



SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

SEPTEMBER 2015

CALENDAR

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

First Day of Montgomery County Public School

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Bulk Trash Pick-up, Curbside

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Party in the Park

Raindate September 27

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

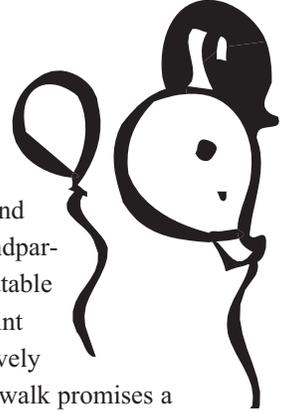
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CCUMC Wesley Room, 7:45 p.m.

PARTY IN THE PARK SEPTEMBER 20

The biggest party of the year in Section 3, our annual Party in the Park, is slated for Sunday, September 20 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Children and grandchildren of Section 3 and their parents and grandparents delight in the train ride, the carousel, the big inflatable slides and obstacle courses and, of course, the face paint lady! Keith Robinson, our DJ, will help keep things lively and, with the help of organizer **Jen Roberti**, the cake walk promises a delightful assortment of special goodies. We are working with our caterer Mindy's Catering on a delicious menu and the ice cream man, Copperfield Davies, promises to be there for everyone.



For those new to the neighborhood, this gathering began years ago as a modest co-op dinner in which neighbors would bring blankets and spread out on the lawn in the park. We might have had a politician visit or a guitar player come, but nothing quite as elaborate and exciting as it has become.

We devote half of Florida Street to a dinner area with lots of tables for everyone to sit and enjoy dining with their neighbors, old and new. The area in and around the park is filled with rides for children. The **Barrys** devote a good part of their front yard to the "adult beverage" section of the event and to children playing. Volunteers on the two large rides and the magical train make certain children are safe and all goes well. It's a full afternoon and evening with something for everyone old and young. We hope we'll see you there!

Jen Roberti is busy taking pledges to bring cakes for the cake walk and **Natasha Saifee** and **Melissa Brown** are busy getting volunteers to donate 30 minutes of their time to make certain children are safe on the larger rides. Please contact them and offer a cake and your time! Looking forward to seeing you there.

PEPCO DOUBLE POLES GONE!

Thanks to quick work by Verizon and help from Pepco, the double poles which sat along parts of Delaware and Shepherd Streets have now been removed. In prior years, this process could have taken as long as three years to achieve. Happily we have good working relationships with both utilities and they were able to tackle the job with dispatch. The upgrades needed in terms of electricity in Section 3 are now complete. The Council hopes to turn to the options for better lighting in our community. We have not had the power failures we experienced in prior years thanks, in part, to the upgrades done by Pepco.

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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, July 8 in the Wesley Room of CCUMC. Both **Carolyn Greis** and **Natasha Saifee** were unable to attend the meeting. The meeting began at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes of the June meeting as published in the newsletter were approved.

POLICE SAFETY ISSUES

The Council discussed the nine or 10 break-ins of unlocked cars in the neighborhood. All those affected were asked to file online complaints so that the police can track the criminal activity. The County has assigned police bike patrols to investigate the perpetrators as they can arrive in an area quietly and unnoticed.

The Village Manager continues to try and ascertain from the police if anyone has visited the individual responsible for the hate flyers distributed in May. She will report back to the Council and those affected as soon as she gets word.

Magazine/Book purchase scam solicitors are in the neighborhood again without benefit of the proper vendors licenses.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

Carolyn Greis submitted to the Council news of two building permits: **Jane Hartquist** received a fence permit for 3801 Raymond Street and **Anthony and Tracy Franze** were issued a fence permit for 6812 Georgia Street.

Bryan Whittington has requested an extension of his fence permit #0857 granted May 19, 2014. The Council voted to grant him a six-month extension.

Ms. Greis proposes revising ordinance Section 7-312 "Dumpsters and Temporary Storage Units" to make the ordinance more user friendly and clarify similar treatment and requirements for placement, timeframe of use and resident responsibility for damages. She will present proposed language at the next Council meeting in September.

The Council discussed the research of street trees and agreed that having at least three sources provide suggestions—Section residents **Larry Leon** and **Brian Afnan**; nursery owner **Lisa Stadler**, with years of experience with trees in this area, and our arborist **Paul Wolfe**. By having three lists to review in September, the Council will be better able to determine which, if any, trees should be added to the biodiversity of our community.

