



SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

JULY 2016

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

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

THURSDAY, JULY 14

Welcome New Neighbors BBQ

Gazebo Park, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

No newsletter or Council Meeting in August

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

Bulk Trash Pickup Curbside

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Annual Party in the Park

Gazebo Park and environs, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS ON THURSDAY, JULY 14



We have a lot of folks to welcome this July at our annual Welcome New Neighbors BBQ scheduled for Thursday, July 14.

Rocklands BBQ is lined up, as is the ice cream man.

Lots of good food, a chance for neighbors to get in touch with one another over the long summer and an opportunity for our newest neighbors,

and we have quite a few (see Neighborhood News) to meet folks and for their children to make new friends.

We look forward to seeing you all. Food is on a first come, first served basis. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. at Gazebo Park. Hope to see you there!

IT'S HOT! PLEASE WATER YOUR THIRSTY TREES. GREENWAY TREES NEED SPECIAL ATTENTION AS DO PRINCETON ELMS.

SAVE THE DATE:

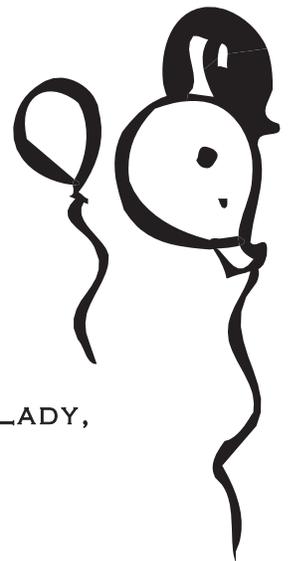
**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 18
PARTY-IN-THE-PARK**

GAZEBO PARK,

**DINNER, RIDES, FACE PAINT LADY,
ICE CREAM MAN**

LOADS OF FUN FOR ALL!

Raindate: same time same place September 25



**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 8 at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church in room 107. All Council members were in attendance, the meeting began at 7:50 p.m.

The minutes of the May Annual meeting as published in the newsletter were approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The new police patrolman is working out well and we now have varying coverage both early morning and late at night.

The State Highway Administration should soon be informing us if they have sufficient funds to make improvements at the intersection of Brookville Road and Taylor Street for pedestrian safety. The Village Manager is awaiting word and will let the community know as soon as we hear. Our entire state delegation from Montgomery County endorsed the plan approved by the Council.

BUILDINGS & ROADS

Three variance requests were brought before the Council for a vote. The Connor family of 7109 Georgia St. was granted two variances: the first to allow a maximum intrusion of 8' 8" into the 30' front yard setback for construction of a proposed covered porch; and the second to allow a maximum intrusion of 4'-4" into the required 14'-4" south side setback for construction of a one and two-story addition to their home.

Taylor Road LLC (the new owner of 3602 Taylor St.) was granted a variance to construct two retaining walls running the full distance of the 30' front setback (extending from the house to the street) with the condition that the driveway created by the retaining walls be a maximum of 14' in width (eg. for a single-width driveway with adequate room to open the doors of the car). The original variance request proposed a 20'-6" wide driveway between the retaining walls.

The **Benhard** family of 3610 Raymond Street was granted two variances: the first to allow a maximum intrusion of 3'-9" into the required 14'-1" east side setback for construction of a mud room and covered entry porch; and the second to allow a maximum intrusion of 5'-0" into the 25' rear setback for construction of a patio with the conditions that the patio be of permeable construction and that the patio not be considered in the future as an existing structure upon which subsequent construction could be built.

Buildings and Roads representative Carolyn Greis reported that two fence permits were granted recently: to the

Billig/Weinmann family of 7106 Florida Street and to the **Dittersdorf** family of 6820 Delaware Street. Ms. Greis also reported that the **Carsten-Trenor** family of 7004 Florida Street has been having some significant drainage issues on their property. Because the family wanted to alter the already permitted and approved storm drainage plan which did not seem to be working, the Council brought in a drainage consultant to discuss options with the family. The village's consulting civil engineer, Bill Bissell, came up with a plan to address rear yard flooding and agreed that making part of their now permeable driveway impermeable would probably satisfy their concerns about water reaching and overwhelming their sump pumps at the front of the house.

The County's consultants have come up with a design for the new storm drain on Shepherd Street (see story this issue). So work should begin soon but we still don't have a time frame nor have we seen final plans as yet. They should be ready around June 11th.

