

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

JUNE 2014

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

Bulk Trash Pick-up, Curbside

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

DEADLINE to sign up for wine tasting event

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

Wine Tasting Event begins 7:00 p.m. (see story)

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

Shredding Event @ Brookville Market (see story)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

Bulk Trash Pickup, curbside

TUESDAY, JULY 8

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

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

ANNUAL MEETING FOCUSES ON BETHESDA GROWTH

The Annual Meeting on May 9th included an enlightening discussion with Elza Hisel-McCoy, the chief planner of the forthcoming Bethesda Master Plan. Highlights of Mr. McCoy's talk included a discussion about building heights (250 feet has already been approved for the Apex building, site of the Regal theaters.) McCoy is coordinating workshops with citizens and stakeholders. The overriding impression was that much of the planned development will rely on public transportation and less parking for those using downtown Bethesda. Many of the decisions about the plan are being formed over the summer and if you go to http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/bethesda_downtown/index.shtml on the web, you can see the area under discussion. They list meetings you as a citizen concerned about the impact of that density on our neighborhood can attend.

Section 3 has joined the new Coalition of Bethesda Communities, made up of 18 community groups representing over 10,000 residents. It's hoped that our voice will be heard through this group, just as we joined the Connecticut Avenue Coalition Committee and managed to have some impact on the Chevy Chase Lake plan. Unlike the situation at Chevy Chase Lake, there are many more stakeholders involved in Bethesda's development, making it possible for neighboring communities to form alliances and work more closely with landowners and planners.

For those unable to attend the meeting to hear Mr. McCoy and ask questions, we urge you to look at the planning so far on the Montgomery County planning board website at www.montgomeryplanning.org or the specific reference given above.

Council Chairman **Bill Brownlee** opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming and being involved in our community. Before approving the minutes of the last meeting, Brownlee pointed out that we had omitted the introduction of the ordinance needed this year to pass the budget which was discussed and presented at the April meeting, so the minutes as they appeared in the newsletter were amended and the minutes approved. In the past, we have always approved the ordinance by resolution, however we've been informed by the Maryland Municipal League that state law requires that we adopt the budget by ordinance (see below).

Chairman Brownlee summarized the activities of the year briefly, noting that while we had a lot of snow this year, neighbors were considerate of one another, shoveled walks quickly, and those who shared driveways accommo-

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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.*

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dated the plows so they could clear the streets. Because we have such a cohesive neighborhood, neighbors helped neighbors and we weathered the storms without much disruption except the cancellation of schools and work at the federal government! He went on to note we had our first social event of the year, the first ever with snow on the ground. The Everybody's Irish party on St. Paddy's Day saw a lot less beer consumed, but a great turnout in spite of the weather.

Other challenges facing our community this year at the county level were the master plan for Chevy Chase Lake and the zoning rewrite, both of which will affect not only our community, but the entire county. We won some battles in both arenas and lost others, said Brownlee, but we were represented on these issues and worked hard to keep the community informed.

Vice Chair **Natasha Saifee** noted that in the Welcome Guide to the area published by *Bethesda Magazine*, we were described as a "very social neighborhood" and that indeed we are, with lots of activities to bring people together. She went on to summarize what had already taken place this year...the Everybody's Irish party, the Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon, and Food Truck night. Last year, we had the annual wine tasting event, the shredding event the same month, our first knife sharpening event, the Welcome New Neighbor Barbeque, the Party in the Park, the Annual Halloween parade and Pizza Party, and a holiday party for children with a magician/comedian.

Saifee also noted that we manage to give back as well, through our annual warm clothing and blanket drive in November, and the donations of gently used towels and new travel soaps and lotions at the annual House Tour in the spring, not to mention used eyeglasses for the Lions Club.

In addition to Section 3 sponsored events, she pointed out that for the second year, an active running group in the community has participated in a triathlon, thanks in part to the organizing efforts of Mary Jo Slidell, who also helped get a bunch of Section 3 children involved in a kids charity triathlon, too. Section 3 residents also cheer on our own Sting Rays swim team at CCRA (Chevy Chase Recreation Association).

Council Secretary **Melissa Brown** went on to point out that all of these events would not be possible without lots of volunteer effort. She thanked **Ellen McKenney** who brings wine and flowers and lots of information on the area to every new neighbor, **Jan Augustine** who is our webmaster and keeps the calendar and all the documents available online, **Bob Salmon** who is our town archivist, poring over documents to create a useable archive for us while satisfying state record retention and disposal requirements, **Mary Lou Steptoe** who has been our plant exchange coordinator, and **Russell Weil** and **Tim Healy** who represent Section 3 on the Fire Board.

