page.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The issues involved in the whole Tax Duplication controversy remain unresolved. The Maryland Municipal League came out against the staff recommendations of the Government Operations committee and the Village Manager is tracking the final resolution as it impacts our budget directly. Most recently, Section 3 has received about \$30,000 in tax duplication reimbursement for services we provide our residents that the County would otherwise have to provide.

The CD picture is bleak, with interest rates stunningly low. The Village Manager continues to search for the best rates possible as our CDs mature.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

The Holiday party promises to be lots of fun for young families. We have invited members of the pre-school to attend as well. The age range is about three to eight years old.

The Council agreed that the directory update in January should include cell phone numbers if people want to add them to their land lines as well. Since folks often don’t even check their land line phone answering machines, and so many of us rely on cell phones, we thought it best to include them as well.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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tation after the fact.

Finally, we need to retain the stricter special exception standards to provide protection in single family neighborhoods like ours. While the category “general buildings” has been removed from the rewrite thanks to many objections, including our own, non-residential buildings should not be allowed to house conditional uses in single family zones as a “work around” for non-residential uses.

The Council will hold a series of hearings on the zoning rewrite beginning January 14th. Please take a moment to email all members of the Council at County.Council@montgomerycountymd.gov if you agree with the above objections so that they hear from individual homeowners.

GOING AWAY?

Make sure your car isn’t left on the street and that you’ve made arrangements for someone to shovel your walk if you’re not on the seniors’ list.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

A welcome to **Christine and Rich Leggett** and their two boys, **Henry** (9), **Harrison** (6) who have moved into 3719 Bradley Lane from the District. The boys attend National Presbyterian and are looking forward to meeting children from the neighborhood.

A special welcome to **Julian and Heather Gillespie** who have moved into the former parsonage next to CCUMC on Taylor Street with their three children, **Holly** (15), **Dean** (13) and **Anna** (10). They lived in this area for many years until work took them to Stonnington, Connecticut, for the past seven years. We're pleased to welcome them all. Julian is with Compass Point Research and Trading. Holly goes to BCC, Dean is at Mater Dei and Anna is at National Presbyterian where Heather teaches.

Welcome to **Elizabeth and Jimmy Dodson** and their two year old boy, **name** who have moved into 3625 Raymond Street. The family is settling in nicely and already knows a number of folks in the neighborhood.

Congrats to **Amaya Murphy** of Raymond Street who spent her winter break in Madison, New Jersey at Drew University performing with the New Jersey Shakespeare Company in the cast of the classic *Pericles!* Amaya is a junior in theater at Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia and is already busy as a working actor while on break! Kudos to Amaya!

Special thanks to **Tom and Carolyn Wilson** for the lovely pine boughs and lights which decorate the Gazebo Park. Every year the couple donates their time and the lovely fresh boughs and lights to make the center of our community a special place during the holidays...many thanks! This holiday season the couple has a special reason to celebrate with the birth of their first grandson to their daughter Elizabeth and her husband Monty Boland. Jack Montgomery Boland was born on November 21 weighing in at 7 pounds, 11 ounces. Congrats to Elizabeth and Monty!

Special thanks to the mystery carpenter who repaired the bench in the Gazebo! Thank you so much!

ZONING REWRITE

In Mid-January, the County Council will once again address the tweaked zoning rewrite proposed by the Planning Board and approved by the PHED (Planning, Housing and Economic Development) Committee. The agreement seems to be that they will hear objections to the code rewrite itself (as they did in mid November) and will table the district map amendment for the time being as its adoption is even more controversial than the zoning rewrite. At the two November hearings before the County Council, 82 speakers addressed various aspects of the rewrite and the district map amendment, including developers. Only two, it's reported, were in support of all the changes. Andy Leon Harney, the Village Manager, spoke on behalf of Section 3's Council.

Our involvement and that of others in similar R-60 and R-90 zones has resulted in significant changes from when the rewrite was first proposed. There are some issues to be resolved. First, parking in all areas of the County is much more restrictive. The Commercial/Residential zones proposed for so many more densely populated areas like Bethesda, Rockville, etc., will mean more underground parking in lots and less spaces. The idea is that more of us would rely on public transportation without recognizing that we can't all rely on public transit because 50 plus years of planning subdivisions make it impossible NOT to use a car.

There are provisions proposed that would allow the planning board to override a previously Council-approved master plan recommendation for a specific "major public benefit." Requirements for approving residential detached floating zones and townhouse floating zones for properties in residential base zones should only be applied if the property fronts on a nonresidential street or confronts/abuts property already zoned for transitional or non-residential use. Such zones should not be allowed in small neighborhoods like ours.

The standards for uses found under Residential Care Facilities should be restored to the current standard. These facilities can be converted homes in neighborhoods like ours if they serve eight or fewer residents and the standards for their use need to be maintained, not liberalized.

The new code weakens the historic role of the master plan by using words like they should be "substantially" consistent with the master plan instead of simply "consistent" with the master plans. This phrase alone allows for far too much interpre-

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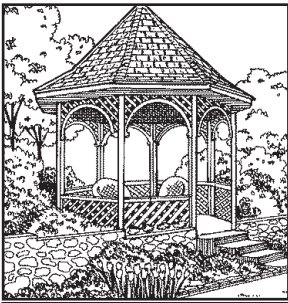
IF WE GO A LONG PERIOD WITHOUT RAIN OR SNOW, WATER YOUR SERVICEBERRY TREES AND ANY TREES ON YOUR PROPERTY, PARTICULARLY THOSE YOU MAY HAVE RECENTLY TRANSPLANTED TO HELP THEM SETTLE IN NICELY.



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CHEVY CHASE AT HOME

On Tuesday, January 7th, the group will sponsor a bingo party from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Village Hall. The same group will gather for brunch at the Olympia Café from 10:00 to 11:30 on Thursday, January 9th and urges everyone to come and bring a friend.

On January 21st, Section 3 resident and world traveler **Jan Augustine** will give a talk on her Silk Road travels to all the “Stans... Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan (stan means place or land). Jan recently returned from a “Road Scholar” tour through Central Asia and has lots to tell. The talk is from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Village Hall.