

SECTION THREE  
VILLAGE OF  
CHEVY CHASE

# NEWS & VIEWS

MAY 2013

## CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5**

Bulk Trash Pick-up, Curbside  
**DEADLINE FOR WINE TASTING SIGN UPS!**  
(see wine tasting story this issue)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 8**

Annual Wine Tasting Event, 7:00p.m. at the Harneys

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12**

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

**SATURDAY, JUNE 15**

Shredding Event 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
Brookville Market (see story this issue)

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 3**

Bulk Trash Pick-up, Curbside

**THURSDAY, JULY 4**

No TRASH OR RECYCLING TODAY  
Next trash pick-up July 8

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 10**

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

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## SECTION 3 WOMEN COMPETE IN COLUMBIA TRIATHALON ON TEAM C3C!

Under the leadership of **Mary Jo Slidell**, twenty-two women representing Section 3 participated in an Olympic distance relay course on Sunday, May 19th. The course involved seven relay teams



who swam (.9 mile), biked (25 miles) and ran (6.2 miles) on one of the more challenging courses in the country. Two of our teams placed in the TOP THREE out of 20 all-female relay teams (there were 65 relay teams in total, including all male and mixed). **Melissa Brown** did the amazing feat of completing the entire course herself!

We had two honorary Section 3 participants pinch hitting for other team members who were injured and unable to participate. A star indicates those who stepped in for **Wendy Eaton, Allison Mandell and Kate Sheckells**. Special thanks to **Ferrall Dietrich** and her activewear boutique, Core 72, for her support of the group.

Swimmers:

**Mary Jo Slidell, Cindy Owens, Kelly Derrick, Laurie Cameron, Jennifer Emmett, Danielle Rinsler** and \*Kerry Gray.



Bikers: **Tabitha Bailey, Susan Murray, Carolyn Greis, Susan Toffler, Kirsten Williams, Katherine Carroll and Shoshanna Lombardi.**

Runners: **Natasha Saifee, Debbie Glynn, Kate Manning, Jen Roberti, Amy Doyle, Natanya Allan** and \*Lauren Rice.

TEAM C3C is gearing up for next year. For many of the participants, this was their first race and they went milestone distances! If interested in joining, contact [mjssidell@gmail.com](mailto:mjssidell@gmail.com). Three cheers for TEAM C3C!

*\*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 annual meeting got off to a rainy start on Tuesday, May 7th at CCUMC in room 107. Chairman Bill Brownlee summarized the year's activities, beginning with the derrecho. He noted our work with both utilities engineers and Pepco to upgrade the service to our community to make it more reliable.

Brownlee also noted the activist role we have taken on behalf of the community with regards to proposed zoning changes and the Chevy Chase Lake Sector plan as well as the zoning rewrite. Brownlee concluded his remarks by noting that he has lived in Section 3 for the past 53 years and appreciates the need to protect the wonderful neighborhood we all cherish.

Vice Chair Natasha Saifee took some time to summarize all the community events we have had in the past year that bring us all together and concluded with a description of the Team CC3 group who recently ran a 200-mile relay race...all with Section 3 runners!

Secretary Melissa Brown took a moment to thank all those who have helped to make our community such a wonderful place to live by volunteering their time. She thanked **Ellen McKenney** for welcoming every new resident, **Jan Augustine** for her webmaster duties which have helped to make our website far more useful for everyone, **Bob Salmon** who has become the town's archivist, **Mary Lou Steptoe**, our plant exchange specialist and **Russell Weil** and **Tim Healy** for serving on the fire board representing Section 3.

Buildings and Roads representative Carolyn Greis pointed out all our efforts regarding zoning and planning and then summarized building activities in the community which this year included two new houses; nine additions; ten fences; two patios and decks; four driveways steps and walkways, retaining walls; one shed; four sump pumps, generators, and AC units; one guest house and garage; and four dumpster permits, 13 reviews of drainage plans, three permits for demolition and three variances! At the conclusion of her presentation, Ms. Greis noted that the Council had one bit of business to attend to and explained that a building permit for the Trenor/Carstens basement addition had expired (permits are for a year's duration) and that due to difficulties with the contractor, the job was not yet complete and that the family was asking for an extension to rapidly finish the job. The Council voted to extend their building permit for another year.

Finally, Treasurer David Ohrenstein took a moment to highlight the fiscal state of Section 3, reporting that we are financially

healthy, and may have a surplus of more than \$100K when the fiscal year concludes June 30th. He noted that our revenue from income taxes is running higher than anticipated but that our investments in FDIC insured Maryland institutions were paying very poor interest rates.