Brown pointed out that it's not every Council meeting where an

elected official gets to thank the Lone Ranger (**Rob Naddleman**), but she made a point of noting his contribution as the leader of the Halloween Parade as well as **Josh Grossfeld**'s role as the Easter Bunny this past spring.

Brown concluded by noting that one of the Council members who devotes hours of volunteer time to the community making certain that everyone understands our ordinances and complies with them as Buildings and Roads Representative is **Carolyn Greis**.

Greis summarized the building activity in the Section for the fiscal year noting that while activity has picked up recently, the bulk of permits last year were for fences (11), one for a patio or deck, one for a driveway, three for additions, four for dumpsters...no permits were issued for sump pumps. Two variances were issued, one for fence height and another for a sign board for the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church. Finally, the last two empty lots in Section 3 were built-out, so there is no longer any additional land for new housing in Section 3.

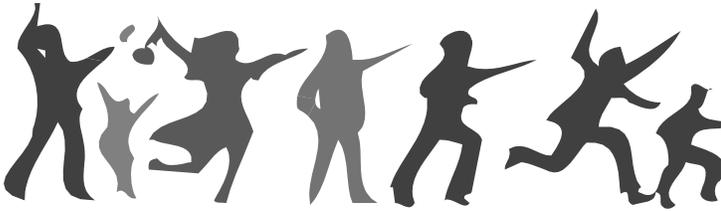
Greis turned over the program to our outgoing Treasurer **David Ohrenstein** who summarized the year as one in which we both planned conservatively and spent wisely. Ohrenstein reported that we will end the year with a surplus of over \$100,000. Income is running a little higher than expected and expenses are lower than budgeted due to some delays in big projects (notably our purchase of new street signs which we hope to do in the next fiscal year). We expect more in taxes on the income side before the end of the year and more significant expenses particularly for the milling and paving of Raymond and Shepherd Streets which should begin soon, but the end result, Ohrenstein said, will still be a significant surplus for the year.

After highlighting some of the big picture income and expenses in next year's budget and asking for questions, Ohrenstein made a motion to maintain the real property tax rate at \$0.02 per \$100 assessed valuation and the personal property tax rate at \$0.05 per \$100 assessed valuation and to adopt an ordinance to approve the proposed budget for next fiscal year (which was published in the April newsletter). The Council voted unanimously to approve the tax rates for next year and then adopted the ordinance to approve the proposed budget.

The ordinance, pursuant to Maryland Code, states that "the Village Council may spend money for a purpose different from the purpose for which the money was appropriated or spend money not appropriated in the attached Budget if approved by a two-thirds vote of the Village Council."

The ordinance goes on to state that "if any part or provision of this Ordinance is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the part or provision held to be invalid shall not affect the

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Superlawyers.com has come out with their latest list of same, and of course, ALL our lawyers in Section 3 are Super, and many work for the government, private associations, public companies and international agencies, however a number in private practice who have been so recognized beyond our 1/10th of a square mile community and we share their recognition with you:

Among the Top Women Lawyers in D.C., also listed under her specialty, family law, is **Marna Tucker** of Feldesman, Tucker, Leifer, Fidell.

Other Superlawyers include:

Ted Voorhees, Jr., Covington & Burling (Anti-Trust Litigation)

Tony Franze, Arnold & Porter (Appellate)

Paul Kiernan, Holland & Knight (Business Litigation)

Rob Cary, Williams & Connolly (Criminal Defense: White Collar)

Zach Harmon, King & Spaulding (Criminal Defense: White Collar)

Bob Fitzpatrick, Robert B. Fitzpatrick Law (Employment & Labor)

John Jacob, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld (Health Care)

Bill Wood, Wood Law Offices, (Personal Injury General: Plaintiff)

Jay Epstien, DLA Piper (Real Estate)

Alan J. Berkeley, K & L Gates (Securities & Corporate Finance)

And in the Rising Star category:

Mark DeLaquil, Baker & Hostetler (Environmental)

If we missed anyone, our apologies and let us know and we'll run your name in next month's issue!

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS MOVE ON

Congrats to all the Section 3 High School graduates. **Harper Gensler** will be attending James Madison University, **Calder Jose** will be attending to the College of Charleston, **Isabel Kessler** will be interning at NIH with Project Search, **Olivia Kessler** will be attending Dickinson College, **Jon Murphy** is going to the University of Texas in Austin, **Helen Warren** will be attending Pratt Institute.

