

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

SEPTEMBER 2013

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
Bulk Trash Pickup, Curbside

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
Council Meeting. Room 107, CCUMC 7:45 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
Party-in-the-Park, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Gazebo Park
Rain date: September 29, same time, same place

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2
Bulk Trash Pickup, Curbside

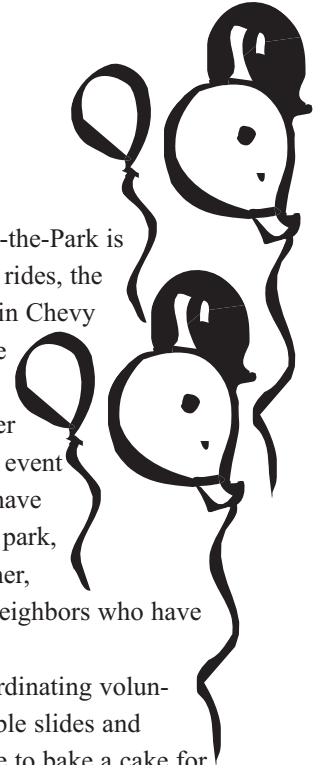
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9
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PARTY IN THE PARK READY TO ROLL SEPTEMBER 22ND

Mark your calendars, this year's big Party-in-the-Park is slated for September 22nd with lots of good food, rides, the fabulous cake walk with cakes by the best bakers in Chevy Chase, and back for a repeat engagement, the Face Paint Lady!

What began many years ago as a co-op dinner on blankets in our little park has grown to the one event that almost everyone attends during the year. We have music, great food, rides, games with the DJ in the park, and a great opportunity for neighbors to get together, catch up after a long hot summer, and meet new neighbors who have moved in since the last Party-in-the Park.

Natasha Saifee and **Melissa Brown** are coordinating volunteers to keep our children safe on the large inflatable slides and obstacle courses, **Jen Roberti** will corral everyone to bake a cake for the cake walk and **Mindy's Catering** and the ice cream man will all be there to make it a wonderful, memorable day for everyone. The event takes place in and around the Gazebo Park from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with a rain date of the following Sunday, same time, same place.



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PEPCO REPAIRS TO SECTION 3'S MAIN FEEDER LINE TO BE COMPLETED SOON

Pepco has been working to complete repairs to the feeder line which serves about 60 percent of our community. We have been fortunate to not have had many outages this year thanks to diligent tree trimming and work by Pepco to upgrade our lines, which has included putting in some new poles and stringing new lines.

Pepco informs us that this work should be completed by the end of September. There are still a few defective telephone poles and some more minor issues that we hope to take up with Pepco based on our consulting engineers's findings, but the bulk of the work they suggested has been done. Once we are certain all the work is complete, we will once again take up the issue of getting new lighting in Section 3.

**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 July 9th at Chevy Chase United Methodist Church in the Wesley Room. The meeting began at 8:00 p.m. All Council members attended.

The Council approved the June minutes as they appeared in the July newsletter.

PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

Police patrols continue to catch drivers failing to stop at the intersection of Taylor Street and Brookville Road.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

Chapel Valley won the bid for the next three years to maintain our Gazebo Park and to maintain the gardens at the ends of the no outlet streets and the corner of Bradley Lane and Connecticut Avenue.

The **Quigley** family moved into the **Grandy/Jones** home. The Village Manager will ensure they have a copy of the park bench easement document as soon as it is returned from having been recorded.

The Village Manager announced that the same night as the Council met was the night that the County Council was slated to approve the Chevy Chase Lake Sector Plan (see story this issue).

The Village Manager highlighted some of the key issues of concern regarding the zoning rewrite (see story this issue) and it was agreed that she would write a letter to the members of the County Council's Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee expressing some of those concerns again. For example, the ordinance reducing the side setbacks for livestock shelters can be changed by any municipality and the Council agreed to consider this option if the new zoning ordinance passes because the noise and other health concerns would be exacerbated by the small size of our lots. Current zoning allows chickens and other livestock to be kept, but mandates that they must be 100 feet from neighboring residences. The new proposed ordinance allows them to be as close as five feet from the property line.

