



SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

NOVEMBER 2014

CALENDAR

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Election Day

Section 3 residents vote at CCUMC, Phillips Hall

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Bulk Trash Pickup, curbside

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Warm Clothing and Blanket Donation Deadline

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Happy Thanksgiving!

No household trash or recycling collection

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Bulk Trash Pickup, curbside

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

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

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WARM CLOTHING AND BLANKET DRIVE UNDERWAY!

Sort through those closets, pick out all the warm clothing and blankets you no longer need, have outgrown or forgotten about and place them in plastic bags to be sorted for the homeless at Martha's Table. Every year, in memory of a Section 3 resident, Bill Prigg, who spent many a winter night handing out blankets to homeless folks on grates and in doorways, we hold this special drive before Thanksgiving. In his later years, Bill went on to work with Martha's Table, a nonprofit dedicated to serving the poor and homeless in the district. Donations by Section 3 residents were often found on his front porch. The owners of his old house, **John Dorsey and Kirsten Williams** have kept up this tradition by making their porch a drop-off point for donations for this annual drive. Joining them is the **Murphy** family at the corner of Raymond and Georgia with a nice big wrap-around porch perfect for collecting bags of donated clothing.

We hold this drive prior to Thanksgiving because by then it's cold enough so that our donations will be put to good use right away, and because we don't want to interfere with whatever groups solicit your help around the Christmas and Hanukkah holidays. Children's clothing...pants, sweaters, jackets, tops and especially socks... are welcome; adult warm clothing for men and women are also welcome, including good condition shoes. Quilts and blankets are always helpful. So go through those closets, making sure you really want all those things and that the kids haven't outgrown them, bundle them up and place them on either porch (3619 Shepherd Street or 3608 Raymond Street) no later than Sunday, November 23rd so we can get them to Martha's Table before Thanksgiving. In the past, we have filled to overflowing two or three SUVs filled with warm, gently used clothing, we hope we can do that again this year!

HALLOWEEN PARADE, PIZZA PARTY A HOOT!



Jimmy Dodson in costume led the parade of little people up Shepherd Street to the CCUMC Phillips Hall where families quickly downed pizza, "eyeballs" (seedless grapes) and "fingers" (carrots) before heading out to trick or

treat with a special treat from Section 3. Thanks to **Judy Corbett, Helga Butler and Marion Robertson** for handing out hundreds of pieces of pizza and our special Section 3 treats.

**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, October 8th at 7:55 p.m. All Council members, except **Carolyn Greis**, were in attendance. The minutes of the September meeting, as published in the October newsletter, were approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

The intersection at Taylor and Brookville continues to be of concern as so many of our children walk across the street to the shops there. Our police regularly monitor that intersection and have issued citations to people blowing through the stop sign. The Village Manager indicated she will be talking to the State Highway Administration about possible improvements in stop sign visibility at that intersection and will report back to the Council.

Several nearby Chevy Chase residents, including at least one Section 3 family, were hit by vandals removing their concrete bears (a Landon symbol) on their lawns or porches. We hope the miscreants will be caught and restitution will be made to the owners of the missing bears.

BUILDINGS & ROADS

We have asked our electrical engineering consulting firm to take a final look at the work that has been done by Pepco to improve reliability in Section 3 to see if there are any other items that haven't been replaced or repaired that should be. They found a few segments of lines that were not replaced and we have sent a request to Pepco to take a look at these areas and see if they can't make us 100 percent renewed. We are awaiting their response.

The Council discussed the possibility of getting salt at a significantly lower price from the State Highway Administration stockpiles in Kensington. The Village Manager was going to meet with our contractor, Snow Central, and two other municipalities who also use his services to see if we could work out a cooperative buying arrangement by reimbursing one of the municipalities for a third of the cost of the salt used for all three.

Our street lighting designer has submitted the names of manufacturers of both LED and induction lighting so that the Council can evaluate which quality and type of lighting they prefer to install on our streets. It's hoped that we will once again enter into talks with Pepco early next year about replacing our current lighting.

The Council discussed the desire to sign an easement agreement with the **Scheck** family for a small (408 square foot) section of land which belongs to Section 3 for a right hand turn lane from

the dead end of Fulton Street for which we have no use.

The Council voted to give a variance to **Lynette Geisert** to replace her deck with one of similar size in the same location, which intrudes into the side setback approximately three feet.

Buildings and Roads Representative Carolyn Greis, recovering from foot surgery, sent in a report on permits issued since the last Council meeting: The **Leleck** family of Shepherd Street had their original permit for an ac unit was amended to include sump pump discharge. They also received a permit for a generator. The **Harney** family of Bradley Lane received a permit for a sump pump. The **Robinson** family of Georgia Street received a permit for some stone walls on the property as part of a larger water abatement project with dry wells.

The Council discussed a request from a resident to have variance notifications not only be published in the newsletter, but for all nearby neighbors to be notified. Our current practice is to publish the variance request in the newsletter and to ask the applicants to notify their adjacent and adjoining neighbors of their plans prior to the next Council meeting after the notice of the application has been published so that any objections could be heard before the Council takes a vote. The Council discussed this request for a larger notification and determined that the newsletter is the best vehicle along with asking the neighbor to notify adjacent and adjoining neighbors.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Village Manager reported that we are still in the process of establishing new collateralized accounts at M&T Bank and that as soon as that is done, we will move the balance of our funds over and notify SunTrust as to the reasons we have, after 33 years, chosen to move to another bank.

