

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

NOVEMBER 2010

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3
Bulk household trash pickup—curbside

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
Council Meeting
CCUMC Room 109, 7:45 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15
Deadline for signing up for the
Arborist for a day

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16
Paul Wolfe, Section 3 Arborist
visits for pre-scheduled appointments

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20
Special Bulk Trash Pick-up (see story this issue)

NOTE: There will be NO household trash pick-up or recycling on Thursday, November 25, Thanksgiving Day. Recycling will be picked up the following Thursday, Trash the following Monday.

ANNUAL BILL PRIGG MEMORIAL WARM CLOTHING AND BLANKET DRIVE BEGINS

Each year, prior to Thanksgiving, Section 3 residents dip into their closets and drawers and select gently used warm clothing and blankets to donate to those less fortunate so that their winter will be a little warmer. Following the example set by the late Bill Prigg and his wife Nancy, Section 3 collects the warm clothing and delivers it to Martha's Table, a nonprofit serving the homeless in the District. **Kirsten Williams and John Dorsey**, who now own the Priggs' old house, and the Village Manager donate their front porches as collection points for this effort. Each year Section 3 residents donate enough to fill one, sometimes two SUV's filled to the brim with much needed warm clothing.

We gather these items before Thanksgiving so that our efforts do not conflict with other charities collection efforts closer to the Christmas/Hanukkah holidays. So as you sort through children's outgrown clothing and your own, pick out those socks no one can fit into, along with gloves, hats, jackets, coats, scarves, warm boots or shoes, sweaters, warm pants, shirts and, of course, warm gently used quilts and/or blankets.

Drop off these items in plastic bags on either the porch at 3619 Shepherd Street or 3801 Bradley Lane. The deadline for donations is Monday, November 22 by noon. If you have questions about an item, don't hesitate to ask the Village Manager at villagemanager@chevychasesection3.org or phone (301) 656-9117 and leave a message.

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CHEVY CHASE@HOME OFFICIALLY KICKS OFF NOVEMBER 14TH

If you haven't already taken advantage of the numerous programs sponsored by this start-up cooperative group, Chevy Chase @ Home will be hosting a special membership event on Sunday, November 14th at the Chevy Chase Village Hall from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be well-known political analyst, Mark Shields, who lives in Chevy Chase and is the grandfather of two lovely Section 3 children!

There will be a film starring your neighbors, drawing for prizes like Champagne and a free one year membership rebate in the organization, door prizes, music and refreshments. There will be valet parking beginning at 3:30 p.m. If you need a lift to the event, leave a message for the group's new administrator, Janet Regan at (301) 657-3115.

**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 13th. All Council members were present. The minutes from the September meeting as published in the newsletter were approved with one correction, that the Wilsons on Taylor Street were not given a building permit. To date, they have not yet been issued a permit.

PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

The Council has decided to work directly with the County in an attempt to get police coverage. Chevy Chase View has been having discussions with them about coverage for their community and this seems like a viable solution to our need for additional coverage.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

The property at 7104 Florida Street is almost complete and it's expected that it will go on the market shortly.

The property at 3821 Bradley Lane (next to the **Terpeluk** residence on Bradley) is progressing well. The builder will need to apply for a variance should he proceed with any proposed changes to the existing height of the property fence.

The Council discussed the statement of conditions it would submit to the hearing examiner for the proposed Edelen daycare center and agreed to finalize the wording after consultation via email with our attorney. It was agreed that the full text of the final letter would be reprinted in the newsletter (see story this issue for the full text of the letter.)

For the second time in four years, we have a "sink hole" at 6809 Georgia Street. WSSC has been contacted and they are testing for a water leak from the main line to the water meter housing and they will also be videotaping the sanitary sewer to see if that is the problem. The owners of the house have been kept informed and there is a cone marking the dangerous sinking area in the greenway.

The Village Manager and Bill Bissell, our consulting engineer, have inspected a possible drainage problem under Brookville Road near La Ferme (see story this issue).

The Village Manager is working on a final draft of a drainage survey of the residents on the dead end streets for the Council Chair and the head of Buildings and Roads to review along with our consulting civil engineer.

