

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

JULY 2012

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4
NO BULK TRASH COLLECTION

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11
Bulk Trash pick-up, Curbside
(replaces 1st Wednesday on July 4)

Council Meeting
CCUMC Room 109 7:45 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 12
Welcome New Neighbors Barbeque
6:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Gazebo Park

No Council meeting in August

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
Party in the Park
4:00 to 7:00 pm
Raindate: September 30

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS BARBEQUE SLATED FOR THURSDAY, JULY 12

Every year we get together with the help of Rocklands Barbeque, for a good old fashioned neighborhood event...the annual Welcome New Neighbors

Barbeque. You can tell all the new folks by the leis around their necks, otherwise, everyone sports name tags and has a really good time. This year, we'll have light jazz entertainment. So plan on attending. It's first come, first served, only Section 3 families. Dinner from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Rain date, Thursday, July 19th.



PARTY IN THE PARK SLATED FOR SEPTEMBER 23

Every year we have a fabulous time at the Annual Party-in-the-Park. There are rides for children (the train will of course be back!), great food for the adults and kids, and lots of fun with the cakewalk and games in the park. We want you to be part of it all!

We have parents scheduled for 30 minute stints at every one of the high-flying rides (train, inflatable slides, obstacle courses, etc). We need lots of cake baking for the cake walk—Cake Boss, you don't stand a chance against Section 3 bakers! And of course, we want to welcome everyone... this year, **Natasha Saifee** and **Melissa Brown** are in charge of getting volunteers, so sign up early and often. And mark your calendar for September 23 with a rain date of the 30th—from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. right around our own Gazebo Park.

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SILENT SUNDAYS? NOT

The community has spoken! The overwhelming response from those who had strong feelings about Silent Sundays was that it was not a good idea, people felt that having such a ban would rob them of the opportunity to mow their lawns when they had the time to do so.

**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, June 13th at the CCUMC. All Council members were present.

The Council approved the minutes of the Annual Meeting as appeared in the newsletter.

PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

The police are reporting the addresses of people cited in Section 3 for traffic infractions. Good news: most of those cited have not been Section 3 residents. The manager will report on the numbers of citations on a quarterly basis to the Council.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

Andrew and Rebecca Howard brought with them their attorney, their landscape architect, and their architect to present their request for a variance (see June *News & Views*.) Following a presentation and lengthy discussion of the issues involved, the Council voted 3 to 2 to deny the request for a variance of 10' for a guest house to be built into the 20' rear setback.

The drainage issue at 6705 Connecticut Avenue between the **Strauss** and the **Edelen** properties continues. The status of work is not known at this time. The Buildings and Roads representative from the Council will continue to pursue a satisfactory solution.

The Chevy Chase Lake Sector plan is due to be presented to the County Council on July 16. However, it has been learned that the Howard Hughes Institute, which has been operating under a Special Exception, would now like to be included in the regular zoning of the area, which would dramatically affect the plans for the Sector as originally envisioned. It's not clear what the next step will be, particularly in light of the questionable funding sources for the Purple Line at this time.

The Zoning Text Amendment proposed for Accessory

THINKING OF BUILDING AN ADDITION? A FENCE, A PATIO?

You probably need a permit...before you get too far into your planning, consider talking to the Council's representative for Buildings and Roads so that you're on the right path. Boundary surveys are required for most efforts, drainage plans are often required, and finally, if you're building something, check first to find out if you have to get a permit and/or need a variance to do what you want to do!

Apartments is undergoing an initial revision prior to its presentation to the Planning Commission on June 21. There was an informational hearing on the original draft text which produced significant opposition on the part of residents from all over the county. As a result of the issues raised, the Commission staff has gone back to the drawing board to try and resolve some of the issues before finalizing the draft text amendment. As soon as there is a draft, the Village will be notified so that we can respond appropriately.

The Council discussed the fact that an unused right-of-way holding for Section 3 abuts the **Scheck** family property and the boundary survey they commissioned clearly shows that part of the area in their previously fenced in yard belongs to Section 3. After consulting with the Town Counsel, it appears that other jurisdictions resolve these conflicts by recording a license agreement whereby the land not being used by the Village continues to be owned by the village but homeowners are granted a license to use it which is recorded in the land records. Should the Village at any time need to reclaim that land on Fulton Street, the owners would have 10 days to remove the fencing and turn the land back to the Village. The Council has decided to issue a license to the Scheck family as it has no intention of putting in a right-hand turn lane from Fulton Street out to Taylor Street.

The lawn in the park has taken hold and the fencing was due to come down on Friday, June 15, so that the whole park would once again be usable by our residents.

The Council agreed that we needed to get back together with the **Jones/Grandy** family at 3809 Raymond Street and arrange to install a bench near the bus stop on their land in exchange for putting up a fence so that children coming home from school would stop cutting through their yard as they have all year.