The Village Manager expressed concern over the unsightly state of the median strip as the State Highway Administration (SHA) awaits re-paving Connecticut Avenue. She has asked the SHA for a date certain when the road will be milled and paved and the Council is considering covering the median strip in front of Section 3 homes with landscape fabric to keep down the weeds and mulch. The Council agreed that would look better, but only if

we are not slated to get the median re-done until sometime next spring or summer because of the costs involved.

A test model of our new street signs is almost ready. Dealing with this particular vendor has been very frustrating, but they are the only supplier in the Country we have been able to identify who carries this particular style. As soon as the signs are in place, the Village Manager will send out a notice to the community.

The Council decided to replace the recently removed Cleveland pear tree in Gazebo Park with another crape myrtle like the one planted at the corner of Shepherd and Fulton Streets to give some symmetry to the park plantings. The Village Manager also discussed adding some bushes and other landscape material to the park as the loaned azaleas will soon be re-planted at the Harmon home. We also lost some oak leaf hydrangeas this year.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Village Manager is going to attend the County Council work session on the tax duplication report done by the Office of Legislative Oversight. It appears that the County is looking for a final solution that will minimally obligate the County to reimburse municipalities for services they provide that the County would otherwise have to provide. There will be additional hearings in September on this subject and all the municipalities are eager to negotiate a better, more reliable relationship regarding the disbursement of these funds.

The Council discussed the gift they hope to give to the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church as a way of thanking them for the free use of their facilities for Section 3 events. We await a list of options to be provided by the Church once the new pastor gets settled in.

The Village Manager has started the annual audit process and is preparing files and information for our auditor, Dennis Alexander, CPA.

The Village continues to look for the highest available interest rates to invest our funds, but rates remain extremely low.

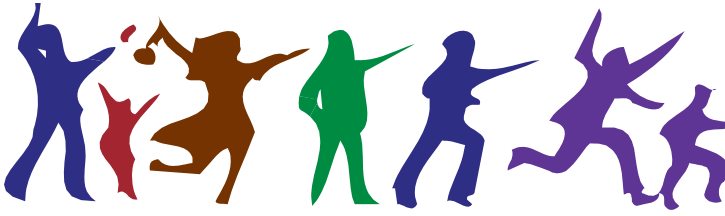
COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

The Village Manager mentioned all the new neighbors who have moved into Section 3 (see story this issue), the Quigleys, the LeBoo family, the Wellers, the Grosfelds, and the Hunseder/Shuberts (see Neighborhood News).

Longtime resident **Esther Huriaux** will turn 90 at the end of the month.

The Welcome New Neighbors BBQ is all set for July 11th.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

A special welcome to **John and Laura Carroll** who have purchased the house at 7104 Florida Street. The couple and their five-month-old baby **Margaret** and English Springer Spaniel Penelope moved in at the end of August from Capitol Hill. They'll have a chance to meet everyone at the Party-in-the-Park on the 22nd.

Welcome too to **Rebecca and Tim Quigley** and their four children Nora (11) Ted (9), Peter (7), Declan (5) who have moved to 3809 Raymond Street from Texas. Nora is going to Stone Ridge and the boys will be at Blessed Sacrament. Happily they were here in time for the Welcome New Neighbors Barbeque, so they had an opportunity to meet some of the neighbors already.

A warm welcome to **Elizabeth LeBoo** and her husband **Steve** and eight-year-old son **Mason**. The family has been teaching overseas and will resume their teaching careers in the area this fall. They have moved into the house at 7101 Georgia Street. We're delighted they've joined our community.

After many months of renovation, **Michael Hunseder and Leslie Shubert** and their boys **Benjamin**, who is three and **Luke** who is two, have finally moved into 3704 Raymond Street and we are delighted to have them here. Happily they've had a chance to meet the neighbors and get used to the neighborhood while they were renovating their home.