The **Cary** family of Delaware Street was issued a building permit for the renovation of the driveway they share with the **Meisel's**. The **Mandell** family of Taylor Street was issued a permit to build a fence. The **Dorsey/Williams** family was issued a permit

to add some additional fencing to their existing perimeter fence.

The Council agreed to have Paul Wolfe of Integrated Plant Care, our town arborist, devote a day to answering resident questions on an appointment basis. This will be a free service for residents (see story this issue).

Yellow curbing will be painted before this winter, probably in early November.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Each Council member was given a draft copy of the auditor's and the Village Manager's final audit report for last fiscal year. Once finalized, the audit will be available for public review.

The Council reviewed the status of various investments. The interest rate climate is exceedingly poor. The Village Manager continues to seek higher rate CDs.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

The Council discussed the Party-in-the-Park and it was agreed that we'd make a few adjustments in the menu (as we do every year) and that we would try and offer face painting again. Otherwise, everyone agreed the event went extremely well and everyone had a great time.

Plans for the Halloween event are ongoing. The CCUMC preschool is having their party on Friday, October 29th, so we will try and recruit Section 3 residents to decorate early so that the room will serve both the pre-school AND Section 3's party on Halloween itself. The Village Manager is also recruiting folks to help serve food at the annual Pizza Party.

The Council agreed to set a date that would not conflict with the Chevy Chase@ Home event for the Seniors' brunch. The availability of the Chevy Chase Village Hall will help dictate the date and invitations will go out once all that has been arranged.

OTHER

Rosemary Hills parents Phil Giordano of Section 5 and **John Dorsey** of Section 3 made a presentation to the Council regarding the need for a computer-aided device that the County cannot afford to provide Rosemary Hills Primary School called a Promethean Board.

After careful discussion and deliberation, the Council understood that these boards are already available to children at Chevy Chase Elementary School and in middle and high school, but that Section 3 primary school children at Rosemary Hills do not have this important teaching aide because of a lack of funds. The fundraising effort includes all the Chevy Chase municipalities, not just Section 3. A single Promethean Board runs \$6,000. The Council agreed to make a donation of \$1,000 and to match any donation made by Section 3 residents from September 1 through December 1 up to \$75 per household for a cap of \$2500 total matching funds (see story this issue).

The search for another leaf bag vendor is well underway.

The Council adjourned at 9:45 p.m.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

BABIES, BABIES, BABIES

It was a cold winter but NOT in Section 3! A very special welcome to the newest set of twins on Florida Street: **Leyton and Holden Trenor**. Mom **Anne-Marie Carstens** delivered two healthy five pound babies on October 11th. Big brother **Colby** is delighted to have his brothers home! Other twins on Florida Street include the **Manning** twins, **Henry and Lucy**, and the **Harmon** twins, **Miles and Luke**.

A special welcome to **Hunter Lily Butler** born September 30th, weighing in at 8 pounds, one ounce. Hunter joins sister **Blake** at 3701 Bradley Lane. Parents **Jill and Mitch** are thrilled.

The newest Delaware Street resident is **Rylan Kneip**, brother to **Frederick** and newest son to **Fred and Grier Kneip**... born Sunday, October 17th., weighing 8 pounds, 7 ounces!

Kate Benhard was born October 5th. Parents Seth and Nellie of 3610 Raymond Street are delighted with their bouncing 8 pound, 8 ounce. baby girl. Congrats!

Congratulations to **Colleen and Andrew Leleck** at 3602 Raymond Street on the birth of their son **Charlie** on September 14th. Charlie weighed in at 7 pounds, 9 ounces and is the apple of his parents' eyes.

BROOKVILLE SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

Construction of the sidewalk on the east side of Brookville Road has begun. Because less than 5,000 square feet can be disturbed at any one time, the total job will probably not be completed until late 2010 or early 2011. But the process has begun and we will all be delighted with the finished product!

CCUMC'S PRE-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, November 11th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Wesley Room at the Pre-school, 7001 Connecticut Avenue. For more information, contact the pre-school at (301) 652-7660.