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SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 14 WINE TASTING

Every babysitter in a two-mile radius is going to be booked for the Annual Section 3 Wine Tasting Event on June 14th! So if you haven't booked one, do so now! An increasingly popular event, every year we go to the homes of three generous Section 3 hosts where we taste three white wines, three red wines and 3 of something special. This year the "something special" will start off the event: Sparkling wines at the **Rosner/Trebach house** at 3620 Raymond Street. From there, taking our glasses with us, we'll move on to the **Carroll home** at 3806 Shepherd Street across from the church where we will sample three white wines. Finally, we head to the **Cameron/Guessmann home** at 6812 Delaware Street where we will taste three red wines.

If you haven't experienced this event, it's tons of fun. All the bottles are \$15 or less, so if there is something you like, it's affordable. You sign up, pay \$15 per person, and on the night of the event, bring your own glass and start tasting at house number one! We'll provide hors d'oeuvres, but we suggest you eat dinner before you arrive at the first house at 7:00 p.m. Doesn't matter if you are married or single, this event is for any Section 3 adult! So sign up below or send the Village Manager an email and drop off your check for \$15 a person by June 12.

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 Thursday, June 12th, so that we can buy enough wine. You can also sign up via e-mail at villagemanager@chevychase3.org and follow up with a check made out to Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase.

Name(s)

E-mail Address for confirmation:

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

SECTION 3 WOMEN PARTICIPATE IN VIRGINIA TRIATHALON

Twenty-two Section 3 women and seven honorary Section 3



neighbors participated in the Monticelloman Team Triathlon in Charlottesville, Virginia, as Team C3C.

The group, organized by **Mary Jo Slidell** included: **Debbie Glynn, Susan Murray, Natasha Saifee, Carolyn Greis, Amy Doyle, Katherine Carroll, Kelly Derrick, Tabitha Baily, Wendy Eaton, Jennifer Emmett, Kate Scheckells, Danielle Rinsler, Kirsten Williams, Cindy Owens, Melissa Brown, Kelly Virbickas, Mary Kay Margolis, Susan Manning, Ferrall Dietrich, Natanya Allan and Anne-Marie Carstens. Katharine Manning, Anu Connor and Anjali Chaturvedi** trained to participate, but could not take part in the end for health and family reasons.

The event, which took place on May 4th, included having team members swim a mile, bike 17 miles, and run 6. Of all the Section 3 residents, only one, **Melissa Brown**, participated in all three legs of the triathlon.

Special honorary Section 3 members of the team included **Kerri Gray, Michelle Brady, Colleen O'Neal, Laney Altamar, Lisa Throckmorton, Julie Harris and Sherri Hammerman.** Congrats to all who participated!

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validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any remaining part thereof: The ordinance takes effect on the 2nd of June, 2014.”

The ordinance gives the Council flexibility to depart from the approved budget for specific items where it makes financial sense. For example, last year the Council decided to forgo the expense of milling and paving Shepherd Street and this year do both Shepherd and Raymond Streets instead. While the cost exceeds what was budgeted for street repairs for this year, the Council has actually saved money by not incurring two mobilization fees and getting the work done all at once.

Following the presentations by each Council member, the election results were announced: **Melissa Brown** and **Mike Dietrich** both garnered 26 votes each. The new Council members were sworn in and the Council voted to retain their current job descriptions with Dietrich taking over for Ohrenstein.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

CHEVY CHASE AT HOME HOSTS SECTION 3 GUEST SPEAKER

Section 3 resident **Mary Kate Cary**, a former White House speechwriter for President George H.W. Bush and a contributing editor at U.S. News and World Report and an NPR commentator, will talk about working in the White House and her current work on a documentary film, “41On41,” a series of interviews with 41 people who know and love the 41st president at the Tuesday, June 3 meet and mingle session of the Chevy Chase at Home group. The meeting, which runs from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. will take place at Chevy Chase Village Hall.

CHEVY CHASE AT HOME APPRAISAL EVENT A HIT

About 100 people turned up for the fundraising special appraisal event sponsored by the Chevy Chase at Home organization at Chevy Chase Village Hall. About \$5,000 was raised for the nonprofit which helps seniors stay in their homes and assists with everything from computer help to driving folks to doctors' appointments. Some folks donated their items to the organization and Sloans & Kenyon, whose appraisal team was on hand to help provide information and valuations, will auction the items off and the proceeds (including their percentage) will be donated to Chevy Chase at Home...so \$5,000 is just the beginning! Kudos to the folks at the organization for providing a wonderful service to people while helping boost the organization's bottom line.

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 21, August 18, September 22. October 20, November 24. December 22.