On the expense side, he noted that we will end the year below our projections as only a small portion of the \$50,000 we set aside for new street signs has been used (this project has been carried over to next year and the prototype sign should be going in soon). He also noted that happily, we did not have high snow removal costs this year.

Ohrenstein concluded by discussing the proposed budget for next year, noting that we have again made conservative estimates on the revenue side. We will be using some of our capital improvement funds to make some road improvements not originally envisioned when we first set out to draft the budget but that we are projecting a small surplus of \$15,000 for next fiscal year, which is safe given our reserves.

The budget portion of the evening closed with the Council voting to approve the budget and to maintain the real property tax rate at \$.02 per \$100 of assessed value and the personal property tax at \$.05 per \$100 of assessed value.

The business portion of the meeting concluded and the speaker (see story this issue) addressed the current proposed plan for the Chevy Chase Lake Sector and the voting results were announced. Special thanks to vote counter and registrar **Anne Zehner** for her work in making sure all the votes were properly counted.

The meeting adjourned at about 9:30 p.m.

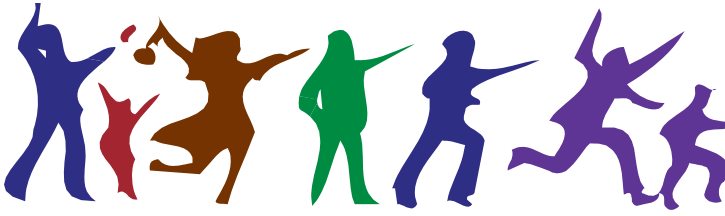
## VANDALISM TO TWO CARS ON TAYLOR

Two cars were vandalized by throwing a brick through windows on Saturday night, May 18th. Police were called but there is no indication as to who did this crime against property.

## CHEVY CHASE AT HOME

Did you know that Chevy Chase at Home holds "gentle seated" pilates classes on Wednesday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and Friday afternoons from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. right here in Section 3? There is a small fee required, but the classes are held at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church and will continue in June. For more information, call (301) 567-3115.

On June 18th, intrepid traveler Jerry Bernstein will speak at the group's free "meet and mingle" from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Village Hall. He'll be taking you on a virtual voyage to South America and on to the icy Antarctica. Join them!



## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

A special welcome to the new pastor at our neighbor, Chevy Chase United Methodist Church. Kirkland Reynolds, who lives in Silver Spring with his wife who is also a Methodist minister, will be starting at the Church on July 1st. We wish retiring Pastor **Dave Myers** well as he moves back to New England.

Welcome to **Marc and Ellen Weller** who have moved into 3821 Bradley Lane. Marc was the builder of the house and knows it well. They are settling in nicely after a move from Chevy Chase Village with their five children.

A special welcome to **Josh and Angela Grossfeld** who will be moving into 3701 Bradley Lane on June 15th. Josh and Angela now live in Rockville with their children **Jack**, who is 2, and a new baby **Charlotte**, born this past March. Angela is a college classmate of **Rebecca Howard** and **Colleen Leleck**, so they are happily familiar with the neighborhood and eager to settle in. We look forward to greeting them at the Welcome New Neighbors Barbeque in July!

## UNCONTESTED ELECTIONS, EXCELLENT SUMMARY OF CHEVY CHASE LAKE PLAN AT ANNUAL MEETING

This year's uncontested Council election demonstrated how pleased our residents are with the current leadership. In addition, the three Council members re-elected this year along with the two elected last year have decided to retain their current posts. William H. Brownlee will continue as Chairman, Natasha Saifee as Vice Chair, Carolyn Greis as Buildings and Roads Representative, Melissa Brown as Secretary and David Ohrenstein as Treasurer. Brownlee received 26 votes, Saifee 24 and Greis 21 votes.

The speaker for the evening, Tim Pryor, went through the plan for the Chevy Chase Lake Sector and made it clear that the densities proposed by the planning staff were far exceeded by the Planning Board and it is the Planning Board's proposals that are now before the County Council. In a nutshell, Pryor showed how the original staff plans called for 3.4 million square feet of development and the Board approved 4.3 million square feet. The num-

ber of dwelling units now in the Sector plan area is 1,319. The staff proposed increasing that number to 2,365, an increase of 1,046 units. The Planning Board has proposed 2,635 units.