BROOKVILLE ROAD DRAINAGE ISSUES; STATE HIGHWAY RESPONSIBLE

In response to concerns of neighbors on Brookville Road, Section 3 had our civil engineer Bill Bissell inspect the drainage grate just near the sidewalk on Brookville Road between 7104 and 7106 Brookville Road. In removing the grate, he discovered that a large portion of the area under the street seems to have eroded and no visible drainage pipe is in evidence. The State Highway Department has been contacted, they have made a site visit and sent cameras down into the area under Brookville Road (a state highway) to determine the extent of the erosion and make a determination as to what to do. The Chevy Chase portion of Brookville Road is due to be milled and paved in 2011, so it's important that any infrastructure issues be addressed now.

According to State Highway Officials who video taped the area beneath the street, there is a large concrete drainage pipe under the street which is in good condition but could use a flushing out to be cleaned. As soon as their truck is repaired, they will clean and flush out all the storm drains on Brookville Road between that drain and Shepherd Street on both sides of the street. In the meantime, we will continue to work with the State Highway people to determine ways to keep debris from piling up on the grate before it enters that pipe so that there is no backup of stormwater at that juncture.



DON'T MISS THE
CHEVY CHASE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
HOLIDAY BAZAAR
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 13TH
9 A.M. TO 3 P.M.
RIGHT HERE IN SECTION 3!

PROMETHEAN BOARDS PURCHASE NEEDS MATCHING MONEY

Rosemary Hills Primary School's PTA has launched a special fundraiser for a unique teaching aide that many families with older children at Chevy Chase Elementary already know about. It's called a Promethean Board, and at \$6,000 a pop, the Montgomery County School Board budget simply could not include this amazing teaching aide in their budget. So the PTA has taken it upon itself to seek assistance from the community and Section 3's Council has stepped in to incentivize that effort. The group has already raised \$20,000 for this effort.

What is a Promethean Board? It is a device that allows a teacher to project an image onto a screen that functions as a giant touch-screen interactive computer. It allows children to interact with the teacher and the computer module designed for a Promethean Board in a way not possible using a regular blackboard or white board. It expands a single computer screen to a projection of that screen for the entire class. Touching an image on the screen is the same thing as using a touch-screen computer. Montgomery County has invested in teaching modules using the Promethean Board, but it cannot currently afford the boards that make the teaching modules usable at Rosemary Hills. The goal of the PTA is to purchase at least six boards for the school.

On Wednesday, October 13th, the Council voted to make a donation of \$1,000 towards this hardship need. But to make the effort better reflect the support of the entire community, the Council voted to match any contribution made by a Section 3

household up to \$75 per household for a total cap of \$2500. This means that if anyone living in Section 3 makes a contribution to the Rosemary Hills Primary School PTA for the Promethean Boards between Sept. 1 and December 1, Section 3 will match that contribution up to \$75 per household.

We ask that you consider making a donation to the RHPS PTA in hopes that our Section 3 children, along with all the other children at that school, can take advantage of this amazing technology. If you've already made a donation, Section 3 will match it up to \$75 per household, and if you haven't yet, now is the time, because every little bit counts. We'd like to say that together, we were able to purchase one of those Promethean Boards thanks to your support.

If you have any questions regarding this effort, contact John Dorsey. If you'd like to write a check, make it payable to the Rosemary Hills PTA and on the memo line put Section 3 matching fund and send it to:

Rosemary Hills Primary School
The Rainbow Fund c/o Rosemary Hills PTA
2111 Porter Rd.
Silver Spring, MD 20910-5020

Section 3 will work with the PTA to make sure every penny from Section 3 residents is matched.

