

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

MARCH 2012

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7
Curbside Bulk Trash Pick-up

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14
Council meeting
CCUMC Room 109 7:45 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17
Everybody's Irish Party
Fulton Street and Gazebo Park 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Section 3 residents ONLY!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21
5:00 pm Deadline: Council Candidates' Submissions

SUNDAY, APRIL 1
Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon
Lineup for the hunt begins at 11:30 a.m.
First Egg Hunters begin at 11:45 a.m. sharp
Luncheon at 12 noon

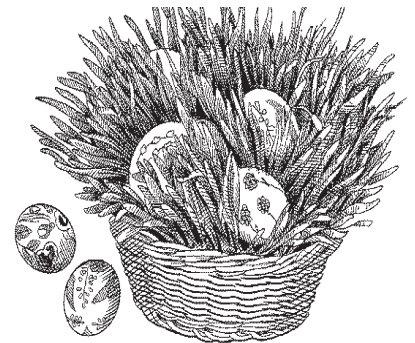
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11
Council Meeting
CCUMC Room 109 7:45 p.m..



"EVERYBODY'S IRISH" PARTY SLATED FOR ST. PATTY'S DAY

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 17th for our annual "Everybody's Irish" party on Fulton Street at the foot of the Gazebo Park. As usual, we will have Irish adult beverages and lots and lots of green food—it's not dinner, but it's a fun get together for adults and children (kids get green Gatorade) and a nice way to mark what we hope will be the beginning of spring! So reserve the time from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on that day when everybody in Section 3 is Irish!

EASTER EGG HUNT AND LUNCHEON SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 1



The Easter bunny is going to be here early this year! Each year, children age 6 and under participate in the Annual Easter Egg Hunt in our Gazebo Park, followed by a light luncheon for families and their children. Don't be surprised if the Easter Bunny makes an appearance as well!

The event begins at 11:30—the youngest children are allowed in to "hunt" for eggs at 11:45 a.m. followed by the older children...then everyone is invited to lunch—even older siblings. A simple luncheon for everyone with finger foods and sandwiches is served right after the "hunt."

PLANT EXCHANGE MAKES SPRING GARDENING EASIER

Have some plants you'd rather share with others? Thinning your perennials? Why not keep it in the family so to speak and let our Plant Exchange Coordinator know you have some items to share. Or perhaps you would like some hosta or other plants, she may be able to help your garden as well... Contact Section 3's own avid gardener and plant exchange coordinator, MaryLou Steptoe at (301) 654-4034.

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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, February 8th. All Council members were present. The meeting began at 7:50 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

While there have been some armed robberies in northwest DC including Friendship Heights, we have not had any in Section 3. The most recent armed robbery was near Chevy Chase Circle in the District. We have been in close touch with our community liaison in District 2 of the County Police Department (the station responsible for our area) regarding this issue. Our police patrols have also been informed and any data from our liaison is regularly forwarded to them. We have notified a neighbor with new copper gutters about the recent thefts in the County of copper gutters and we have notified her neighbors to keep their eyes open because the thefts are usually from someone who looks like a contractor just doing his or her business. Happily, no losses to date in Section 3.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

We are working with the owners of the property at 3821 Bradley Lane so that the water and sewer connections can be made. We have yet to resolve the drainage issues with the Edelen property, but are working with both the County and the owners to resolve that situation.

The Chevy Chase Lake Sector plan developed by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission staff should be released by late February, early March. At the same time, the Chevy Chase Land Company, one of the largest holders of property in the sector, has developed an alternate set of proposed plans which continue to include high densities and high rise buildings. Council members Bill Brownlee and Carolyn Greis and Village Manager Andy Leon Harney have all attended meetings of the Connecticut Avenue Corridor Coalition. That group will submit its responses to the Land Company plans in a letter to the Planning Commission shortly. At the moment, the Land Company proposes the development of 1.5 million square feet of hotel, retail, office and residential buildings. The Sector plan will also include land owned by the Housing Opportunities Commission, however they have not articulated any future plans for the site. In short, we only have proposed plans for a portion of the total land area that is to be addressed in the Sector plan. The Planning Commission staff will of course, address the entire parcel in their plans. Once the staff submits its plans that package will go before the Planning

Commission and there will be hearings. At that hearing, it is expected that the Chevy Chase Land Company, which has been making its case both to the public and the planning commission staff, will also have an opportunity to respond to the staff plan. The Commission will then make its decisions as to the final plan they endorse and will then send it along to the County Council which will also hold hearings before coming to a decision.