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of our neighbor **Stephen Ettinger** of Taylor Street. Steve fought a long and difficult four-year battle with pancreatic cancer. He was a world traveler, a ... and an avid cyclist and canoeist. Steve's book, *Capital Canoeing and Kayaking: A complete guide to white-water streams within about two hours of Washington, D.C.*, was recently published and is available on Amazon.com. Steve worked at the World Bank on development projects in China, Brazil, Indonesia, the Philippines, and many other countries. He founded Canoe Cruisers Association's Thursday Paddlers and regularly cycled with the Wednesday Irregulars. He leaves his sons Jonathan and Kenneth and his wife **Ronie**. In lieu of flowers, donations in his name can be sent to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (Pancan.org) or Caring Bridge (caringbridge.org).

Special birthday wishes to **Esther Huriaux** of Florida Street on her 90th birthday which she celebrated at the end of August. A long time resident of Section 3, Mrs. Huriaux has been recovering from a fall and hopes to be back in her house soon.

CHEVY CHASE LAKE SECTOR PLAN APPROVED

The final approvals came for the Chevy Chase Lake Sector Plan on July 9th at the County Council.

The good news is that the Council agreed to phase the development such that a limited amount of building will take place prior to the construction of the Purple Line and the balance will take place once construction has begun on the Purple Line.

The bad news is that the Council recognizes that the plan is "out of balance," that is the traffic that will be generated by all this development is not adequately addressed in the plan. To address this, the Council decided that before any development would take place, that developers would have to come up with road improvements THEY would pay for...but how has yet to be resolved. And State Highway officials haven't yet reviewed any of the plans for those improvements to see if they make any sense.

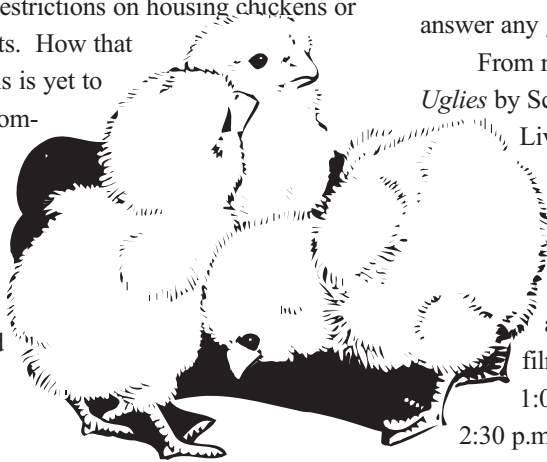
What happens next? Well, the area from the gas station on the east side of Connecticut Avenue, the T.W. Perry's site, and a bit more than that will be developed by the Chevy Chase Land Company into a 790,000 square foot building with a proposed supermarket below ground in that building. It's unclear if that supermarket will be the Chevy Chase Supermarket or another business. The Land Company is still in discussions with the owners of the Supermarket, leased from the Land Company. As you know, rush hour now begins around 3:00-3:30p.m. on Connecticut Avenue, but in fairness, it's difficult to tell if the improvements being made just north of Chevy Chase Lake for the BRAC realignment at NIH and Naval Medical haven't contributed to that back-up. Those repairs are now almost complete and when that happens, and Pepco finishes stringing lines on Connecticut Avenue for their reliability improvements, we may have a respite from so many traffic jams until construction begins by the Land Company on their site.

RIDE A BIKE TO WORK—OR ALMOST

Why wait for the Ride-on, when you can ride your bike to the Metro? Metro has a free online bike registration, so consider it! Sign up at www.wmata.com/registerbike. Provide your bike's make, model, serial number, color and frame size, tuck a business card or some sort of owner-label hidden in the bike frame with your name and number and keep a copy of the bike's serial number in your wallet. Then get a good lock, hitch it to an authorized rack, and go to work! If the bike should be stolen, Metro will have your info on file and make identification easier on recovery.

