

SECTION THREE  
VILLAGE OF  
CHEVY CHASE

# NEWS & VIEWS

OCTOBER 2015

## CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7**

**Bulk Trash Pick-up, Curbside**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11**

**Food Truck Night**

**5:30-7:30 p.m.**

**(see story this issue)**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14**

**Council Meeting**

**CCUMC, Room 107, 7:45 p.m.**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31**

**Halloween Parade and Pizza Party**

**Gazebo Park, 4:45 p.m.**

**(see story this issue)**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

**Bulk Trash Curbside Pickup**

## FOOD TRUCK NIGHT OCTOBER 11

It's time once again for our annual Food Truck Night. We've planned it for Sunday, October 11th, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. So bring your friends, family and anyone who wants good food and good company! The park has been re-sodded and the grass is not quite "at home" as yet, but we will open it up for picnickers for Food Truck Night. We will have Go Fish Truck with their delicious fish tacos, the Corned Beef King with their big hearty deli sandwiches, and a new third truck to named soon. And for dessert, our favorite, Carmen's Italian Ices!

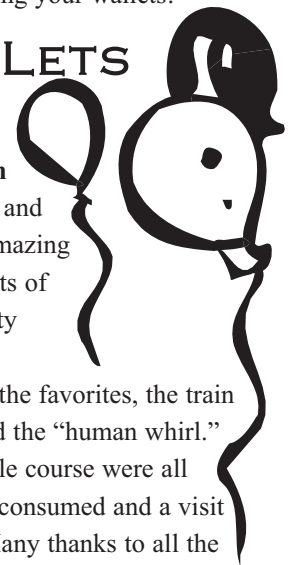
Remember, we need to bring a good crowd to the event, whether you stay or grab your food and head home...if they don't have enough business, they won't come back! So bring your friends and bring your wallets!

## PARTY IN THE PARK LETS US EAT CAKE!

Thirty-five cakes! Cakewalk organizer **Jen Roberti** netted the largest number of cakes ever and fun was had by all. DJ Keith Robinson did an amazing job of organizing every category possible and lots of families walked away with brilliant creative, tasty cakes...

But that wasn't all: we had fantastic rides, the favorites, the train and the "throw up machine" more politely called the "human whirl." The inflated rock climb and slide and the obstacle course were all big hits. Food by Mindy's Catering was rapidly consumed and a visit from the ice cream man topped off the night. Many thanks to all the volunteers organized by **Natasha Saifee** who helped with the rides to keep our children safe, to Big Country Amusements and their crew for taking care of our children on the rides. Special thanks to the set-up crew: **Neil and Elijah Nott, Paul Dioguardi, Salim Saifee, Chris Whatley, John Mimikakis and Juan Altamar**. And special thanks to **Carolyn Greis** for helping with the table set-up. As always, a big thank you to the **Barry** family who generously let us use their front lawn for so many of our events and their front porch for storage of items prior to the event. Thanks too to **Susan and Kate Manning** for their willingness to let us store supplies the week prior to the event.

The fun of this event is seeing all our children and grandchildren having such a wonderful time, meeting old friends and new neighbors and enjoying the special bond that we all feel living in Section 3.



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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 in Room 107 of CCUMC. The meeting began at 8:50 p.m. with all Council members present.

The Council approved the minutes of the July meeting as published in the September newsletter.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

One of our two police patrolmen, Brian Merryman, has resigned from his position to better care for his family and his son Matthew who has been battling brain cancer for more than half of his six-year life. We are most appreciative of the work Brian did in our community and only wish Brian and his wife Tina and their three children the best. Our other patrolman, Chris Jordan has covered both his and Brian's shift for the entire summer while Brian was away and offered to continue to do so, but the Council discussed it and decided that we would rather have two patrolmen in the community. Chris has volunteered to help us find another Montgomery County policeman to serve and several members of the Council will interview candidates.