HOUSE TOUR BIG SUCCESS



The Annual Section 3 House Tour, revived after a year's hiatus, was a great success on Sunday, May 18th.

Residents had a chance to meet with the new residents and owners of 3823 Bradley Lane, one of the few contemporary homes in Section 3, designed by an architect from the

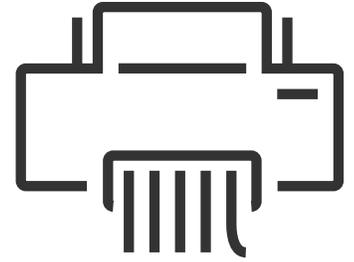
owners' native land, Argentina, a new home on Raymond Street where once a modest bungalow sat, a renovated home, also on Raymond Street, and finally, an expanded bungalow which made clever use of space by re-sculpting the floor plan and adding a minimal amount of square footage. Both owners and visitors alike enjoyed the afternoon and the two new owners had a chance to meet lots of their neighbors, too!

The biggest winners were the Lions Club (a total of 30 pairs of glasses were donated) and Shepherd's Table. The price of admission to the houses netted 27 bath towels, 17 hand towels and 21 face cloths, 104 soaps and bath gels, 78 bottles of shampoo, 46 of hair conditioner, 74 bottles of body lotion, a large bag of toothbrushes, toothpaste and mouthwash, miscellaneous grooming products and shaving supplies. All were gratefully received by the nonprofit group and as the weather warms and more of their homeless clients avail themselves of the showers on site, they will appreciate these generous donations.

Many thanks to the families who opened their homes to their neighbors for this event, the **Bruetman/Porras** family, the **Bakhash/Warden** family, the **Dorsey/Williams** family, and to the Atwood Team selling the house at 3616 Raymond Street. You gave a lot of us a fun, interesting afternoon and you made it possible for us to help others as well.

SECOND FOOD TRUCK NIGHT TASTY

If you missed the first one in October, the second Food Truck Night on May 8th was even more fun! The weather was warm enough for families to get their food and sit on the grass. We had four trucks: Go Fish, Los Lobos Burritos and the Corned Beef King along with Carmen's Italian Ices. Adult beverages were brought from home and a good time was had by all!



JUNE 21ST SHREDDING EVENT

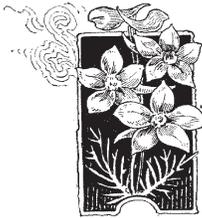
You can get rid of all those personal papers you don't want to put in the recycling bins by coming to the joint shredding event held at Brookville Market, Saturday June 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cars can line up on Taylor Street, the truck will be parked by the side of the market with shopping traffic being directed to the rear of the market. Those waiting with boxes (a limit of five per household, please) can line up by car, bicycle or on foot on our side of Taylor Street until given the signal to cross Brookville Road to have the boxes taken from their cars before being put into the shredder. The line moves quickly and of course, the early birds seem to flow through the fastest!

Just a reminder...please remove three-ring binders, large metal clips, any significant metal that would jam the shredder. Staples are fine, heavy metal clips are not. Special thanks to everyone at freesecondshredding.com for bringing this service to us for a very small fee which we share with the neighboring municipalities.

VARIANCE REQUESTS

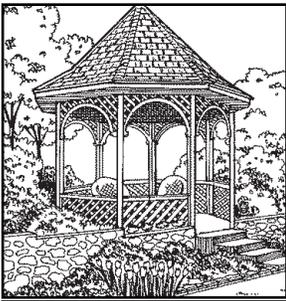
The **Bruetman/Porras** family of 3823 Bradley Lane requests a variance to build a six-foot vehicular gate facing Connecticut Avenue to match the height of the existing wall (which was granted by variance to a previous owner). The style will match the house but the spirit of the design will include more visible area above the four-foot level which is the normal height allowed on the street frontage of a house in Section 3.

The **Carroll** family of 7104 Florida Street has applied for a variance to place a generator in the rear setback of their property. Per Section 3 ordinances, generators cannot be placed within the 20' rear setback. The variance requests a five-foot encroachment into this setback so as to place the generator 15 feet from the rear property line of their home.



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SUMMERTIME REMINDERS

When you go away, be sure to let your neighbors know where you are and how you can be reached. Ask someone to take in the papers, the ones you never asked for as well as any other items which might draw attention to your absence.

Leave some lights on, park off the street and lock cars you aren't taking with you.

When at home, remember to lock doors, leave bicycles locked, not lying on the lawn and now that it's warm, take a moment to remove valuables from your car and **LOCK** your car whenever you leave it...make it automatic!

