

SECTION THREE  
VILLAGE OF  
CHEVY CHASE

# NEWS & VIEWS

MAY 2015

## CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**

Bulk trash pick-up, curbside

**TUESDAY, MAY 12**

**Section 3 Election & Annual Meeting**

Voting from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.,

Annual Meeting begins at 8:00 p.m.

CCUMC, Eppworth Room

**FRIDAY, MAY 29**

Food Truck Night

Gazebo Park, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3**

Bulk trash pick-up, curbside

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6**

Annual Wine Tasting Event, 7:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10**

Council meeting

CCUMC Library, lower level, 7:45 p.m.



## MAY ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION

This year's Annual Meeting, to be held on Tuesday, May 12 at 8:00 p.m., will focus on the development of master plans for downtown Bethesda and will also touch on those for the Westbard area. We are fortunate to have

Leslye Howerton, project manager for the Bethesda Master Plan, speak. The now final plan is to be presented to the Planning Commission and then to the County Council where additional hearings will be held.

Section 3 has participated with a coalition of some 20 different community groups bordering on or near neighbors to this district in working with planning staff members to modulate the densities, heights, and uses to better reflect citizen desires. The plan most severely impacts the Town of Chevy Chase as well some of the unincorporated areas of Edgemoor and west Bethesda, not to mention the growing number of downtown Bethesda residents.

At the same time as this plan is being developed, the County Council is exploring ways in which the rules for Adequate Public Facilities (schools, roads) apply to new developments since a number of questions have been raised about the methodology used for analyzing traffic, the numbers used or projected for school aged children and the kind of facilities required. Ms. Howerton will touch on that discussion as well.

**We urge you to attend this meeting so you know what is affecting a larger area which will impact our schools, property values, local traffic, and the way we interact with Bethesda, Friendship Heights, and Chevy Chase Lake in the future.**

## EASTER EGG HUNT A DELIGHT!

With fresh, lovely sod to "hide" eggs, some of Section 3's veteran egg hunters hid over 500 eggs for the eager participants of this year's egg hunt. Within moments, the entire "hunt" was over and parents and kids crowded around for a chilly but delicious luncheon catered by Mindy's Catering. Special thanks to **Debby Glynn** for organizing our volunteer egg hidiers and to **David Glynn** for helping set up. Thanks, too, to the **Barry** family who are always so generous in letting us use their porch for storing items needed for events and using their lawn for our party goers. A special thanks to John Carroll who did a convincing job as this year's bunny and was photographed with many of our smallest Section 3 residents. Only one child noted that "the Easter Bunny is wearing a wedding ring and has human hands..."

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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, April 1 in CCUMC's Room 107. All Council members attended the meeting that began at 7:55 p.m.

### PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

Our police patrols have been made aware of the suspicious persons in the neighborhood and have been on the lookout for them. The Village Manager reported that someone had seen a suspicious vehicle near the CCUMC playground. Though she was given the information three days later, she learned that the car was not stolen and no issues arose when its registration number was run. Fortunately, the car has not been seen since so it may have been someone who was simply lost and driving slowly. The Village Manager also reported on the forced entry into a home on Taylor Street. Nothing has been reported missing, but it's clear that the persons involved entered through both an unlocked garage door and an unlocked basement door. They did not, however, appear to have breached the second floor despite evidence that attempts were made.

### BUILDINGS & ROADS

The **Chatervedi/Clark** family will soon receive a permit for their addition; the **Leleck** family is going to be repaving their driveway. No other new permits to report.

The firm with which we had contracted to do core samples is no longer going to work for us. Thus, we are exploring options with other firms to assess the foundation issues for our roadbeds. We will no longer be working with Nobis Engineering because their last-minute contractual requirements did not meet our own attorney's scrutiny.

Pepco is due to install several new poles. The Village Manager is coordinating with them to ensure that neighbors be notified when work is scheduled. The most affected streets will be Delaware Street between Shepherd and Taylor Streets and Shepherd Street.

