

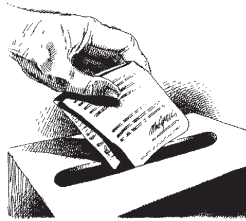
SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

MAY 2013

CALENDAR

TUESDAY, MAY 7
Annual Elections & Meeting
Voting 6-8 p.m., Meeting 8
p.m., Room 107, CCUMC



**WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 5**
Bulk Trash Pick-up, Curbside

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12
Council Meeting
7:45 p.m. CCUMC Room 107

SATURDAY, JUNE 8
Annual Wine Tasting Event

SATURDAY, JUNE 15
Shredding Event 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
on Taylor Street next to Brookville Market

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ANNUAL MEETING REVIEWS CHEVY CHASE LAKE SECTOR PLAN BEFORE COUNTY COUNCIL

In June, the County Council will again take up the task of considering the Chevy Chase Lake Sector Plan approved by the Planning Board. As we have reported in *News & Views* in recent months, the plan approved by the Planning Board allows for a significant level of development that revolves around the Purple Line which is slated to be built for light rail transit between Silver Spring and Bethesda. Because funding for the Purple Line is not yet certain, the plan proposes a two-phased approach, some development prior to the funding of the Purple Line and the balance after funding is secured.

Given the importance of this issue to our community, we have arranged for one of the community activists who have been battling the levels of density and the heights of buildings proposed by the Planning Board to address our Annual Meeting. Tim Pryor, who lives in the Chevy Chase Hills neighborhood right behind the Shell station near the SunTrust Bank on the western side of the street, will lay out for our community the plan approved by the Planning Board. Tim is one of the major forces behind the "Don't Flood the Lake" campaign.

For those who haven't followed the evolution of the plan, it's important to fully appreciate the impact it will have on our neighborhood. We urge you to come and hear this presentation as we have a narrow window of opportunity where we can once again share our concerns with members of the County Council before they consider the plan in early to mid-June. We will also share with you plans that the Connecticut Avenue Corridor Coalition, which Section Three is a part of, is developing to continue its advocacy on this issue.

SECTION 3 MEETS WITH PEPSCO

Council Chair Bill Brownlee, Village Manager Andy Leon Harney and our consulting electrical engineers from Richter Associates met with a Pepco official and shared with him the work we would like Pepco to complete in our community to provide more reliable service. Already Pepco's work in our community has helped improve service to individual homes. And by the third quarter of 2013, we expect to have a whole new feeder line serving the bulk of our community. In the interim, a few minor repairs remain to be executed and we are working closely with Pepco personnel to have the work done quickly and efficiently.

**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, April 10th at CCUMC in room 107. The meeting began at 7:55 p.m. with all Council members were present.

PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

Police continue to patrol on a regular basis throughout the neighborhood. Because of complaints regarding stop sign compliance at the four-way stop at Brookville and Taylor Streets, we have asked our police to monitor compliance and ticket folks when necessary. An alarming number of tickets have been issued, largely in the northbound lanes of Brookville Road. We are working with Martins Additions and soon will be conferring with the State Highway Administration about ways to make that area safer. In the meantime, please reiterate to your children the need to be careful in crossing Brookville Road and to look both ways and at the two side streets as cars sometimes come out of Taylor Street and turn by the intersection without checking for pedestrians.

BUILDINGS & ROADS

The **Lombardi** family's kitchen extension project on Connecticut Avenue is well underway. The **Lanphers** of Raymond Street have received a fence permit, as have the **Harmons** of Florida Street. The **Michael Myers** of Taylor Street are building a rear deck and the **Wilson** family of Taylor Street is hard at work on their kitchen renovation.

The Village Manager announced that Pepco, Comcast and Verizon have all agreed on a program to eliminate the many double pole installations throughout the state. Often when Pepco puts in a new pole and transfers its lines to it, the cable companies and phone companies must come in afterwards and transfer their equipment to the new pole. In the past, this sometimes took as much as two years to complete, leaving residents with not one, but two ugly poles in front of their homes. Under the new agreement, it will take about six months to clean up the backlog of problem areas, but after that, there is an agreed-upon system in place to handle this problem so that actions will take place more rapidly.

In Section 3 we are still waiting for the double poles to be removed on Brookville Road, but we have had a double pole removed from Georgia Street already.

The Council Chairman and the Village Manager met with our consulting electrical engineers and a representative from Pepco about the remaining issues to be resolved in terms of reliable elec-

trical service. Happily, other than the feeder line which needs replacing, there are very few improvements to be made and Pepco agreed to look into our requests (see story this issue).