Car break-ins continue, but apparently those whose cars were broken into all had left them unlocked, a continual problem throughout the County. Happily, residents have taken heed and fewer cars were "tossed" because fewer were left unlocked.

### BUILDINGS & ROADS

**Carolyn Greis**, the Buildings and Roads Representative on the Council, reported that the **DeLaquil** family of Georgia Street was given a permit for the use of a dumpster. The **Margolis** family of Connecticut Avenue was issued a permit for the construction of a two-story rear addition and deck. The **Leleck** family of Shepherd Street was granted a variance for front porch steps which will intrude two feet into the front setback as part of the proposed construction of a new porch across the front of their house.

The Council discussed at length the proposal raised by residents **Brian Afnan** and **Larry Leon** in July to adopt a policy of biodiversity in the selection of street trees by the Village for the greenways. A number of years ago, the Council had researched and adopted the idea of using single stem serviceberry trees throughout the community. Prior to that, we had never had a community policy for street trees. Over time, we have had mixed results with this species, and of late, many if not most have suffered from rust, which has made the berries inedible and caused a number to perish. Just as we recently planted elm trees in residents' yards to balance out the preponderance of maple trees resi-

dents had selected for planting in their front yards near the sidewalks, the Council has embraced a pilot program in support of biodiversity. Armed with suggestions from Brian and Larry, ideas from our own arborist, Paul Wolfe, and insights and information from the County Agricultural Extension agent and from Stadler nurseries, we have adopted a plan this first pilot year to plant 12 street trees from four different species. Using the selection of trees approved by the Council, Mr. Afnan opted to purchase, at his own expense, three of each of two types of trees. For the pilot program, the Council will try to obtain and plant in late fall three each of the following trees: Japanese Lilac or Peking Lilac; single stem crape myrtle (on the non-parking side of the street only); European or American Hornbeam (specific species yet to be determined, possible a native version); and Autumnalis Cherry tree.

The Village Manager and the Buildings and Roads representative have identified potential sites and once the trees have been sourced, residents will be contacted to see if they would like one of the identified trees planted in the greenway in front of their homes.

The purchasing arrangement we have to acquire road salt from the State Highway Administration when snow storms are particularly heavy has been amended by SHA but the pricing is still bringing a significant savings to the three jurisdictions who have joined together in this cost sharing arrangement: Chevy Chase View, North Chevy Chase and Section 3.

The engineering firm that conducted 10 core sample tests on our roads submitted their report. The technical aspects of that report will be reviewed by our new consulting engineering firm for roadways, Chester Engineering. We hope to have some insights and a plan for how to approach our roadway repairs and restoration by November. This will also include defining a direction for handling the collapsed storm drain on Shepherd St.

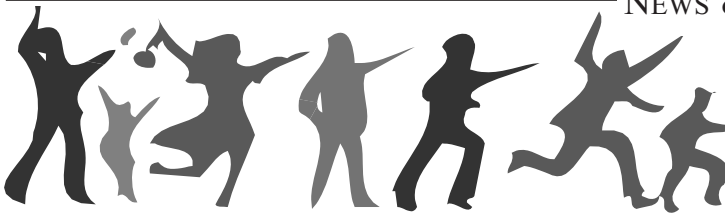
We hope to meet with Pepco soon to re-start our talks regarding new lighting. We are anxiously awaiting the installation of test LED lights that are only 38 watts because the Council's review of higher wattage LED demonstration lights found them to provide too harsh a light.

The Council discussed the wording for a revision to Section 7-312 of our ordinances regarding Dumpsters and Temporary Storage Units (see story this issue).

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The auditor is making progress on the state and federally required annual audit. The Village Manager has submitted all the necessary materials. One of the challenges is how to handle the Wynne decision as it affects both our bottom line and our reporting of income and expenses.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Section 3's own **Dr. Bryan Arling**, a well respected internist with offices downtown, is pleased to announce his son, **Dr. Timothy Arling** is joining his practice and will be offering Saturday hours at their M St. location. His wife, **Laura Panto Arling**, a pediatrician, has joined the Capitol Medical Group at 8401 Connecticut Avenue and the couple are currently living at the Arling residence with their Corgie, Lizzie.