**Planning Staff** recommended 250,000 square feet of mixed use development in phase 1 (pre-Purple Line construction) and an additional 540,000 square feet (for a total of 790,000 square feet) in phase 2 (post-Purple Line construction) which included a new 90-foot tall building

**Planning Board** recommendation to the County Council: 790,000 square feet of mixed use development all in phase 1, which includes a new 150-foot tall building

**Planning Staff** recommended that the Chevy Chase Land Co. headquarters at 8401 Connecticut Avenue, a 13 story, 180,000 square foot building be allowed to increase the density on that site to 260,000 square feet with a height limit of 70 feet in Phase 2

The **Planning Board** recommended that the Land Company be allowed to go up to 150 feet with one building on the site and 125 feet with another for a total of 520,000 square feet in phase 2

The **Planning Staff** recommended that the Chevy Chase Lake apartments (Mixed income apartments on Chevy Chase Lake Drive) which now have about 68 units and are two to three stories high would be allowed additional height and density for about 250 units at 65 feet tall in phase 2.

The **Planning Board** recommended about 345 units in four buildings, one of which will be 100 feet high, the others, 65 feet high in phase 2.

The **Planning Staff** recommended that the Howard Hughes campus be left at 260,000 square feet of mixed use development at 35 foot height limitation.

The **Planning Board** recommended 775,000 square feet at 65 feet high in phase 1.

The West side of Connecticut Ave development including Chevy Chase Lake West Shopping Center (where Starbucks is) is the only part of the development that both the staff and the board agreed on: all development in phase 2, 170,000 square feet of mixed use development at 70-foot height limitation, 130 residential units and 40,000 square feet of retail. They also agreed to 15 townhouses facing Loughborough Place with 15 townhouses no more than 35 feet facing the single family homes.

Where they disagree is on the timing and height limitations for Newdale Mews, an existing 44 unit development that is only 35 feet high now. The staff proposes no change in phase 1, but if they wait until phase 2, they could go as high as 45 feet and build about 100 units. The Planning Board went further and suggested that in phase 1 they could build about 85 units up to 45 feet high in phase 1, but if they waited to develop until phase 2, they could

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## GRANDMOTHER SCAM



We've all experienced email scams—winning a lottery you never entered somewhere in Europe, investing for someone dying of some dread disease in Nigeria but wanting to secretly invest their fortune in charities with your help and the friend who you just saw yesterday who is now suddenly mysteriously stuck in Manilla having been robbed and needs money for a hotel

bill. But phone scams, that's another story....

An older Section 3 resident recently received a call from someone purporting to be her grandson. The "grandson" claimed he was in Cancun, Mexico on spring break, had been driving a rental car that had been in an accident. As he was not on the rental car agreement, they were making him pay the damages in cash and he needed \$1900 wired to him immediately. He also mentioned that the "embassy" was sending someone to help out as well. That little reference perked up our resident's ears, as there is no embassy in Cancun. Happily, our resident was savvy and did not get emotionally sucked in, asked a few questions of the "grandson," like, "what is the nickname that you always call me..." only to be rebuffed by obviously wild guesses. The call was ended quickly with our resident hanging up on the phoney "grandson" and the con artists doubtless went on to the next victim.

How did they get her name and number? We all leave a footprint, in ways you might not expect. Check the website, Spokeo.com. Look up your name and if you find it, you theoretically can scroll down to their "privacy" options to try and remove your name. However, be warned, the site does not always follow through and despite efforts to remove your name, what you may actually be doing is to reinforce your existence and provide them with a current email address for them to add to their database. Privacy experts are very concerned about these personal information aggregators—there are a number but most charge for the privilege, Spokeo gives you some basic teaser info which may or may not be correct, for free and then charges you for the rest. Check out your name, you'll be amazed!

The bottom line is that it's virtually (pun intended) impossible to fully protect your identity, thus opening yourself to various scams like the one experienced by our Section 3 resident. To be forewarned is to be protected.

## SHREDDING EVENT

Mark June 15th on your calendars for the annual shredding event. In cooperation with freesecondshredding.com, a truck will be parked by Brookville Market from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Saturday, June 15th. Cars can line up on Taylor Street and come loaded with up to five large boxes of paper products only. Remove all big metal clasps and three ring binders (they jam the machine and dull the blades) before you put the items in your boxes. The staff of freesecondshredding will take the boxes from your car and dump them into cans to be put in the shredder on the spot. Last year we filled a truck with over 6,000 lbs of paper!



So take a look at those out-of-date tax returns, old checks and other personal information you would rather shred than recycle....we'll take it off your hands beginning at 9:00 a.m. Residents from Section 3, Martins Additions and Section 5 are the only ones for whom this service is being offered.

## MEMORIAL DAY CRIME WAVE

Sixteen unlocked Section 3 cars were entered Memorial Day night, mostly loose change taken. Please remember to lock your cars regularly.



## WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR EMAIL HAS BEEN HIJACKED...

A number of Section 3 residents have had their email address book hijacked and used for commercial purposes. We know because we get all those lovely emails after you've had your address book and email address hijacked. The solution? Simply contact your email provider or go to their website and immediately change your password. As soon as you do that, you render their theft worthless as they can no longer use your address book.

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go up to about 100 units and 55 feet high. This particular development is a bone of contention because there is a significant single family residential community just behind Newdale Mews whose homes would be cheek by jowl with this multifamily development which would dwarf the single family homes with virtually no buffer between them. This is the Chevy Chase Hills community where the guest speaker, Tim Pryor lives.

Finally, the location of the Sunoco station would have 50 units of residential, 17,000 square feet of retail and the rest commercial for a total of 70,000 square feet all in phase 2 and finally, 8402 Connecticut Avenue, where the dry cleaner is, would have 75 housing units and 100,000 square feet of mixed unit development at 70 feet tall in phase 2...again, there is no difference on the staff and the planning board on these two properties.

The staff is preparing a to-scale projection of what the area will look like with all the tall buildings proposed. The density, or FAR (floor area ratio), for most of the development is about a 2. An FAR of 2 would allow a two story building cover an entire lot, or a four-story building cover half a lot, etc. One of the big concerns of many of the members of the Connecticut Avenue Corridor Coalition—the community coalition advocating for reasonable development of the area of which Section Three is a member—is that the Planning Board has recommended to the County Council a FAR of 4 for two buildings in the holdings of the Chevy Chase Land Company—making the density (and inevitably the traffic that would engender) unacceptable for a development which will only be served by light rail.

So, we have many issues of concern, most notably the traffic problem which will affect us all and the numbers of very tall buildings proposed for such a small area. There would be more buildings of greater height than are now seen in downtown Bethesda which is tied into the metro system carrying far more passengers. We will be sharing the planning staff scale drawing showing that level of density as soon as it is prepared via email along with suggested letters to send to County Council members prior to the June 11th hearing.

A very big thank you to Tim Pryor for his help in educating our community about the differences between what the planning staff has recommended versus what the Planning Board approved and sent on to the County Council.

## SECTION 3'S ANNUAL WINE TASTING IS COMING UP FAST—SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH!



Every year we taste three different kinds of wines at three different homes in the neighborhood. The idea is to try affordable wines that you would serve at home or for guests, so the limit is \$15 a bottle for any wine.

Everyone contributes \$15 per person and brings their own wine glass with them. This popular event has grown every year, with hosts providing hors d'oeuvres and a good selection of wines curated by our own in-house sommelier, **Ken Harney**. Three locations are: the Harneys, white wines; the **Saifees**, rose wines; the **Pacholski/Purvis**, red wines. We're looking forward to seeing everyone turn out. Sign up early! The event begins at 7:00 p.m., so eat before you leave as we will only have things to nibble on. If you are planning on coming but not drinking, we will use your \$15 contribution to defray the cost of the hors d'oeuvres and we'll have both sparkling and plain water for you to drink and perhaps some flavored Pelligrino sparkling waters!

So sign up below, the event begins this year at the Harneys at 3801 Bradley Lane.

**Yes!**

**We'll be at the Wine Tasting Event.**

**Enclosed is our \$15 per person check and our sign up sheet. All sign-ups and checks are due at the Village Manager's home (3801 Bradley Lane) by Wednesday, June 5th, so that we can buy enough wine. You can also sign up via e-mail at [villagemanager@chevychasesection3.org](mailto:villagemanager@chevychasesection3.org) and follow up with a check made out to Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase.**

**Name(s)**

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**E-mail Address for confirmation:**

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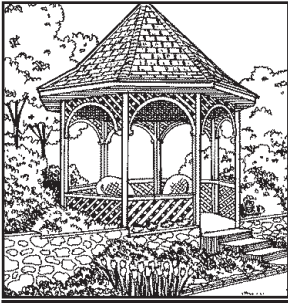
**Enclosed is \$15 per person to defray the cost of the wine.**



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## SUMMER VACATION WILL BE HERE SHORTLY!

REMEMBER WHEN DRIVING YOUR CAR THAT THERE ARE MANY MORE YOUNG BIKE RIDERS WHO MAY NOT LOOK BOTH WAYS, SO DRIVE CAREFULLY!



BIKE RIDERS: REMEMBER YOU ONLY HAVE ONE HEAD—USE IT AND COVER IT WITH A BIKE HELMET, IT'S THE LAW FOR ALL BIKE RIDERS UNDER AGE 18!