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council is interested in making a gift to the CCUMC for their generous gift of the use of their facilities for Section 3 business without compensation. We are awaiting a list of possible gifts from the Church Board of Trustees.

The Council once again reviewed the budget and discussed plans for next year.

The Council discussed the difficulty of finding an additional FDIC, Maryland chartered bank with a reasonable CD interest rate to invest our funds that are in expiring CDs. We continue the search as CDs mature and the rollover rate is so poor.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

The House tour on May 5th lacks sufficient locations at this point, the Village Manager and the head of Buildings and Roads are working on several options. If we can't find enough homes, we will do it next year.

The Wine Tasting Event is set for Saturday, June 8th. So far the **Harneys** and the **Saifees** are hosting and we are searching for a third host.

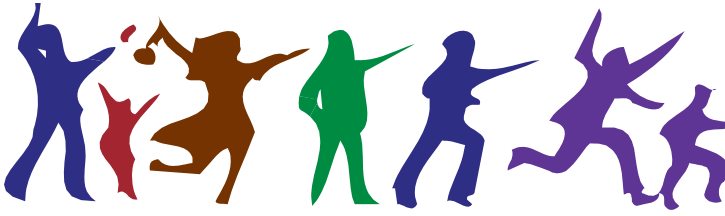
The Speaker for the Annual meeting will discuss the Chevy Chase Lake Sector Plan presented to the County Council (see story this issue).

The Council agreed to hold another Online Yard Sale. The meeting ended at 9:15 p.m.

INTRUDER PEERS THROUGH REAR WINDOW

On Tuesday, April 23rd at around 5:40 p.m. on a lovely sunny spring day, residents of Spring Street were shocked to find an intruder on their property, peering in the rear window at close range. The children inside saw a man looking into the window and screamed and he disappeared before the police, who came quickly, could locate him. This is highly unusual behavior in broad daylight on an interior street at the rear of the lot. Anyone with any further information is urged to call the Bethesda police. Neighbors were notified that evening of the event and urged to be vigilant and keep windows and doors locked.

As a reminder, residents are urged to be certain to lock cars as well as once the weather turns warm, cars are regularly broken into for spare change, computers, whatever of value can be found. So double check before you go to bed that your car doors are locked. Finally, spring is often the time for bicycles to be taken from unlocked garages and sheds, or from lawns where they are left.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

CHEVY CHASE REGGIO MOVES TO BETHESDA

The daycare center which had been located at 6705 Connecticut Avenue run by **Stephen and Patricia Edelen**, has moved to larger quarters at 8008 Newdale Road in Bethesda.

Welcome to new neighbors, **Sarah Maslanka and Bryan Smith**, who have moved into 7103 Florida Street. We're glad to have you as neighbors!

TEAM CC3 RAN AMERICAN ODYSSEY RELAY

Section 3's neighborhood runners ran a 200 mile relay race from Gettysburg to DC the last weekend in April. Two vans, with 12 runners raced for 28 hours from Friday morning to Saturday afternoon. Running for Section 3 were **John Mimikakis**, the group's fearless leader, **Cindy Owens**, **Tabitha Bailey**, **David Mostofi**, **Ron Naddelman**, **Debbie Glynn**, **Kirsten Williams**, **Chris Lombardi**, **Melissa Brown**, **Mike Dietrich**, and **Salim and Natasha Saifee**. This is the group's second year that they have won the Mixed Masters Division, so kudos to all!

MCCORMICK HOUSE GOES DOWN IN HOURS!

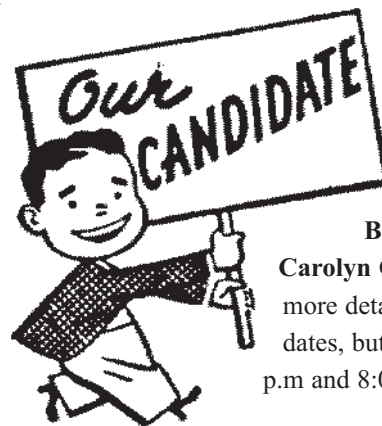
The home at 3700 Raymond Street was largely demolished in less than three hours on Wednesday, April 24th. It was shocking how quickly this early 1900's bungalow was taken down. The new owners were nice enough to donate much of the usable material inside to Habitat for Humanity and donated plant material to the Gazebo Park as well as the no outlet garden at the end of Delaware Street. The shade tree planted by Section 3 on the property was lifted and moved to the other side of the property from where it had originally been planted in order to preserve it. The new home, to be built by Sandy Spring Builders, will begin construction in early May, with the foundation going in the last week of April.