Several other Section 3 parents have been fortunate enough to have their children join them in the family business. They include: **Mike Thiede, Jr.** who has been working with his father Mike in their family business, Bethesda Contracting. **James Heller** is Assistant Publisher in the family firm, CustomNEWS, Inc., a convention communications firm. The firm also publishes a weekly trade newspaper for the meetings and convention industry. James' parents, **Anne and Ross Heller** live on Delaware Street and are the principals in the business.

**Marjan Ehsassi** of Shepherd Street has been a volunteer at A Wider Circle for several years now. She is involved in the development and launch of a new initiative by the nonprofit called "Wraparound Support" which will give needy families in the Barry Farm neighborhood in Southeast DC additional support through A Wider Circle's office there. The program is designed to make a difference one family at a time by providing long-term, multi-dimensional support. Marjan is eager for other Section 3 neighbors to join her in this effort. If you are interested and want to learn more, please contact her at [marjanehsassi@hotmail.com](mailto:marjanehsassi@hotmail.com).

A special welcome to **Brett and Shelley Guiley** and their 16-month-old son who just moved into 7010 Georgia Street from the District. Luckily the family has a good taste of the community by coming to the Party in the Park and meeting many of you.

### VARIANCE REQUEST

The **Weller** family of Bradley Lane requests a variance to temporarily install an ice rink in their rear yard which will extend eight feet into the 20-foot rear setback.

## HALLOWEEN PIZZA PARTY AND PARADE!

Don't miss it! Our annual Halloween Pizza Party and Parade takes place at 4:45 p.m. at the Gazebo Park where we'll be led by **Andrew Leleck** to Phillips Hall for a family pizza before heading out for trick or treat! The parade is open to children in second grade and under, but families with older children are welcome to come along and have pizza before heading out. The more costumes, the better! So plan on joining us! In the event of rain, we'll parade indoors, so it's a rain or shine event.



## PARK GETS A NEW LOOK!

The floor of the Gazebo Park has been deteriorating for some time due to water damage. As it is the focal point for so many of our community events, we have taken steps to keep it in good condition and have replaced the substructure and the flooring in the Gazebo. The Park has also been re-sodded and a drainage plan, recommended by our consulting civil engineer, Bill Bissell, has been adopted and will soon be implemented to move the water around the gazebo and out into the storm drain system. For the time being, the Park is closed while the sod has a chance to take hold.

Our Gazebo Park gets a great deal of use by both people and animals. Wonderful friendships have formed between people who would not have met one another were it not for the park and their pets. However, the condition of the park this past month was marred by huge holes which owners clearly allowed their dogs to make in the lawn. These holes are not only destructive, but they create a serious tripping hazard for folks using the park.

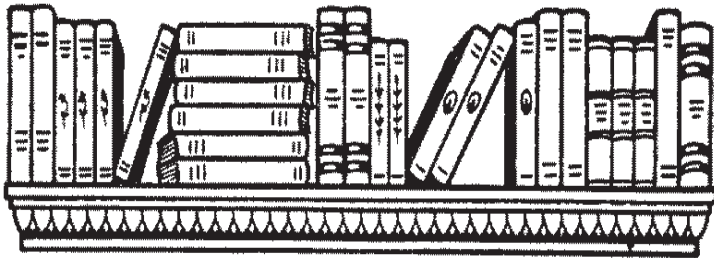
It's hoped that when the park reopens, that dog owners will be circumspect about the behavior of their animals and respect the fact that we are working hard to keep a balance between people and dogs. Re-sodding twice a year is done because of the extensive wear caused by dogs, not people. We ask that owners of dogs think of the Gazebo Park as their own back yard and treat it with care. And we ask dog owners to remind one another of their responsibility and stop destructive behavior by animals for the sake of all of your neighbors who use the park.