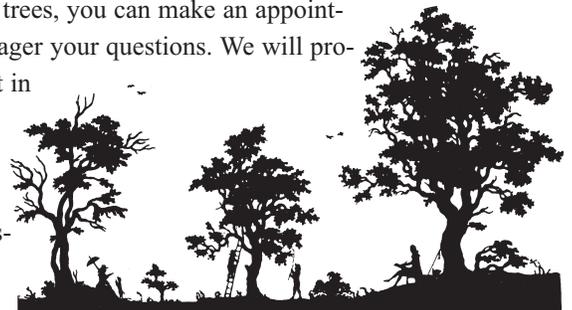
The precedent for this effort came when Chevy Chase Elementary School had its massive renovation a number of years ago and there wasn't enough funding for computers for the school media resource room. At that time, we issued a similar challenge to Section 3 residents and as always, they were extremely generous as we hope you will be this time.

ACTION ITEM: SECTION 3'S ARBORIST FOR A DAY

Do you have questions about a tree that might need fertilizing? Looking sickly? Needing a trim? Needing to be removed? Section 3 has agreed to arrange for you to have a free 15 minute consultation with our town arborist, Paul Wolfe to discuss your specific questions on Tuesday, November 16. If you need work done, Paul will arrange for you to get an estimate of the cost or help you decide on the best course of action.

If you won't be home that day and want answers about a specific tree or trees, you can make an appointment and just mark the trees you want him to look at and tell the Village Manager your questions. We will provide thumb tacks and plastic ribbon to mark trees if you can't be there to meet in person.

So how do you make an appointment? We start at 10:00 a.m. on November 16. To sign up, it's first come first served. Pick your best 15 minute segment and email the Village Manager at villagemanager@chevychase-section3.org. Appointments must be made no later than Monday morning, November 15 to make sure we have a viable schedule for him.



EDELEN DAYCARE CENTER EXPANSION UPDATE

The second hearing on the proposed expansion of the daycare center at 6705 Connecticut Avenue was held on Friday, October 1st. A large number of concerned residents from both Section 3 and the Town of Chevy Chase came to testify as to their concerns regarding the impact the expansion of this facility would have on the neighborhood, particularly as it relates to traffic and public safety.

The hearing lasted from 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. that evening and had to be extended to Monday, October 4, 2010 from 2:00 p.m. to about 5:45 p.m. David Podolsky, Esq., of Stein, Sperling, et al Section 3's Counsel, represented Section 3's position and Anne Marie Vassallo and David Freishtat of Shulman, Rogers, et al, represented the Edelen family, the owners of the home daycare center.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the hearing examiner asked the applicants to draft a statement of operations for the record list-

ing information about hours of operation, staffing, parking and how many open houses, holiday celebrations, etc. they wished to conduct. The hearing examiner gave interested parties an opportunity to submit a proposed statement of conditions to impose on the operation of the daycare center to ameliorate key concerns.

The Council agreed to propose the following conditions, through our attorney, while reserving the right to oppose the petition.

The Town of Chevy Chase submitted very similar objections to the expansion and a statement of conditions. The hearing examiner should have his decision by sometime towards the end of November or early December. Unless the applicants or Section 3 or another interested party chooses to appeal the decision to the Montgomery County Board of Appeals, the decision of the hearing examiner will be binding.

The letter drafted by Section 3's Council is addressed to Mr. Martin Grossman, the hearing examiner.

Dear Mr. Grossman,

I am writing to you on behalf of Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase ("Section 3") in response to your offer to consider conditions of approval which might ameliorate, to some extent, the adverse impacts of the proposed child daycare center. We do not believe that any feasible conditions would reduce the adverse impacts to the point at which the daycare center would be compatible with the neighborhood. For example, the width of the lanes for Connecticut Avenue in front of and in the vicinity of the site, probably are beyond the Edelens' control. Similarly, the absence of dedicated turning lanes or a wide median where parents could wait to make turns without blocking traffic, as well as the unusually narrow residential streets in the vicinity of the site, are conditions that the Edelens cannot change. Accordingly, Section 3 remains opposed to the petition and reserves its right to appeal any Decision granting the special exception.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, we believe that the following conditions could reduce, to some extent, the adverse impacts of the Petitioners' proposal.