The Council has instructed the Village Manager to explore having a landscape contractor weed and mulch all the Serviceberry trees. We are going to catalog and watch those trees suffering from rust to see how many are affected and if we need to spray them. All new Serviceberry trees get “gator” bags for the first two years of their lives to be certain that they get adequate watering as they settle in.

The Village Manager is going to address the serious ruts in the greenways two ways: first, by having them filled in now to eliminate potentially dangerous changes in level between the sidewalk and the greenway and second, in the spring, by addressing the larger issue of the continued poor condition of many of our greenways.

The Council is revisiting the lighting plans developed by our consultant two years ago to determine how many lights we could simply switch from the existing sodium vapor lights to new lighting without changing or adding poles. With that information, we plan to go to Pepco to try and negotiate the first phase of our lighting plan.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Village Manager reports that it’s getting increasingly difficult to get even 1 percent interest rates on our CDs. We continue to search for FDIC insured investments, but today’s interest rate environment is so poor that we don’t expect to get significant revenue from these investments at this time. The Council has agreed that the longest we would like to have a single investment is about 18 months.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

The Middle School Site Selection Advisory Committee, which two Section 3 residents serve on, met the same night as the Council meeting. The committee’s goal was to narrow the selection down to about five sites. It’s still not clear if public parks can be used as sites if the land was acquired with Program Open Space funding and much else remains to be discussed as the process continues (see Middle School story this issue).

The Single Women’s group hopes to meet again.

The Council agreed that since the “Everybody’s Irish” Party will take place on a Saturday when people might be going out later that night to celebrate, we should start and end the party at an

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Congrats to **Rhonda Harris Baines** who is the featured photographer in a show now at the Strathmore Arts Center called "You Are What You Eat." The show opened February 12th and closes March 17th, so try and get out to see it. It's a multi-media show featuring nine different artists in different media. The gallery is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On Thursday, March 8th, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Bethesda Chevy Chase High School Education Foundation will hold its annual community party/fundraiser at the Woman's Club of Chevy Chase.

This year the group is honoring the fabulous CollegeTracks program and its founders. There will be an international wine tasting with "heavy" hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased at www.bccfoundation.org or you can mail a check to the B-CC HS Educational Foundation, P.O. Box 31209, Bethesda, MD 20824-1209.

BETHESDA POLICE CHIEF REPORTS ON ANTI-CRIME EFFORTS

Captain David Falcinelli, Commander at the 2nd District Police Headquarters, recently issued a letter to all of the residents within his purview, addressing the increased incidents of armed robberies and crimes in and near our area.

"The Bethesda District has recently experienced a spike in violent crimes, specifically armed robberies of persons and businesses. I wanted to provide a brief update on the police response to these crimes and the results to date."

"In the neighborhoods bordering Western Avenue (both sides of the line), there has been a marked increase in armed street robberies. Because of this spike, additional resources have been deployed to the area to include uniformed patrols along with tactical covert officers. We are actively working with the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) to coordinate our resources and efforts. This past Friday (Feb. 17), our tactical officers were working with MPD officers when they observed a

group of young black males approaching pedestrians in a manner that would attempt to corral the victim where he would have no escape and could be robbed. In both cases, the victim was paying attention to their surroundings, observed the approach of the suspects, and fled before becoming a victim of a robbery. These five suspects were stopped. All were juveniles and one was in possession of a pellet gun. Because this occurred on the DC side of the line, MPD will be following up on the investigation and charging the suspects with conspiracy to commit armed robbery. Because there may be multiple groups committing these types of attacks, both MCP and MPD will continue to commit resources to this area for the immediate future."

"In the northern end of the Bethesda District, there have been a series of armed robberies of businesses, as well as of individuals where their cars were taken. Because of this spike, resources were pulled from other areas of the County to saturate this area in hopes of making an arrest or arrests. Last Saturday night [Feb. 18], a suspect was observed casing a business near closing time. This suspect then robbed the business and was immediately arrested. He admitted to this robbery, as well as the robbery of several other businesses in the area. While this arrest closed many crimes in the area, it did not close them all and resources will also remain committed to this area for the immediate future also."

"The Bethesda District is committed to providing police resources to crime trend areas in an effort to make your business and residential communities safer. Thank you for continuing to work with us at curtailing this very serious safety issue."