We should get the technical specifications for our road improvement bid package from our consulting engineers, RK & K on June 21st which we hope to issue in early July.

FINANCIAL REPORT

We have several CDs coming due this summer so the Village Manager is exploring new banks offering favorable rates. Revere Bank is merging with Monument Bank in the fall so we will have to close our accounts at Monument Bank to stay under the FDIC insured limit.

The Village Manager reported that we expect to receive close to \$12,000 from the Maryland Emergency Management Agency for the extra expenses incurred due to the blizzard last January.

Landscape contract bid packages will go out shortly as our three year contract with our current contractor expires. The Council agreed to have Council Chair Bill Brownlee and Buildings and Roads representative Carolyn Greis evaluate the bid packages and make a decision for the Council before the next Council meeting, as work will begin for the new contractor on July 1, 2016.

Two students from Chevy Chase Elementary School solicited a donation for their class gift to Chevy Chase Elementary School. The Council discussed the request and determined that making a donation for a class gift violated the Council's donation policy.

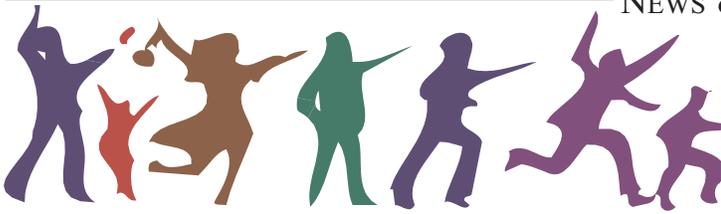
COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

The Village Manager reported that we have six new residents in Section 3 (see Neighborhood News June and this issue).

The House Tour was a great success. The Council sent flowers to all of the hosts who graciously opened their homes.

The Wine Tasting Event is Saturday, June 11 (see story this issue).

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Congrats to all Section 3 high school graduates. If you haven't shared your plans for next year, please don't hesitate to let us know now! While many of us were wrapped up in graduation plans, one of our own, former Council Chair **Mike Shannon** of Taylor Street was asked by the students he teaches at Poolesville High School to be their commencement speaker, says Mike, "It was a challenging but fun experience."

We have lots of new neighbors moving into Section 3: **Christine and Jeremy Streatfeild** moved into 3809 Raymond Street with their two children; **Joe Coresh and Violeta Fiorino**, moved into 7008 Fulton Street with their two children; **Shoshana Kranish** has moved into her grandmother's home at 3611 Taylor Street for the summer while she interns downtown; and we have new neighbors soon to arrive at their new home at 3809 Taylor Street. Next month **Ingrin Slavin** and her two teenage daughters will be moving into 7001 Florida Street while the owners of the house, **Cindy Owens and John Mimikakis** take off for Singapore with their two children for a three-year tour. We're sad to see them leave and wish them well and we welcome the Slavin family.

It is with sadness we report the passing of **Dr. Frank Simon-Thomas** of Taylor Street. Dr. Simon-Thomas had been ill for some time. Dr. Simon-Thomas was a psychiatrist specializing in adolescents. He lived in Section 3 for over 40 years. Our condolences to his sons.

Congratulations to **Ken Harney** for taking home three first place (gold) awards this year at the Annual National Association of Real Estate Editors Conference in New Orleans. Harney won for Best Column, Best Freelance Collection and Best Blog. He also took away a second place or silver award for Best Mortgage or Financial Real Estate story in a daily newspaper. Harney's column, the Nation's Housing is syndicated nationwide by *The Washington Post* Writer's Group.

COUNTY PLANNING BOARD TO TAKE UP AIR B AND B ORDINANCE JULY 18

Last winter the County Council introduced proposed legislation to allow Air B & Bs and their equivalent almost anywhere in the County and received such push-back from the public that they turned to the County Planning Board and asked it to gather additional information on the topic and make recommendations. The Planning Board had already suggested that the County exclude single family houses in the R-60 zones (Section 3 is an R-60 zone), but the Council is still trying to find a way to open this door again.

Our Village Manager testified against the proposed legislation before the County Council on behalf of Section 3. The proposed regulations called for self-regulation and allowed every home to offer rooms for rent, bringing strangers into our community on a regular basis when parking is already a priority for us all, not to mention assurances that those who live here are part of our community and understand and respect our rules.

Section 3 will be represented at the hearing on the 18th as well.