ROAD AND STORM DRAIN SURVEYS REVEAL WORK TO BE DONE

In order to ensure proper maintenance of our roadways, every five years we meet with a consulting civil engineer who specializes in road construction, John Strong, from Huron Consulting, to conduct a thorough assessment of the condition of our roads. Mr. Huron walks our streets with the Village Manager and rates every block in terms of its need for repairs so that we can chart our road maintenance expenses for the next five years. Each block is rated with a letter grade: A means that the road is in good condition although certain minor repairs may be called out for special attention, B means that the overall condition is good but there may be more intermediate repairs requiring attention, C means we should attend to the work at hand within the next year, and D means we have an emergency we need to take care of immediately.

Happily, we have no "D" condition streets, but we do have a few areas in the C ranking, notably Shepherd Street from Delaware down to the first speed bump in the block between Fulton and Georgia and a few other areas requiring full depth patches. Most of the rest of the community requires crack sealing and some minor repairs which can be attended to with ease. We will soon be pulling together bid documents for the milling and paving of Shepherd Street, which should take about three to four days at most. The last street to get this kind of improvement was Florida Street between Raymond and Spring Streets.

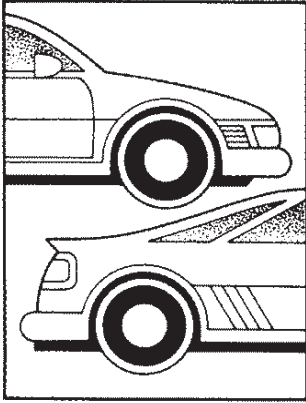
At the same time, we have had our storm drain outlets checked by our consulting civil engineer on water issues, Bill Bissell. We do not have responsibility for maintaining the storm drains and must turn to the County for assistance in this matter but we have prepared a specific list of areas where the brick needs repointing for proper maintenance and will be working with the County to get this work accomplished. We may also have some of our storm drains videotaped and cleaned of root debris for better management of our storm water.



ELECTION REMINDER

The terms of three Council members expire this May: **Bill Brownlee**, **Natasha Saifee** and **Carolyn Greis**. See the April issue for more detailed statements from both candidates, but come out and vote between 6:00 p.m and 8:00 p.m. on May 7th!

CONNECTICUT AVENUE MILLING; PAVING DELAYED



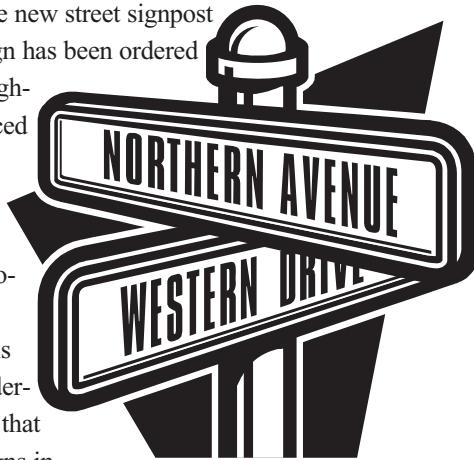
Due to a series of events having nothing to do with Section 3, the much needed milling and paving of Connecticut Avenue from Chevy Chase Circle to north of East-West Highway will not take place until sometime next year at the earliest. The work is part of a large bid package issued by the State Highway Administration and for legal reasons, the original bid package was withdrawn and a new package had to be

put out for bid, delaying the whole process. As a result, improving the median strip and the milling and paving of the roadway itself will not take place until sometime in 2014 or later.

In the interim, we have asked the State Highway Administration to install sod or something else to improve the look of the median strip, but, sadly, they have insufficient funds to comply with our request. We are exploring other options so that the median strip won't be so unsightly for almost another year.

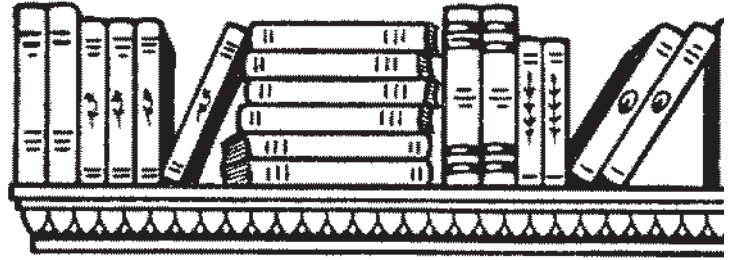
NEW STREET SIGNS ON THE WAY; SAMPLE ORDERED

The first complete new street signpost with integrated stop sign has been ordered for a test run in the neighborhood. It will be placed on Spring Street at the intersection of Spring and Florida Streets for everyone to see and provide the Council with feedback as soon as it is installed. There is a federal mandate (unfunded) that eventually, all street signs in



America must be both upper and lower case and reflective in nature so that everyone can better read them at night. This is a project that has long been contemplated by the Council and it is our hope that the community will give us feedback on our choices and that we can then either tweak the installation or style of the signs and signposts and order new ones for the entire community.