A REMINDER,
DOG WALKERS
ARE NOT PICKING
UP AFTER THEIR
DOGS!



WE ASK THAT IF YOU
OR A DOG WALKER IS
TAKING YOUR DOG FOR A WALK ON OUR
STREETS THAT YOU USE THE DOGGIE
BAGS PROVIDED AT RAYMOND STREET
AND BY THE GAZEBO PARK. AS SPRING
APPROACHES AND PEOPLE ARE IN
THEIR GARDENS AND CHILDREN PLAY-
ING ON LAWNS, IT'S EXTREMELY
UNPLEASANT TO SLIP AND SLIDE ON
DOG DROPPINGS!

BE CONSIDERATE...AND CONFRONT
THOSE YOU SEE WHO AREN'T!



CONSIDER RUNNING FOR OFFICE

The Section 3 Council is run by five elected officials who serve staggered two year terms. This year, the terms of Council Secretary **Donna Harmon** and Treasurer **David Ohrenstein** expire.

Donna has indicated that she will not be seeking another term after four years of dedicated service to the community. David has indicated his interest in serving another term.

If you would like to run for office, please submit a statement about yourself and your qualifications and why you would like to be on the Council. The statement should be between 250 and 300 words. Submit your statement by Wednesday, March 21st, 5:00 p.m. either via email to the Village Manager or drop it off at her home at 3801 Bradley Lane. Voting will be at the Annual Meeting, Tuesday, May 8th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Annual meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m.

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earlier hour. The new time will be 5 to 7 p.m. and we'll order more food for the event since it is to be held on a weekend evening. Menu options were briefly discussed.

OTHER

The ordinances have been carefully proofread and examined, and a number of typos have been corrected. In reviewing the ordinances, we discovered that the definition of the term "Building Inspector" as currently written in Chapter 6 Licenses and Permits, refers readers to a definition found only in the Village Charter and thus does not adequately define it in the Code. As a result, the Council proposes the following ordinance change:

Chapter 6-101 (iii)

Current definition: "Building Inspector" has the meaning ascribed to it in the Village Charter.

Proposed change in definition:

(iii) "Building Inspector" means the Council Member responsible for implementing the permitting process for Buildings and Roads on behalf of the Village, and for the enforcement of the building and sanitary ordinances and regulations enacted by the Council and such other duties as designated by the Council.

The Council will vote on the new ordinance at the next Council meeting.



MIDDLE SCHOOL SITE SELECTED BY ADVISORY PANEL

The advisory panel reviewing sites for a new middle school in our district, met on Wednesday, February 22 and by a vote of 133 to 40, selected the Rock Creek Hills Local Park site for the future second middle school for the down-County area. The school is slated to open in September 2017. While there are some procedural items still remaining to be settled, the panel voted overwhelmingly to locate the next middle school on that site. The ultimate decision is with the Superintendent and that announcement will come sometime in late March or early April. Since this is the second time the same site has been identified and agreed to by a large number of area residents representing neighborhoods like ours, it seems clear that this is the choice with the most community support.

We'll keep you updated on developments.

Many thanks to **Wendy Eaton** and **Karen Jacobs** who served on the panel.

EXERCISE CLASSES IN YOUR OWN BACK YARD!

Chevy Chase United Methodist Church and the Fred Foster Fitness Company have joined forces for fitness for life exercise classes at the Church. They meet every Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. Drop-ins are welcome. The cost is \$8 for a single class, \$25 a month for one session a week, and \$50 a month for two sessions a week.

To register, just come or call the Church at (301) 652-8700 or office@chevyCHASEumc.org. Classes are held in Phillips Hall.

SHREDDING EVENT



With income tax season fast upon us, mark your calendars for Saturday, May 12th for a community shredding event. Section 3, Section 5 and Martins Additions have joined together to hire freeseureshredding.com to come to the side of Brookville Market with a truck for three hours (10 a.m. to 1

p.m.) and help us get rid of all those pesky papers we no longer want or need.

Timed to take place AFTER tax season, each family will be allowed five boxes or trash bags per auto. The personnel from the firm doing the shredding will take your boxes, dump them into large containers and give you back your boxes or bags as they won't shred them. We will have a container nearby where boxes will be broken down and recycled. Plastic trash bags will not be shredded. To preserve the shredding equipment, you are asked to exclude any binders (the 3 ring metal kind), heavy metal clips or other non-paper clasps or CDs and floppy discs. Staples and paper clips are okay—just remove the kind of material that would cause the shredder to shudder! If you can't make this event, the firm will shred your documents and give you a receipt at their Gaithersburg headquarters.