Once the work is completed, we hope to meet with Pepco regarding our lighting issues.

The park sodding is now complete; we are awaiting estimates for re-sodding some of the greenways that suffered from many tires in the mud. The plan is to resod Raymond, Spring and Shepherd Streets this year along with fixing really bad ruts elsewhere. Hopefully, each year we can address three additional streets until we have renewed all the greenways.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council discussed the proposed budget for next year (see story this issue).

The CDs coming due will either roll over because the rates are favorable, or we will seek other sources of investment. We were able to roll over our highest yielding CD at one percent.

### COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

The May 12 Annual Meeting is set with a speaker. We have decided to abandon the House Tour this year, but will collect soaps and towels and lotions for Shepherd's Table Showers for the Homeless.

The Easter Egg hunt went well. We now have fewer children under 6. The food was excellent and we had ordered just enough this year. (See story this issue.)

Response to the CPR class was excellent as was the Senior home safety talk (see story this issue).

We have two of the three hosts for the Wine Tasting Event. The Council decided the last



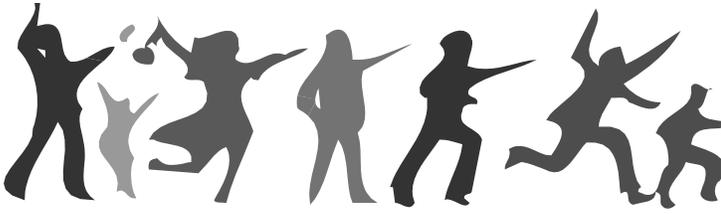
house should serve different kinds of Sangria instead of a specific wine as we did several years ago at the Cary home where it was a great hit.

### OTHER

Because so many of our events are outside and we often need shade to prevent food from spoiling or chilled beverages from getting too warm, the Council has agreed to purchase a large "market umbrella" which the Barry family who so generously donates their yard every year for all our events, will keep and use and we will then be able to roll it out for our events without having to cart it back and forth to a storage unit... a win-win for everyone.

The Village Manager updated the Council on activities at the state legislative level as well as at the county level. At the state level, it is still not clear how much funding we will receive through the Highway User Revenue Fund. It's also not clear how much we will get through tax duplication at the County level. The State Legislature approved a bill that will enable the Planning Commissioner to serve up to 12 year terms. The County Council is still very eager to pass some form of no-pesticide bill which may impact anyone with a lawn and any playing field in the entire county. They won't make a decision until June.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Section 3 is no slouching community when it comes to athletic prowess. Right now our triathlon teams are gearing up for a third year's competition, this time in Rock Hall, Maryland on May 30. Under the leadership of Mary Jo Slidell, some 23 Section 3 women will run, swim and bike. The event benefits both the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. We will publish the results in the next available issue of *News & Views*.

Speaking of competitive events, our own Council Chair Bill Brownlee recently competed in two rowing competitions. Using indoor rowing machines, known as ergs (from ergometer), competitions are held all over the U.S. and around the world. Competitors are divided into age groups and row the equivalent of 2,000 meters. Bill entered the Mid-Atlantic Erg Sprints in Alexandria on January 31 and won the competition in the 80+ age group. Of course, he modestly notes that he was the ONLY entry in that age group, but just in case you thought he wasn't competitive, his time bettered the time of the 74-79 year category winner. This victory earned him a trip to Boston for the World Indoor Rowing Championships where 2,400 spirited rowers from 64 countries competed. There were two in the 84-89 age group and Bill came in just 20 seconds behind the winner, but made a personal best time of eight minutes, 55 seconds...way to go Bill! Puts us youngsters to shame....