ZONING REWRITE

The Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) committee of the County Council has been reviewing proposed changes to the zoning code this summer. They will again discuss those changes in meetings on September 13, 20 and 27th before making recommendations to the full County Council which will hold work sessions and then vote on those changes. Section 3 has been actively following these developments and weighing in on aspects of the proposals that seem to be detrimental to our single family neighborhood. We will keep you informed as these issues develop but the most concerning issues revolve around the category of "general building" which would allow anyone to convert a residence to a commercial use as long as they respected some more stringent setback and screening requirements. There are also some issues yet to be resolved about the ability of four neighboring homeowners converting their little corner of the world into a different "zone" for commercial purposes, called a "floating zone," which would not have to adhere to any master plan. The Planning Board staff is making some changes to the "floating zone" concept but we have yet to see what that means and how it might take shape. The "general building" category for small doctor's offices, clinics, travel agencies, etc., is already troubling. The other troubling ordinance rewrite involves loosening the restrictions on housing chickens or other livestock on residential lots. How that will play out in the final analysis is yet to be determined, but the PHED committee has agreed that such sheds can be as close as five feet from the property line, though happily they decided that fencing for chickens and other livestock would be a good idea.



NEW SMOKE ALARM LAW

It's been proven that smoke alarms save lives, but smoke alarms whose batteries have died are still a problem. So now Maryland has adopted a new law as of July 1st to require homeowners to replace battery-only smoke alarms with units powered by sealed in, long life (10 years) batteries with a hush-button feature that silences the alarm if activated by a non-emergency condition (like burning toast for example...great way to start the day!)

CHEVY CHASE AT HOME

On September 17th, CC@Home will sponsor a talk on Elder Financial Abuse: Attempts to Separate You from Your Money by attorney Barbara Mulitz at Chevy Chase Village Hall from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Ms. Mulitz is a Commissioner on the Montgomery County Commission on Aging.

Our own Chevy Chase United Methodist Church is home to the popular gentle Pilates classes on Wednesday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and on Friday afternoons from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. The fee for a four week session of each class is payable in advance at the first class of the session. (\$40 for members and parishioners and \$48 for other participants.) Contact CC@Home for the start date.

CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY SPONSORS FUN DAY SEPTEMBER 21ST

The Chevy Chase Library is sponsoring a Family Fun Day on Saturday, September 21st. Starting at 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., there will be face painting and wind tubes with the futuremakers. Also at 10:30 to 2:30 p.m. there will be arts and crafts in the Children's room and from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the Master Gardeners will answer any gardening questions and help children plant seeds.

From noon to 1:00 p.m, the Teen Book Club will look at *The Uglies* by Scott Westerfeld and from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Dr. Tim Livengood, a planetary scientist and storyteller, will talk about the "Invasion of the Robots from Earth" and kids will help him make a robot.

The library has a robust program for every age group. Pre-School storytimes are Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. on September 3, 10, 17 and 24th. For adults, the film *Z* will be shown on Saturday, September 7th from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. and on Wednesday, September 11th, at 2:30 p.m., the Non-Fiction Book Group will discuss the book by Joseph Ellis, *Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation*.

And on September 20th at 12:30 p.m., they will discuss an article on "Capitalism and Inequality—What the Right and the Left Get Wrong", an article in the spring issue of *Foreign Affairs*.

Finally, on September 25th at 2:30 p.m, the Fiction Book Group will talk about Russell Baker's *Growing Up*.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY ON BRADLEY LANE



August 16th was a busy Friday morning on Bradley Lane. Commuters were suddenly stopped from traveling west on the street while police apprehended a burglar inside the home at 3821 Bradley Lane. The homeowners weren't in at the time, but their painting crew was

when someone unknown to them entered the house and started exploring the first and second floors. His brazen entry assumed that the contractors on site would assume he was a contractor plying another trade. But the painters were suspicious and called police who apprehended the would-be burglar red-handed. Thanks to the quick thinking by the painting crew, this attempted theft never got off the ground.

