

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

JULY 2014

CALENDAR

TUESDAY, JULY 8

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

Welcome New Neighbors BBQ, 6:00 p.m.

(first come first served) to 8:00 p.m.

Gazebo Park environs

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

Bulk Trash Pickup, curbside

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Party-in-the-Park!!!

(rain date, September 28th)

THERE IS NO COUNCIL MEETING
OR NEWS & VIEWS IN AUGUST

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS EVENT SET FOR JULY 16TH

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, July 16th for the Annual Welcome New Neighbors Party. Rocklands Caterer is on board with promise of their delicious ribs and mouth-watering barbecued chicken. Come and enjoy the evening. It's a chance for folks to get together, welcome the new neighbors (who will be wearing silk leis) and enjoy some good food! We hope to see you there! Remember, it's first come, first served and the event begins at 6:00 p.m., rain or shine. If it rains, we'll have a tent!



WINE TASTING EVENT BIG SUCCESS!

Section 3 residents started out the sparkling evening with some delicious sparkling wines at the home of **Marj Rosner and Arnold Trebach**. We then moved on to **Katherine & Tom Carroll's** home on Shepherd Street for a selection of white wines and wrapped up the evening at **Laurie Cameron & Andreas Guessman's** home with three delightful red wines. The food at every host home was delicious, the company, about 75 strong, was awesome. People who have lived on the same street for years, but on different blocks had a chance to meet one another and folks who are old friends enjoyed each other's company. It was a wonderful evening and special thanks go to all three host families for a special time. Thanks too to our sommelier, **Ken Harney**, for selecting such interesting and affordable wines!

Someone accidentally walked off with one of the Cameron/Guessman's wine glasses, which looks very like a Reidel glass, but has a different "neck"...so check your glasses in case you're the one and let us know!

RAYMOND, SHEPHERD STREETS MILLED AND PAVED

Chamberlain Contractors completed the milling and paving of large sections of Shepherd and Raymond Streets in two days and came back at the end of the week to put in the speed bumps. We didn't have to tow a single car thanks to the community-wide cooperation! Thank you all so much for helping make the experience pain free! Special thanks to our contractors for doing an extraordinary job with large heavy equipment on our narrow streets...Section 3 is quite a challenge!

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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, June 11th at CCUMC, Room 107. The meeting began at 7:55 p.m. with all Council members present.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

The Village manager was able to find a policeman to direct traffic at the shredding event as both our regular contract policemen had conflicts for that time period.

BUILDINGS & ROADS

The Village Manager advised the Council that she and the town arborist, Paul Wolfe, had toured the neighborhood and were about to embark on a much more extensive tree trimming than we have done in the past because so many trees and bushes were intruding onto the public sidewalk. The rule of thumb is that if a person six-feet-tall can't walk comfortably on the sidewalk than we need to trim back branches. Before we give the go-ahead to the tree trimming firm, the Village Manager is contacting each homeowner to notify them of our intentions, so if they have any concerns, they can be addressed. In some instances, we are asking homeowners to trim back branches themselves.

The Buildings and Roads representative and the Village Manager have been addressing some residential drainage issues on Raymond Street and working with neighbors to try and resolve them. We will also be calling in our civil engineer to assess the situation and suggest some solutions. At the same time, one of the residents has also agreed to apply for a permit for patio areas that had not been included in an earlier permit that was granted.

The Council has agreed to hire our lighting consultant, Scott Watson, to find three different firms whose product includes tear-drop fixtures like the one we have installed on Georgia Street in both LED and induction light packages. At the same time, he will prepare a set of pros and cons for each type of lighting. The Village Manager reports that the Village of Martins Additions is getting a test LED light in the lower wattage that we are considering if we went the LED route. The Village Manager is also researching the operating costs (via Pepco rates) for both induction lighting and LED lighting.

The Village Manger gave the Council a tentative schedule for the milling and paving of both Shepherd and Raymond Streets, but

was hopeful that we could move that date up so that we weren't in conflict with summer camp buses which start the week of June 24th.

The Village Manager reported that new street sign/stop sign posts like the sample one at Florida and Spring Streets have been ordered and should be finished by the end of June and installed in early July.

The Council granted a variance for a six-foot driveway gate with the top two feet to be an open rail style in keeping with the variance previously granted for the rest of the fence for the **Bruetman/Porras** family at 3823 Bradley Lane. The Council also granted a variance for a small generator which will be placed in the rear yard setback of the **Carroll** home at 7104 Florida Street.

The Buildings and Roads Representative noted that the **Whittingtons** had received a permit for a fence at 3613 Taylor Street.

The Council discussed reminding several residents that their greenways need to be tended to as well as their lawns.

The Council agreed that we would have the paint on the sidewalk by the Gazebo Park and on Fulton Street removed.

The **Trenor-Carstens** have been granted a final extension of their building permit until July 18th, after which time fines will be imposed if the work is not completed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council discussed the two bids for trash collection for the next three-year contract term. We originally had three bidders, but Waste Management withdrew because their trucks do not fit around corners in our neighborhood. The Council selected our current trash collection contractor again, Montgomery County Sanitation and Recycling. While it is not a requirement that the Council accept the lowest bidder, they were in fact, the lower of the two bidders. The Council selected them because of the high level of service they perform for our residents and asked the Village Manager to convey the Council's satisfaction for their efforts on our behalf.