The Village manager is going to pursue Asplundh and Pepco regarding damage done to the lawn and possibly the sump pump drainage system at the **Saifee** house at 6813 Florida Street when they cut down the tree in their yard.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has plans to fill in the median strip on Connecticut Avenue with concrete "faux pavers." In response, the Council is considering entering into a three-year Memorandum of Understanding with SHA whereby Section 3 would at its cost be allowed to plant material and maintain the median strip on Connecticut Avenue between Bradley Lane and Taylor Street. The Council is obtaining cost information before giving final approval to this plan. The SHA seems amenable to the idea and would remove the soil to a depth of 1 foot so that new better quality top soil and plantings could be installed once the road is repaved and milled this summer.

The Council is trying to schedule a meeting with Pepco officials and Section 3 to see about installing street lights on 43 exist-

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Congrats to the **Allen** family! **Brittany** has graduated with honors from NYU's prestigious Tisch School of the Arts and Jamie was graduated from BCC this spring and will attend Washington University in St. Louis in the fall!

We are fortunate to have lots of new neighbors in town: Welcome to **Deborah Zwicker**, who works for the Corporate Executive Board in Arlington and has moved into 3706 Spring Street. A welcome too to **Linda Schmid and Tom Nesbitt** and their 10 year old son **Simon** who have moved into 3615 Spring Street and just in time to join us all for the Wine Tasting Event on the 9th of June. What a lovely way to meet the neighbors! Simon will be attending Chevy Chase Elementary in the fall. Linda, it turns out, knows a number of the neighbors through her consulting

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ing poles to give new, better quality light to our streets. This would be phase one of a two phased project to improve the quality of light on our streets. Tentative date for a discussion with Pepco is June 28.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Harvest Bank, where Section 3 had two CDs, recently failed and was immediately purchased by SONABank, where Section 3 also has a CD. Under FDIC rules, we could take out our deposits at the time of the switch or be covered by FDIC insurance for six months following the failure of Harvest Bank. As the terms of each CD were altered at the acquisition, the Council took out one CD for \$100,000 and is looking to reinvest that elsewhere and will wait until the full six months is up to take out the second CD because the interest rate being paid on that CD is favorable. In this very low interest environment, it's very difficult to find FDIC insured, Maryland chartered institutions in which to invest. In the history of Section 3 investments in FDIC insured institutions, this is the first time a bank has failed and been taken over by another bank. At no time, however, were our deposits in jeopardy.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

The Wine Tasting event brought rave reviews. Having it on a Saturday night proved extremely popular with almost 80 people signing up. Special thanks to the **Harmons**, the **Greis/Nott** family and to **Susan Toffler** for being such generous hosts. Because

work and Tom, who is a physician, is busy at the FCC dealing with rural telemedicine issues.

A welcome too to **Leanne and Brandon Bortner**, who will be moving into 7002 Florida Street with their two year old sometime in July. Leanne is an attorney with Kobre & Kim LLP and Brandon is with Latham & Watkins, LLP. The couple now live in the district and are soon expecting another little Bortner.

CHEVY CHASE AT HOME OFFERS MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT

Chevy Chase at Home is once again offering its popular Independence Day promotion, the fee for full membership is \$175 for the remainder of the year. Associate Membership continues at \$150 per person, of which \$100 is a tax-deductible donation.

On Tuesday, July 17th, the group will meet at Chevy Chase Village hall to discuss "Fun, Games and Summer Reads" featuring board games, cards and even computer games...or computer assistance. For more information on the group's activities, go to www.chevychaseathome.org or call (301) 657-3115.

folks did more talking and less drinking, all the wines not used will be available at the Welcome New Neighbors Barbeque.

The Council decided on July 12 for the Welcome New Neighbors Barbeque, feeling that the 19th was too late in the season. They also agreed that they would like some jazz music playing in the background. The Village Manager will try and find a group or an individual to play for the event.

The House Tour went well with only three houses, and the Lemonade Stand was a huge hit. Many thanks to the owners of all three houses for opening them to neighbors: the **Slidells**, the **Cameron/Guessmans** and the **Restifo-Ionatas**.

OTHER

We have heard back from the State Archives regarding our records retention plans and have some additional revisions and questions to respond to and discuss with them. We should be able to get started on it this summer.

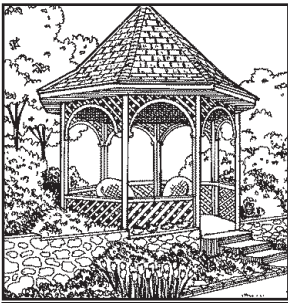
The community did not favor the concept of a voluntary Silent Sunday the first of the month, so that concept will not go forward (see box this issue).

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

REMEMBER TO LOCK YOUR CAR AND YOUR HOUSE. ADVISE NEIGHBORS IF YOU PLAN ON BEING AWAY SO THEY CAN KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR HOUSE.



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