It is our goal to minimize signage at corners and integrate street signs and stop signs whenever feasible.



CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY EVENTS

Preschool story times are Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. May 7, 14, 21 and 28* (bilingual in Spanish and English with Senora Lupe Marks). The story times are designed for children from ages 3 to 6.

A nonfiction book discussion will take place Wednesday, May 8 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This month's title is *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption* by Laura Hillenband.

On Wednesday, May 22nd from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. a group will discuss *Flannery: A life of Flannery O'Connor* by Brad Gooch.

MVA SCHEDULE THROUGH JUNE

If you have business at the Motor Vehicle Administration, you can find their mobile office parked at Friendship Heights in front of the Community Center off South Park Avenue from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on May 28 and June 17.

BE AWARE

Newspaper subscription/children's literature salesmen without a proper vendors' license with a photo id should be reported to the police immediately. Call (301) 279-8000 and report all suspicious persons. Lock your cars, many have been broken into and GPS units stolen. Open sheds and garages are an open invitation to steal a bike or other valuable equipment.

Do **NOT** hire contractors who come to your door or provide them with personal information. Use licensed, recommended contractors only.

MOSQUITO ALERT

As we head into warmer weather, residents are urged to check in their yards for objects which might hold water and therefore provide breeding ground for mosquitoes! Take a moment to make sure basins on planters are emptied, that there are no tires left in the yard or other items which might harbor mosquito larvae.

You can purchase “donuts” at any hardware store that can be tossed into any standing water which will kill those larvae before they hatch and don’t harm children and animals.

BABYSITTERS WANTED

As summer vacation looms fast upon us, the Village Manager is compiling a list of neighborhood teenagers interested in babysitting over the summer—either during the day or in the evenings. So if you have a teen who is experienced and/or interested, let us know, we’re keeping a list! If you are looking for a neighborhood sitter, just ask, we’ll hopefully have a fresh list soon and can suggest someone near your home.

CHEVY CHASE AT HOME

On Thursday, May 9, Dr. Maral K. Skelsey, a dermatological surgeon and professor of dermatology at Georgetown University Medical Center will discuss “Lumps and Bumps on Your Skin: What and What Not to be Concerned About.” The talk, at Chevy Chase Village Hall, will begin at 7:30 p.m.

On Tuesday afternoon, May 21st, Sandy Geller, a Jugian analyst and Board certified art therapist and licensed professional counselor, will lead a discussion on “What We Can Learn From Our Dreams as We Grow Older: Carl Jung's Thoughts on Aging.” The free Meet and Mingle event runs from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Chevy Chase Village. all with refreshments served.

PLANNING AN ADDITION?

PUTTING IN A FENCE? A DECK?

THINKING OF INSTALLING A SUMP PUMP?

PUTTING IN A DRIVEWAY?

Before you get too far into your planning, please consult with our head of buildings and roads, **Carolyn Greis**—BEFORE you get a Montgomery County permit, before you spend money on plans...

Section 3 ordinances are sometimes at variance with the County's rules and regulations—we are often more stringent in our requirements, so please, ask questions up front to save problems down the road.

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**. The first stop will be white wines, the second, red wines and this year the Council decided to offer a series of three rose wines for the final stop. 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 and follow up with a check made out to Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase.

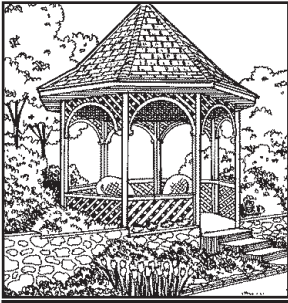
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E-mail Address for confirmation:

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



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GAZEBO PARK DOG VISITING HOURS

Please remind dog owners that the dog hours for the Gazebo Park are 7:00 to 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. Owners must accompany their dogs and no more than two dogs per owner are allowed in the park.

We are trying hard to maintain a balance in uses of the park and even if no one is using the park when you are walking your dog, we would appreciate it if you would respect the hours reserved for dogs only and clean up after your dogs so that young children playing in the park are not stepping in what your dog left behind....