Just go to www.freeseureshredding.com for further information. This service will be provided to residents of Sections 3 and 5 and Martins Additions only.

VARIANCES REQUESTED

The Council has received two requests for variances to build free-standing outdoor fire places in rear yards inside the setbacks. The **Beebe** family of 7005 Fulton Street is asking to locate their fireplace 2 feet within the northern, eight foot side setback. The **Koeppel/Velli** family of 7010 Georgia Street is asking to locate their proposed fireplace three feet within the northern eight foot side setback and five feet within the rear setback.

The Council will review these variance requests and vote on them at the next meeting.

ANNAPOLIS HOLDS HEARING ON PEPCO- RELATED LEGISLATION

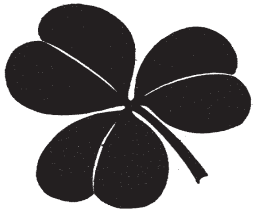
Last year Delegate Al Carr introduced legislation that would make it easier for municipalities to sue for eminent domain on Pepco poles if they cannot come to agreement on the price of removing a public utility light and putting up a light of our own choosing and our own property. Right now there is very little in the law that would guide a jury regarding areas of consideration in evaluating such a case. Most cases of eminent domain are for real property, but Pepco poles, which are placed in our right-of-way, are considered personal property. Moreover, we are not talking about suing Pepco to take over ownership of the entire pole, rather, to merely have the right to a small place on that pole. We are hoping that the next round of talks regarding the new lights won't force us to go to a condemnation proceeding, but if they do, then we want to have the best possible opportunity to compensate them at a reasonable rate for use of space on the pole.

There was a hearing on February 23rd before the Economic Matters Committee. The Village Manager sent a letter in support of the legislation explaining our position. Other jurisdictions eager to see the law passed include Chestertown, Bowie, Baltimore and several other municipalities. All either testified or wrote letters in support of the legislation.

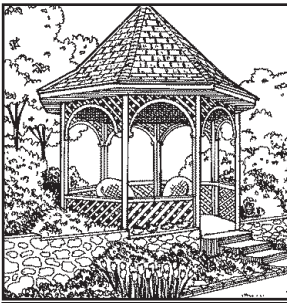
Last year there were no co-sponsors to this bill and we lost in committee by a tight 10-12 vote. This year there are a number of co-sponsors and more municipalities eager to see this bill passed. Residents are welcome to ask for and see a copy of the letter drafted in support of the legislation (House Bill 628) by asking the Village Manager for a copy.

RETIREMENT FINANCIAL PLANNING

Chevy Chase At Home is sponsoring an important program on Wednesday, March 14th to help retirees select a financial advisor. Glen J. Bucco, a Certified Financial Planner and president of West Financial Services, will be discussing how to select an advisor and plan, invest and protect your retirement years. The free talk will be given at Chevy Chase Village Hall at 7:00 p.m.



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 VILLAGE OF
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**FORM
 502**

**MARYLAND
 RESIDENT
 INCOME TAX RETURN**



2011

OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 2011, ENDING

Social Security number 123456787		Spouse's Social Security number 987654321	
Your First Name JOHN	Initial	Last Name DOE	
Spouse's First Name MARY	Initial	Last Name DOE	
Present Address (No. and street) 1234 SECTION THREE STREET			
City or Town CHEVY CHASE		State MD	Zip Code 20815
Name of county and incorporated city, town or special taxing area in which you resided on the last day of the taxable period. (See Instruction 6)		Maryland County MONT	City, Town, or Taxing Area CH CH SEC 3

FILING STATUS
 See Instruction 1 to determine if you are required to file.
 CHECK ONE BOX

1. Single (If you can be claimed on another person's tax return, use 2.)
 2. Married filing joint return or spouse had no income
 3. Married filing separately

PART-YEAR RESIDENT
 See Instruction 26
 If you began or ended legal residence in Maryland in 2011 place a P in the box

EXEMPTIONS
 See Instruction 10

(A) You
 (B) 65

TAXES TAXES TAXES

Please remember when you fill out your Maryland returns to indicate that you are a resident of Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase! Without that identification, we do not get our share of your income tax payments which we need to help support all the activities and services provided by your most local government.