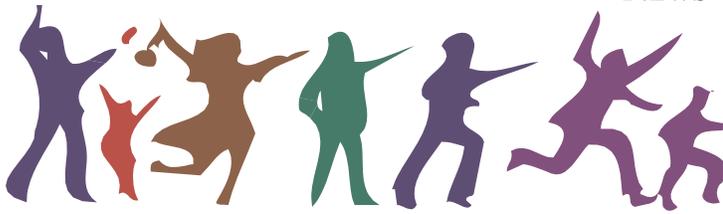
The audit report is complete and will be submitted shortly. Our auditor, Dennis Alexander, CPA, discovered that close to \$30,000 of our funds in SunTrust Bank was not collateralized or insured for a period of time this past fiscal year, one of the many reasons we have chosen to leave SunTrust. There was no way we would have been made aware of this, as SunTrust does not regularly report the amount of funds in our collateral account with the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. Our new bank, M&T, files regular reports with its customers so that at all times, they are made aware of the appropriate coverage.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

The Village Manager reports that all is in place for Food Truck Night...our only worry is the weather as reports indicate it may rain. We are hoping that we will not have to re-schedule as that becomes more difficult as it gets cooler at night and the trucks have other obligations.

The Halloween parade and Pizza Party is all set for

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

A special welcome to **Matt and Ellie Nader** and their two girls, **Lilly** (3 1/2) and **Katherine** (2) who are moving onto the no outlet section of Fulton Street. The family doesn't need much introduction to the neighborhood as both girls attend the pre-school at CCUMC and they are moving all the way from Section 5! Welcome to the neighborhood!

Congrats to our own **Rob Cary**, Section 3 Delaware Street resident and better known for his work as an attorney or as husband of author and blogger, **Mary Kate Cary**, has penned a new book, *Not Guilty: The Unlawful Prosecution of U. S. Senator Ted Stevens*. Cary was one of the lead attorneys defending Stevens. The book, available in both paperback and on kindle, chronicles the entire series of events leading to Stevens' prosecution and his trial. Stevens was ultimately acquitted of any wrongdoing, but at great cost to him and to his family.

PARK IS GREEN AGAIN!

The sod has taken, the park is once again open and green! We love our shared space (dogs and people) but ask that when it's wet and muddy, that you think twice about letting your dog run in the park and we ask that the dogs who dig be stopped before they create a tripping hazard for some little person who just wants to play in the park!

This fall we have added some new flowering bushes and will be planting lots of bulbs to make it more lively next spring.

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Halloween night at 4:45 p.m. (see story this issue).

The Warm Clothing and Blanket Drive will start up in November with the two drop off points being the **Dorsey/Williams** home and the **Murphy** homes (see story this issue).

The Council discussed trying to get another set of CPR/basic first aid for children's classes started at CCUMC for mothers and babysitters of young children in the Section. The Village manager promised to look into it and see if we could generate sufficient interest to hold a class for our community at minimal cost.

The Council discussed holding a children's book drive for a needy school as this year's Christmas/holiday effort. See detail in the December newsletter.

The Council adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

GARDEN EXCHANGE COORDINATOR

Belva Finlay has graciously agreed to coordinate Section 3's plant exchange. Here's how it works—you have a space in the garden and you'd like something to fill it, or you have too much of something and you'd rather have it recycled in the neighborhood than go into the yard waste bin...call or email (better) Belva! She'll try and find a home for whatever you want to get rid of or whatever you wish you had. Her email is in your directories.

STREET CLEANING

Our landscape contract calls for one street cleaning in the fall and another in the spring. We try to schedule the fall cleaning close to Thanksgiving when the last leaf has dropped, so look forward to getting an email asking you to keep your cars off the street right. The exact date is weather-dependent, so we'll let you know a few days in advance and remind you of course!

BETHESDA MASTER PLAN

Members of the coalition of community groups concerned about the Bethesda Master Plan met with Councilmember Roger Berliner regarding our concerns about density and heights in the new developing Bethesda Master Plan. If you are interested (as it affects your property values and your ability to move about in our neighborhood), please go to MontgomeryPlanning.org and look at the proposals for the Master Plan.

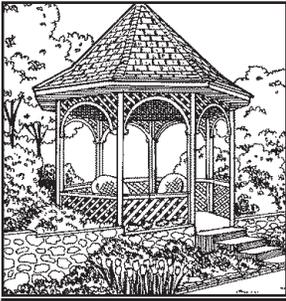


FOOD TRUCK NIGHT A BIG SUCCESS

Despite the prospect of rain, Food Truck Night went off without a hitch and everyone who attended went home full and happy! We had four trucks—three for dinner, one for dessert, and lots of fans of each: Corned Beef King, Go Fish and Curley's BBQ along with Carmen's Italian Ices all served our community well. We opened the park briefly with its newly applied sod still taking hold so that folks could picnic and everyone seemed to have an excellent time! We plan to do Food Truck Night again next May and make it an annual fall/spring event!



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LEAVES MAKE FOR SLIPPERY SIDEWALKS, PLEASE TRY AND KEEP YOUR WALKWAYS CLEARED OF THEM AND DO NOT MAKE ANY PILES OF LEAVES IN THE STREET... OUR STREETS ARE TOO NARROW AND IT'S TOO RISKY TO EVER PUT LEAVES IN THE STREET. THOSE OF YOU WHO "OPTED IN" FOR LEAF BAGS SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED THEM BY NOW; THEY WERE DELIVERED ON OCTOBER 25.



DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO WOULD LIKE TO EARN MONEY RAKING LEAVES, BABYSITTING OR SHOVELING SNOW?

NEED SOMEONE TO RAKE LEAVES, BABYSIT OR SHOVEL SNOW?

LET US KNOW!
WE'LL TRY TO MATCH YOU UP!