**Have a child going off to college?** Let us know so we can provide a full run-down in the June issue!

## FOOD TRUCK NIGHT MAY 29

Plan on bringing friends and family to Section 3's Spring Food Truck Night on Friday, May 29 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. We'll have our favorites and one new truck: Go Fish Truck with the greatest tacos imaginable, Corned Beef King with fabulous deli sandwiches, and Linda's Luncheonette with good old fashioned comfort food like Mac and Cheese and hamburgers. To top off the night, we'll have Carmen's Italian Ices give us all a tasty send-off.

This is a popular event so be certain to come early, bring a blanket and some wine or beer and stay late! Bring your wallets and lots of friends and family! We need to be certain the trucks want to return which means we need to bring them enough business to want to come back!

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## CPR/FIRST AID, SENIOR SAFETY CLASS RESULTS

Kate Elkins, an experienced public health educator, EMT and paramedic, conducted four training sessions in First Aid, CPR and safety tips for the elderly. Approximately 29 Section 3 residents and friends were trained in either CPR and First Aid or both and certified under the American Heart Association program. For some, particularly the nannies whose employers signed them up, this is an important workplace skill; for others, it's just good information to have as a parent, grandparent or someone who is aging and concerned that they might be called upon and not have the skills. For all who were certified in CPR, it now means that when you pass an AED box (Automated Electronic Defibrillator), and it says "authorized personnel only", you ARE authorized to use those paddles to help save a life!

At her talk to the elderly, which drew close to 30 residents and members of Chevy Chase At Home, we learned some key safety tips which we should all know, among them,

1. If you call 911 on a land line phone, emergency services knows immediately where you are even if you cannot speak. If you use on a cell phone, you have to tell them your location or extra time is required to ascertain your location from your cell phone carrier.
2. Should emergency healthcare services need to come to your home, they are trained to look in the kitchen on your fridge for a magnetized plastic envelope titled "File of Life" which should contain key information on your health care status, medications you take, next of kin and your MOLST form (see below). Section 3 plans to distribute this "File of Life" envelope to all our seniors.
3. A MOLST form (Maryland Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment), which can be downloaded from the internet, is the ONLY form which Emergency Medical Services are required to honor legally. If you have an advance directive or health care proxy, these do not come into play until you are already hospitalized so it is crucial that everyone get this form and fill it out, otherwise you will be required to accept life saving treatment you may not want. This form must be signed by a physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant as well.

We are grateful for Kate Elkins' help and hope to call on her in the future if we have sufficient demand. Special thanks to CCUMC for allowing us to use their facilities for these classes, all of which were open to their members and members of the pre-school community as well.

## BUDGET PLANS FOR FY 2015-FY 2016

Section 3's budget runs from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. The information on the opposite page provides some historical information on our income and expenditures and lays out the Council's plans for next year.

With the installation of the street signs, we have completed one of our more ambitious projects along with the replacement of ravaged greenways on Raymond, Shepherd and Spring Streets. Pepco has completed their work of providing reliable electricity to our homes with the addition of new poles and wiring along Delaware and Shepherd Streets and one improvement on Georgia Street.

Soon we will discuss the replacement lighting we hope to install. Our Capital Improvement Fund is increased this year to provide for two key items: one, new lighting and its installation in the next fiscal year; and two, possible road reconstruction should current testing reveal basic structural flaws in the roadbed foundations.

Next year's big plan is to mill and overlay with asphalt all of Spring Street (including the area above Spring on Delaware at that intersection, the no outlet end of Delaware Street and the block of Georgia Street between Bradley and Raymond Streets.) That is an ambitious plan. However, we have had problems with the performance of the milling and paving job done on Raymond Street which was done according to our contract specifications, but has evidenced cracks which may reveal an underlying problem in the roadbed's foundation. Those questions will shortly be addressed with additional testing, but we will not have the answers and full pricing until after our budget is approved, so this year we are hedging our bets, budgeting for the lower priced option and allotting additional funds in our Capital Improvement Fund for the more expensive one, a reconstruction of one or more roadbeds and subsequent paving.