PENNIES FOR EDUCATION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Section 3 is fortunate to have an innovative community leader in the form of Davinia James who lives with **Rob Naddelman and Jen Roberti** and their girls. Davinia, a preschool teacher, has for the past three years been collecting pennies to educate girls in developing countries through the charity Girls Rising.

She points out that there are 62 million girls worldwide being deprived of an education in developing countries. In the past three years, Davinia has collected over 700,000 in pennies, or \$7,000. Hugh Evans, the CEO of Global Citizen did a TEDtalk on her in Canada (<http://www.tedlive.ted.com>). Davinia and her efforts have been featured on msnbc, in Bethesda magazine and other media outlets. If you're fortunate enough, you can meet her in the Gazebo Park when she brings the family dog Frankie for periodic visits or at one of our many Section 3 functions.

If you are interested in getting more info, take a look at the charity's film trailer, go to you tube and put in Girls Rising. In many locations, \$50 will send a girl to school for an entire year. If you and/or your children would like to participate in this effort, contact Davinia at tiney_one_gal@yahoo.com. She will put your pennies to work for girls less fortunate than our own.

CONSTRUCTION IN SECTION 3 THIS SUMMER

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION



This summer, some of the neighbors will doubtless experience construction fatigue as we have a number of homes that will be partially or completely demolished and rebuilt. One major renovation, at 6805

Delaware Street is also underway for the Altamar family who are now living on Florida Street. At 7109 Georgia Street, the Connor family is moving out so that their house can be re-configured to better suit their family. At 3610 Raymond Street, the Benhards will be putting on a large rear addition and patio.

Three “spec” developers have acquired homes in Section 3 to be demolished and a new home built in its place or substantially renovated. At 3602 Taylor Street, the home will be largely demolished, leaving only a few of the original exterior walls. No permit has yet been issued. At 7104 Delaware street, plans are to demolish the existing home soon and then some time later, construct a new house. Again, no permits have yet been issued. At 7108 Fulton Street, the bungalow there will be demolished and a new home constructed. No permits have been issued.

Staging for construction for all these homes is going to be a challenge as we also have road construction projects slated for this summer. We will be working closely with all the builders to assure minimal disruption in the neighborhood, but as we all know—our streets are narrow and trucks have to go somewhere. All contractors will be required to adhere to County noise ordinances. We will be in close communication with neighbors to make these obvious disruptions in the neighborhood as painless as possible. However we urge patience.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

A year ago last May, Shepherd Street experienced a sinkhole in the middle of the street...a Section 3 first. It has taken over a year, but with the help of the County, the responsible agency when it comes to storm drain maintenance, we have a plan to replace the

collapsed storm drain on the north side of the street from Delaware Street to Florida Street. The County’s contractor, D & F Construction, will begin the two-week job sometime in mid-July. Buildings and Roads representative Carolyn Greis and the Village Manager had a pre-construction meeting with all the responsible parties. We now await word from D & F construction as to when they will begin the project. Hopefully all the spring rains haven’t undermined the roadbed any more. The contractors will correct any defects they find when they open up the curb, greenway and sidewalk on the north side of the street. Residents on that side will be getting new curb and gutter, new driveway aprons, new sidewalk and new trees which will be planted in the fall. The staging for the new storm drain will be on the no outlet portion of Delaware Street.

The first and last blocks of Raymond Street will be milled and paved, hopefully before school starts in late August. Delaware Street between Shepherd and Taylor Streets will be reconstructed, which means new street, curb and gutter and driveway aprons for all the residents on the street. None of the milling and paving or the reconstruction work will be tackled until after the storm drain is installed on Shepherd Street.

In the fall, after all the road work is completed, we will be filling in some of the missing or dead trees in the greenway with some of the species we selected last year that have done so well.

COUNCIL ACTIONS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

We are still gathering participants for the community-wide yard sale event June 25. See story this issue.

Rocklands Catering is all lined up for the Welcome New Neighbors BBQ on July 14. Because it’s Bastille Day, the Village Manager asked the Council if they would agree to hire the accordionist we used a few years ago to play French atmospheric music that evening. The Council agreed, if he was available.

The Village Manager got the vacation schedules for the entire Council for the summer.

OTHER

All the changes that need to be made right now to our website have been made; we are just waiting for our contractor to make it “live.”