The Council reviewed the current status of the finances. Dennis Alexander, CPA will once again be doing the audit as required by state and federal law. We continue to seek new institutions in Maryland that are FDIC insured and pay as high an interest rate as we can obtain. Few institutions are paying above 0.5% and many well below.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

The Council agreed to hold the next meeting on Tuesday, July 8th rather than the usual Wednesday as too many Council members have conflicts on that Wednesday and we would not have a quorum.

The Village Manager reported that all was in place for the

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Susan Toffler of 6805 Georgia Street has requested a variance for a patio replacement in the 20 foot setback.

Congrats to **Ben Allen** who was graduated from BCC in June and now heads to University of Maryland, College Park.

Congrats to Washington International School grad **Simon Imbot**, son of Susan Toffler, who will be attending McGill University this fall. Another Section 3 resident already at McGill is Eliana Fassihi so the two families are busy getting together to share info on preparing for school in Montreal.

Welcome to Section 3 new residents, **Peggy and Jason Hauter** and their two daughters, **Isabella**, age 13, and **Emily**, age 14. The family has been living in Chevy Chase Village, but originally hails from Arizona. They have moved into the **Bricknell/Karp** home while that family goes overseas to Germany for a multi-year work assignment. Another Section 3 family, the **Lombardis**, have also moved overseas for a multi-year assignment in Brussels. Staying in their home for the duration is the **Loveland** family. **Amanda and John** have three children: **Josephine**, who is 11 and twins **Will and Grant** who are 9. We're delighted to have them in the neighborhood!

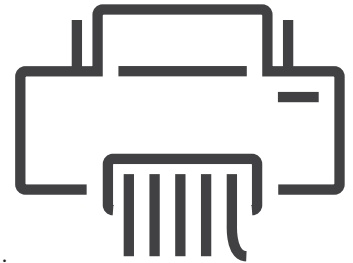
Another family new to Section 3 is already completely at home here because they visit their relatives, the **Mannings**, all the

time! Welcome to **Josh Sherwin and Laurie Sternberger** and their daughter **Claire** who is 6. They have moved into 3618 Spring Street. Josh is **Kate Manning's** brother...making yet another Section 3 family with relatives close by!

VILLAGE MANAGER UNAVAILABLE JULY 19 TO AUGUST 1

The Village Manager will be on vacation from July 19 to August 1st. Please address any questions or concerns to Bill Brownlee, Council Chair, Natasha Saifee, Vice Chair, or Carolyn Greis, our Buildings and Roads representative.

SHREDDING EVENT EMPTIED A LOT OF ATTICS



Section 3 took the best advantage of the shredding event on June 21. Lines were ready at 10:00 a.m. sharp and freeseureshredding folks were busy reducing personal papers to confetti in short order. In three hours, we managed to recycle some 3,920 lbs of paper! Given the rain, which may have discouraged some, that's still an impressive number.

COUNCIL ACTIONS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

upcoming Wine Tasting Event.

The Council agreed to hold their annual dinner with spouses on June 22nd.

The Welcome New Neighbors event is slated for Wednesday, July 16th (see story this issue).

The Council agreed that we would coordinate with A Wider Circle for another "Just One Thing" event later this summer so that people can donate gently used furniture and other household items.

The Council also agreed that we would try another online yard sale this fall.

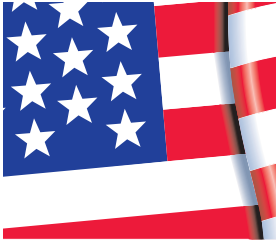
The Chevy Chase Historical Society Board of Directors has decided that they cannot abide by the requirements Section 3 laid out for retention of Village house plans, so we will be storing all house plans submitted for permits in our own storage unit. Because the drawings show the plans of many homes in the com-

munity, we wanted to protect our residents' privacy by not allowing the plans to be published or available online, and we also wanted to be able to withdraw the plans for the owner of record or Section 3 if necessary. Both these criteria go against the policies of the Historical Society. While it was our intent to make the history of architectural changes in our community available to those studying the area, we were not able to balance the needs of our residents and the needs of the Society and therefore will be removing the plans from the Society's archives this summer.

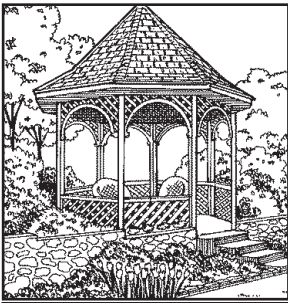
OTHER

All the members of the Council will be attending a pan-Chevy Chase meeting of elected officials at Chevy Chase Village Hall on June 16th to meet others in similar positions in neighboring jurisdictions and to hear a speaker address governance issues.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



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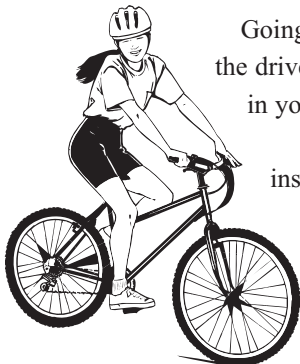


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SUMMER CRIME ALERT REMINDERS



Going away? Please let your neighbors know when and how to get in touch. Park your car(s) in the driveway and lock them. Make sure someone picks up unwanted papers or packages delivered in your absence.

Montgomery County is seeing a seasonal uptick in thefts from cars...don't leave valuables inside, and by all means! **LOCK YOUR CARS EVERY NIGHT!**

Don't leave bicycles lying on the grass, it's an open invitation to a thief.

With children coming and going, it's hard to keep doors locked, but it's also wise.

Report ANY suspicious person by taking note of their description and direction and call 911.