## GARDEN EXCHANGE

Fall is a great time to garden. You may find some of your plants welcome being divided.

If you have some plants you'd like to share, contact **Belva Finlay** in Section 3, our Plant Exchange Coordinator. Or if you would like something, let her know and she will put you on the list! It's all free...what better way to recycle than to keep it "in the family," so to speak! Belva's email address is in the directory.



## CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Join the many neighborhood library users to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Chevy Chase Library on October 3. There will be a special musical program for children with Tracy Eldridge, a musician, songwriter and children's performer, at 10:30 a.m.

In the afternoon, library will host a series of special author talks and presentations. Beginning at 1:00 p.m., Sam Allen, a retired librarian, will give a riveting performance of Robert Frost. At 2:00 p.m., Louise Farmer Smith, a local writer and author of *One Hundred Years of Marriage* will talk. At 3:00 pm., Sara Taber, a former Section 3 resident and instructor at the Writer's Center, author of *Born Under an Assumed Name: The Memoir of a Cold War Spy's Daughter* will talk. And at 4:00 p.m., fans of the Washington Post Book Review section will have an opportunity to hear Michael Dirda, Post book columnist, talk about his newly published book of essays titled *Browsings*.

Join all your neighbors in marking this special event. One of the guests planning on being there is our own **Molly Borders** of Raymond Street, who recently retired after almost 33 years in the Montgomery County Public Library System, most of them at Chevy Chase Library. Congrats to Molly for many years of service to our community.

## COUNCIL ACTIONS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

### COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

The Party in the Park is organized. We are still working on volunteers, but all the vendors are lined up and ready to go.

The Council discussed objections to the noise of the Movie and Ice Cream night on August 13 made by **Mary Lou Steptoe** and **Peter Carson**. It was agreed that the Village Manager would respond.

The date for the Fall Food Truck night was selected: Sunday, October 11. To keep things fresh, we will continue to rotate one of the four trucks and keep the Go Fish truck, the Corned Beef King, and Carmen's Italian Ices.

### OTHER

The state is requiring that we have a stated, simple Freedom of Information Act policy. The Village Manager will use templates provided by the state and other jurisdictions, draft something for the Council's approval and because it is not an ordinance, they will review it and then it will be posted on line.

The Council agreed that the Village should help contribute to the maintenance of the CCUMC playgrounds as so many of our children play there year round. The Council agreed to pay their supplier of specially engineered playground mulch and play sand directly the sum of \$3,000.

The Council agreed to select our attorney Ron Bolt as our attorney of record and passed a resolution to that effect.

The Village Manager proposed trying to find a farmer who could bring fresh organic vegetables to the community on a subscriber basis next spring. The Council agreed that the best solution would be someone who could be guaranteed a set amount of business and that subscribers would pay a flat fee up front and then draw on that tab. The concern is whether we have sufficient business just from our own community to draw a farmer without drawing traffic from outside the community. She is currently researching possible resources.

The Council adjourned around 9:30 p.m.

### THINKING OF BUILDING AN ADDITION? A FENCE, A PATIO?

You probably need a permit...before you get too far into your planning, consider talking to the Council's representative for Buildings and Roads so that you're on the right path. Boundary surveys are required for most efforts, drainage plans are often required, and finally, if you're building something, check first to find out if you have to get a permit and/or need a variance to do what you want to do!

## USE OF DUMPSTERS AND TEMPORARY STORAGE UNITS CLARIFIED

At the July meeting of the Council, Carolyn Greis raised the question of the wording of Section 7-312 to clarify the Village's requirements.

The first paragraph only requires a modest re-write.