The Farmers’ Market idea didn’t pan out because all the farmers contacted already had regular Saturday appointments elsewhere... No one had time for a “one-off” visit and some of the newer farmers we contacted did not have the necessary licenses to sell retail in the County.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

CHEVY CHASE LAKE EAST DEVELOPMENT

On Wednesday, June 15, The Chevy Chase Land Company and the Buzzuto Company joined together with a large collection of consulting designers to present to the community their plans for “Block B,” the first three structures that will be built on the site of T.W. Perry, the Chevy Chase Supermarket and the block which holds Lemon Twist and the sales office for EYA’s town-homes being developed for Chevy Chase Lake Drive. The June newsletter detailed the plans for that area as they were understood at the time. This “sketch plan” for the development will be presented to the Planning Board. The major problem with the plan as presented is that very little green and/or open space has been allotted for a heavily developed cluster of 70 to 120 foot buildings—about ¼ of an acre will be grass and another ¼ acre is earmarked for hardscape in the midst of all these buildings. It is hoped that the Planning Board will have some input into the lack of green open space in the plan. Two of the three buildings will begin construction in 2018.

CONNECTICUT AVENUE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING BEACON ACTIVATED

You can now cautiously, but safely walk to the Chevy Chase Post Office and cross the street right at the post office. Thanks to a long lobbying effort by Chevy Chase Village, there is now a pedestrian activated flashing yellow light (note, NOT A RED LIGHT) at West Lenox Street and Connecticut Avenue. By pressing the button on either side of the street, you will hear an audible message alerting you that the flashing beacons have been activated.

Traffic is not required to stop unless a pedestrian is in the crosswalk.

The beacon only lasts for 32 seconds, which for slow walkers, may not be sufficient time, so be aware, drivers are just adjusting to this new light and they may blow right through it early on until they see the purpose of the flashing light. The Village is working with the State Highway Administration to erect more signage to warn drivers.

JUNE A BUSY MONTH IN SECTION 3

We started out the month by cleaning out files and closets of papers at our annual **Shred Event** held in cooperation with Office Paper Systems (freeseasureshredding.com) on June 4. Section 3 was one of the biggest contributors to a total of 4600 pounds of paper shredded in three hours! Last year, the total was a mere 2460, so cheers to all those who participated. If you missed the event or want to “shred” some valuable papers, you can always go to the firm’s plant in Gaithersburg near the Montgomery airport. Just go to their website for information and directions...and it’s still free!

Thanks to three gracious hosts, our **Annual Wine Tasting Event** on June 11 was a great success with a delightful, reasonably priced selection of whites, reds and sparkling wines. Special thanks to the Stephens, the Shannons and the Dorsey/Williams families. If you missed this event, you will be able to taste some of the wines not consumed at the Welcome New Neighbors BBQ...nothing goes to waste!

Friday, June 17 was our **Spring Food Truck Night**. Special thanks to Go Fish, Corned Beef King, Hardy’s BBQ and Carmen’s Italian Ices for turning up. Those who attended and weren’t at pools or on their way to the beach had a wonderful time and ate well but if we don’t get a better turnout in October, we fear they won’t return to us.

This year, at the request of some of our residents, we held a **multi-family Yard Sale** on June 25. Sixteen Section 3 families participated. It was a hot beautiful day, but the results were mixed for those on some of the less well-traveled streets. We were, of course, competing with trips to the pool and the beach. If we organize another event, we will probably have to schedule it earlier in the spring to get a really huge turnout. In spite of a “slower” yard sale, a number of folks managed to make some decent money and ended up donating lots that didn’t sell to various charities.

MVA ON WHEELS

Need to get your license renewed? Get new tags for your license plate?

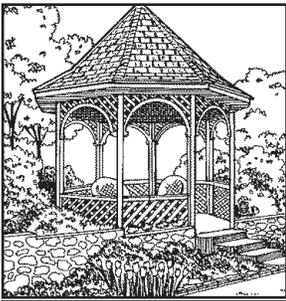
The MVA mobile office comes to Friendship Heights once a month between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. If you need any express services, visit them parked at 4433 South Park Avenue in Chevy Chase (the Village of Friendship Heights Town Hall) on July 25, August 22, and September 26.



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GOING AWAY?

LOCK YOUR HOUSE, LOCK YOUR CAR, LET NEIGHBORS KNOW HOW TO REACH YOU. ASK A NEIGHBOR WHO IS HOME TO KEEP A WATCHFUL EYE ON YOUR HOUSE AND REMOVE NEWSPAPERS, PACKAGES DELIVERED OR DOOR HANGERS... ALL THE THINGS THAT SIGNAL YOU'RE NOT AT HOME.