### ON THE INCOME SIDE

We are conservatively projecting income tax revenues based those received year-to-date. We have also conservatively projected property tax revenues which last year included a portion that actually went to Montgomery County. This year's projected budget is more historically accurate; although taxes on several recently sold properties may increase that number. Interest rates continue to be low so we are not anticipating much interest income. The funding for road repairs from the State Highway User Funds was higher last year because of a one-time "grant" which only touched on the amounts municipalities received years ago. State budget constraints have severely limited funding to municipalities for roads. All our street and sidewalk work must be supplemented by income from other sources.

The other income figures reflect our historical experiences from prior years.

### ON THE EXPENSE SIDE

We are still budgeting lower expenses than income to allow some cushion, excluding the amounts taken from our general fund to be allocated to the Capital Improvement Fund for lighting and more extensive road repairs.

In other categories, we have projected small increments based on anticipated increase in expenses. The only categories that show significant increases are the engineering budget, which we anticipate may be higher for the road work to be executed next year, the salary and taxes for the Village Manager which was raised this past year. The Equipment budget is increased because we may need to purchase a new computer for the Village. The Street Repair budget is solely allocated only for milling and paving, not for road reconstruction which will come out of the Capital Improvement Fund.

If you have questions about this budget, please feel free to consult with any Council member or the Village Manager. The Council will take up the budget at the Annual Meeting and vote on it at that time. We urge you to come to the meeting on May 12.

**Voting is from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.; the meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m. sharp in CCUMC's Eppworth Room.**

## CRIME ALERT

Two suspicious persons knocked long and loudly at a home on Spring Street in April and when the owner (whose car was not in his driveway) finally answered, they claimed they had come to make a delivery for "Jessica"...however a car or truck was nowhere in sight and they had no papers or clipboard... There was forced entry burglary that same day in the 7700 block of Brookville Road where jewelry and coins were taken and another on Daniel Road; these individuals may be linked to both. The two were poorly dressed (including one in noteworthy bright yellow pajama pants...) and the pajama-pant-wearing guy had a series of tattoos on his neck while his compatriot, both described variously as Hispanic and white or both Hispanic, had heavy tattoos on his wrists. Subsequent to that encounter with one resident, another resident walking her dog saw them and also found their demeanor and behavior suspicious.

In short, keep your eyes open and report anyone who is suspicious. Our community liaison from the police department, Oliver Janney, has helped us understand what a suspicious person means by distributing a flyer which everyone on the email distribution list received, but just in case you didn't read it, a suspicious person "can be any person, act, event or situation that appears questionable. Anytime someone or something 'just doesn't seem right to you,' that's when you should call the police non-emergency number, (301) 279-8000."