Clearly this was a crime of opportunity and, thankfully, the crew onsite knew who was supposed to be in the house, but it is a lesson in keeping your doors locked and making sure, if you are having work done, that anyone working for you is aware of who is authorized to be at the house besides the family.

AGGRESSIVE SOLICITORS

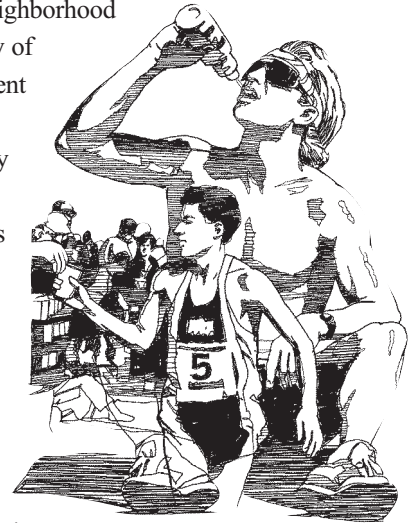
Fall is the season for a new wave of solicitors: from guys in pick-up trucks to sell a load of firewood at dusk; to people who claim to have sold your neighbor a pile of Omaha steaks and have just a few left; to various pollsters and nonprofit fundraisers. Here are the rules: In Montgomery County, if you are soliciting sales, you must wear a permit with a photo ID from the County. "My boss has the permit" is a lie. They need a permit with a color photo of themselves, their home address, indication if they are a minor or a supervisor and any restrictions. Generally speaking, they are not permitted to work after dark. People who are promoting their religion are exempt from these rules.

ELLEN'S RUN SLATED FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

Get in shape for the neighborhood 5K Run/3K Walk in memory of Chevy Chase Section 5 resident Ellen Vala Schneider. The annual event begins at Candy Cane City in Rock Creek Park. Participants can race as individuals or in self-formed teams. Proceeds benefit B-CC High School Community Scholarship Fund and the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County, two groups that

Ellen supported. The race begins at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 29 followed by a celebratory brunch. Prior to September 17, the cost is \$25 adults, \$15 students, \$10 children 3-12. After that date, the costs go up to \$35 for adults and the other prices stay the same. If you register on September 28 or 29, the cost will be \$40 for adults, \$20 for students, and \$10 for children. Children in strollers and dogs on leashes are welcome to participate in the walk.

Sign up at www.EllensRunOnline.org. for more info, contact our own Carole Brand at csbrand@verizon.net or (301) 657-2547.



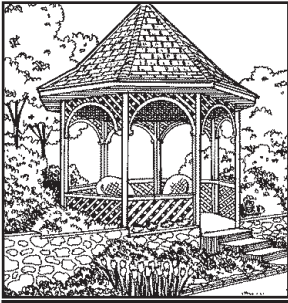
TAKE A LOOK AT OUR NEW STREET SIGN!

It's at the intersection of Florida and Spring Streets and integrates a stop sign with street signs. We're hoping to order more for the whole community and hope to integrate street signs and stop signs whenever possible to cut down on poles at intersections and to make our community more attractive. The block numbers will only be used on streets where there is some confusion, as is often the case with the two Florida Streets on either side of the Gazebo Park, and Spring Street which appears to briefly become part of Fulton Street... Hard for newcomers, hard for delivery men, hard for guests.

We hope this new signage will make it easier for folks to get around in our community. We will be consulting with signage experts on the best locations for these integrated signs and where we cannot integrate street sign and stop signs, we'll use the same poles, the same supporting brackets and signage.




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SCHOOL HAS STARTED

PLEASE DRIVE WITH CARE AND PAY ATTENTION TO THE MANY STUDENTS WALKING TO CHEVY CHASE ELEMENTARY AND TO THE SCHOOL BUS STOPS.

The illustration shows a school bus from a front-three-quarter view. To the left of the bus, four children are depicted: two girls standing together, and two boys in the foreground, one of whom is waving. The scene is set against a dark background, suggesting a school drop-off or pick-up area.