The paragraph in question currently reads as follows:

No person shall place a dumpster or other large receptacle for rubbish or solid waste on any street or sidewalk without the prior consent of the Buildings and Roads Council person. All temporary storage units (known as PODS) shall be placed only on residential property with no portion protruding into public space. All such units or receptacles must be removed no later than thirty (30) days after their original placement. In extreme circumstances, the Buildings and Roads Council person may grant a limited extension of that time. The Council may require that a person seeking to place a dumpster or large receptacle on a street or sidewalk post a bond or other security with the Council in a form and amount approved by the Council to secure the Village as well as other property owners for any costs incurred or damages caused by the placement, use, or removal of the dumpster. Any person placing a dumpster on private property, along with the owner of the property, shall be responsible for compliance with the provisions of this Code concerning collection and disposal of refuse, maintenance of containers, and disposal devices, and protection of the public health and safety.

The proposed replacement paragraph reads as follows, the changes are all underlined:

All dumpsters, or other large receptacle for rubbish or solid waste, and temporary storage units shall be placed only on private property with no portion protruding into public space upon obtaining a building permit for their use. No person shall place a dumpster, or other large receptacle for rubbish or solid waste, or any temporary storage unit on any street or sidewalk without the prior consent of the Buildings and Roads Council person. All such units or receptacles must be removed no later than thirty (30) days after their original placement. In extreme circumstances, the Buildings and Roads Council person may grant a limited extension of that time. The Council may require that a person seeking to place a dumpster, large receptacle or temporary storage unit on a street or sidewalk post a bond or other security with the Council in a form and amount approved by the Council to secure the Village as well as other property owners for any costs incurred or damages caused by its placement, use, or removal [of the dumpster]. Any person placing such units or receptacles on private property, along with

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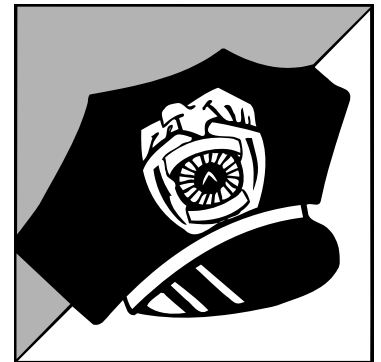
If you have any questions regarding this change, please don't hesitate to contact Carolyn Greis or the Village Manager. The Council will vote on the proposed change at the October meeting.

## EARLY VOTING LOCATION CHANGED

Montgomery County's Election boards has recommended shifting the early voting polls from the Lawton Center in Chevy Chase to the Potomac Community Recreation Center. This action was taken despite letters of objection sent in by Section 3 and several other Chevy Chase communities. For area residents, this means the closest voting location for those who select early voting will be the Silver Spring Civic Center. The State Board of Elections will vote on this at the end of October. If you wish to object to this change and used the early polling location, write to [info.sbe@maryland.gov](mailto:info.sbe@maryland.gov) with your objections before October 22.

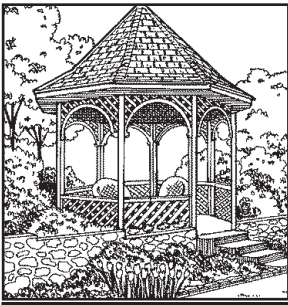
## IF YOU SEE SOMETHING... SAY SOMETHING!

REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS PERSONS TO THE NON-EMERGENCY POLICE NUMBER: (301) 279-8000. THERE ARE LOTS OF LANDSCAPE CONTRACTORS, RENOVATION CONTRACTORS, PAINTERS, REPAIR PEOPLE....VERY EASY FOR SOMEONE TO BLEND IN. SO PLEASE, KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN AND REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY.





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LET THE VILLAGE MANAGER KNOW IF YOU WANT 25 LEAF BAGS THIS FALL. WE NO LONGER REGULARLY DELIVER THEM TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD AS MANY HAVE SERVICES WHO TAKE CARE OF THEIR LEAVES, SO PLEASE LET HER KNOW BY OCTOBER 16TH IF YOU WANT BAGS!