## CHEVY CHASE SECTION 3 BUDGET

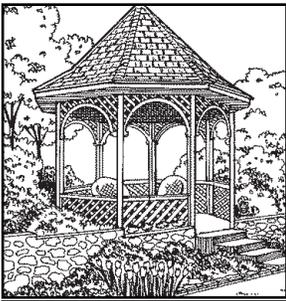
	Actual FY 12-13	Actual FY 13-14	YTD FY 14-15*	Budget FY 14-15	Proposed budget FY 15-16
<b>Income</b>					
Building Permits	4,210.00	1,100.00	3200.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Cable TV	8,534.38	8,526.12	7494.15	8,500.00	8,500.00
CCUMC Trash	1,850.00	1850.00	0.00	2,000.00	1,851.00
Corporate Taxes	46.96	165.99	0.00	0.00	0.00
County Duplication	30,796.00	30,796.00	30796.00	30,796.00	30,796.00
Court & Misc Fees	28.20	37.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
Income Taxes	422,469.92	468,615.03	383301.78	350,000.00	400,000.00
Interest	20,765.40	18,338.92	11,826.58	14,000.00	8,000.00
Interest Income from Taxes	169.90	196.39	41.64	0.00	0.00
Parking Fines	682.20	45.00	345.00	50.00	200.00
Personal Property Taxes	344.19	353.91	61.57	0.00	0.00
Property Taxes	50,162.79	51,321.22	51,632.60	63,730.00	51,617.00
State Highway Taxes	4,407.99	17,271.82	13,114.28	15,000.00	5,426.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$544,467.93</b>	<b>\$598,618.00</b>	<b>\$501,807.68</b>	<b>\$485,576.00</b>	<b>\$507,890.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Accounting Fees	8,454.22	9,683.52	8,888.60	9,000.00	10,500.00
Bank Service Charges	227.82	102.16	70.24	60.00	75.00
Charitable Donation					
Community Promotion	19,281.90	19,331.18	19,332.45	20,000.00	22,000.00
County Landfill Exp.	14,555.97	9,951.06	10,099.15	12,000.00	15,000.00
Dues & Dinner	4,153.52	3,237.62	3,903.80	4,800.00	5,000.00
Engineering Svcs	6,113.28	1,350.00	2,210.46	2,500.00	12,000.00
Equipment	52.99	182.74	367.94	250.00	800.00
Grass & Trees	37,465.01	18,248.99	23,801.28	48,000.00	48,000.00
Insurance	8,192.34	9,445.69	6,273.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Legal Fees	6,961.01	2,950.00	7,687.20	8,000.00	12,500.00
Misc	693.79	277.39	139.17	100.00	250.00
Newsletter	9,326.91	7,598.55	7,072.09	10,000.00	16,500.00
Office Supplies	740.26	632.38	1,163.01	800.00	1,500.00
Party-in-the-Park	13,408.58	12,755.58	10,711.86	16,000.00	16,000.00
Payroll & Taxes	65,737.15	70,438.28	66,087.05	75,400.00	87,000.00
Police	7,960.00	8,200.00	9,446.28	9,000.00	10,200.00
Postage & Delivery	1,844.43	1903.11	2,241.51	2,800.00	3,600.00
Recycling	2,867.35	3,513.55	1,911.05	3,500.00	3,500.00
Rent (storage unit)	2,229.00	2,244.00	1,910.00	2,400.00	2,500.00
Snow Removal	6,167.00	25,391.50	21,628.20	18,000.00	20,000.00
Street Lighting	6,069.14	6,280.96	5,289.70	8,000.00	8,500.00
Street Repairs	225.00	9,523.44	5,051.80	8,500.00	110,000.00
Street Signs	3,662.00	5,007.00	17,889.16	60,000.00	5,000.00
Telephone & On-Line	1,448.62	2,022.70	4,524.55	2,000.00	2,800.00
Waste Collection	74,024.28	74,024.28	55,653.73	84,000.00	75,000.00
Water	197.25	310.97	193.08	300.00	350.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$302,598.82</b>	<b>\$304,606.65</b>	<b>\$293,546.36</b>	<b>\$415,410.00</b>	<b>\$498,575.00</b>
Capital Improvement Fund**	\$700,000.00	\$800,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,200,000.00

*Our fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. \* as of April 15, 2015*

**\*\* Only a portion of this will be spent in FY 15-16.**



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Did you know that Montgomery County requires that you have 10-year battery-operated smoke detectors? By January 1, 2018, any battery-operated smoke alarm must be sealed, tamper resistant units incorporating a silence/hush button and using long-life batteries.

In fact all new residential units built after July 2013 require a smoke alarm in each sleeping room, in the hallway or common area outside of sleeping rooms, and in the hallway or common area on each level within a residential dwelling, including basements.

There are specific requirements for homes built at different time periods, but most Section 3 homes are required to have a battery-operated or hardwired unit outside each sleeping area.

Take a moment and make sure you have new batteries in ALL your smoke alarms and look into both the new 10-year units and carbon monoxide detectors...they could save a life!