1. Limit the number of children to 12 students arriving in two groups.
2. Eliminate the pedestrian gate to provide more space for vehicles entering and exiting the site.
3. To avoid pedestrian/vehicle conflicts, install a separate ADA-compliant pedestrian entrance away from the driveway.
4. Eliminate parking spaces 1, 4, 5 & 7 to enable people to turn around and maneuver in the parking lot.
5. Have an employee outside, during arrival and pick-up times, dedicated to monitoring the parking lot to assure that parents arrive and leave within the time window for their group and that children safely exit and enter the facility.
6. As stated in the application, both Stephen and Patricia Edelen will be the residential full-time staff at the daycare center.
7. Require the creation of a community liaison committee (CLC) which would meet at least quarterly to address neighborhood concerns. This committee would include the Section 3 Village Manager because she receives complaints and comments from all residents, a representative from each of the following: Chevy Chase Village, the Town of Chevy Chase and the Council Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase; neighbors on Connecticut Avenue, neighbors on Raymond St. and neighbors who live on Bradley Lane. The group would be chaired by a representative of the Conflict Resolution Center of Montgomery County.
8. The Edelens must provide the CLC with a list of all parent license numbers, the schedule each parent has for dropping off and picking up, the schedule

of fines and other information reasonably calculated to enable the CLC to determine if parents are violating time restrictions and whether the Edelens are actually imposing and collecting fines.

9. The Edelens must provide the CLC with a log of the hours that each staff person works to enable the CLC to determine whether extra staff is on site, how frequently and for what duration.

10. The facility would be limited to holding two open houses a year, which given the fact that they already testified that they have a waiting list, should be more than sufficient. These open houses should be held on a Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the Edelens should be required to give the Village Managers of both the Town and Section 3 a month's notice so that residents can be informed.

11. One parent's night per year should be sufficient as that is all most regular schools and pre-schools offer. That meeting should be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and the Managers of all three jurisdictions should be given 30 day's notice so that residents can be informed.

12. Outdoor events for enrolled students only, such as Easter and Halloween should be limited to Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and limited to no more than 3 during a single calendar year beginning in January. The Managers of all three jurisdictions should be given 30 day's notice so that residents can be informed.

13. Include a prohibition against parking on Section 3, the Town of Chevy Chase and Chevy Chase Village streets in the contract with parents with attendant penalties for lack of compliance except for open houses and holiday events, for which the municipal governments must be given advance notice.

14. The sign announcing the daycare center will not exceed the dimensions for signs in residential zones as established by Montgomery County Code and the owners will agree not to ask for any variances or waivers for a sign any larger than is currently allowed.

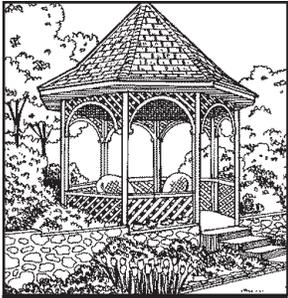
As indicated above, even with the foregoing conditions, there will be non-inherent adverse impacts due to the unusually small size of the lanes and median strip for Connecticut Avenue, the extraordinarily narrow streets in the neighborhood, and the location of the basement door at the back of the building which prevents a direct view of the parking area.

Thank you for your courtesy and consideration of our position. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Very truly yours,
David R. Podolsky



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SPECIAL OUTDOOR TRASH PICK-UP NOVEMBER 20TH

We're trying again this year—we've discovered that lots of Section 3 residents have stuff outside—in the garage, in a shed, behind the garage, under the deck—that given the opportunity, you would get rid of it all. But with the bulk trash restrictions on building materials, firewood, bricks and blocks, a lot of things get left behind. So here's your opportunity—for free! If you've been stuffing things into the garage for years, or piling up firewood you never use, here is your chance! You will need to sign up in advance, and if we get enough folks signing up, we'll bring in our trash contractor and take it all away!

Are there piles of logs that you are NEVER going to use? Has that shed in the back seen better days it needs to be dumped? Have you just chucked things on the side of the house you'd love to get rid of?

Bring the items to the greenway in advance, let us know so we can schedule a route for pickups and we'll help you start a clean slate. If you have questions or are interested in this service, please notify the Village Manager by Wednesday, November 17 either by email (villagemanager@chevychasesection3.org) or (202) 361-3801 (cell).