The problem of rust was also discussed; the window for applying fungicide has past. If we decide to treat all the trees next year, we would have to apply fungicide three times 10 days apart

for every community tree plagued with rust, which will be costly.

We have received a proposal from **Chester Engineering** to evaluate our streets once core samples have been taken. Unfortunately, the last firm with whom we met declined to perform the core sample work so we are still searching for a firm to conduct the study. The Council chair and the head of Buildings and Roads will evaluate **Chester Engineering's** proposal and, if they approve, will sign the firm on board once a core sample firm is in place.

The Village Manager reported that the County is silent on their plan to address our collapsed storm drain. It's clear that the potential repair is more costly than the County's regular maintenance budget would allow and that they are trying to figure out a way to do test pits, or find some way to identify the location of the break before proceeding. In the meantime, the Village Manager continues to press them to quickly resolve this problem before we have a wash-out of more of our street's underpinnings. If we don't get action soon, we will go to our Council member **Roger Berliner** to see if he can get the County moving on this issue.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Village Manger presented two budget reports...one through June 30 and the next with the new budget from July 1. The Council approved the use of **Dennis Alexander** to perform this year's audit. The Council then discussed the fallout from the Supreme Court's **Wynne** decision. The State Comptroller's office has indicated that they will deduct the cost of the claims made by our residents over a period of nine quarters from our income tax revenues and they will also deduct the change in revenues going forward as a result of the Supreme Court decision (see June News & Views). We still have no assurance that the Comptroller's office will be able to give us even the addresses of those who have filed claims so we can verify that indeed those individuals were Section 3 residents.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

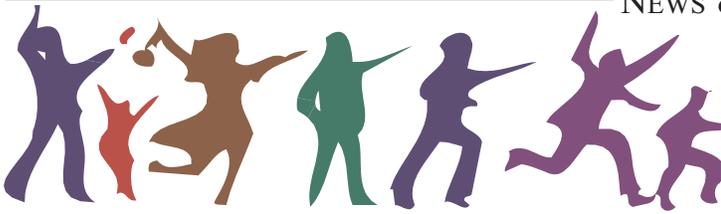
Welcome New Neighbors' party is Thursday, July 16. Council members will as usual help with adult beverages in shifts. Everything else is in place.

Pizza and a movie has morphed into Ice Cream and a Movie for August 13. The pizza vendors want too much money to bring a truck and because we can't show the movie until 8:30 p.m., most families will have already had dinner so dessert is a better bet.

Party in the Park slated for Sunday, September 20 with a rain date of the 27th.

OTHER

No word as yet on the status of the pesticide legislation. The County Executive hopes to resurrect the Independent Transit Authority again and has taken steps to try and do so through a series of town meetings. He is also looking to outsource the economic development offices.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

It is with sadness that we report the passing of long-time resident **Esther Huriaux**. She passed away June 23 at the Mercy Hospital Hospice in Iowa City, Iowa at age 91. She recently moved to Iowa City to be with her daughter Sharyn Reitz and her husband John. Esther moved to Chevy Chase to the corner of Taylor and Florida Street in 1951 and lived there with her husband Adolphe and four children. A former real estate broker and realtor, she was the first woman certified appraiser in the D.C. area. She leaves behind four children and five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Congrats to **John and Laura Carroll** of Florida Street. Daughter **Margaret** is now a big sister! **Frances Elizabeth Carroll** was born Tuesday, July 7. We hope we'll get to meet her at the Party in the Park September 20.

Welcome to **Brad and Sondra Hoffman** who have moved into 7005 Georgia Street. Brad grew up in Chevy Chase Village and attended Chevy Chase Elementary School so he's quite familiar with the neighborhood. We're thrilled to have them here and happy they could come to our Welcome New Neighbors party prior to moving in.

Welcome to **Michael and Christine Hauswirth** who have moved to Section 3 from the Town of Chevy Chase. Both their children, Max (age 5) and Matthias (age 3) attend Chevy Chase United Methodist Church pre-school and know a lot of folks in the neighborhood. We're happy to have them here. They moved into 3703 Taylor Street.

Welcome to **Johann and Liz Becker** who will be moving into 3610 Shepherd Street soon. The family is moving with their teenaged child from Somerset so they are familiar with the area.

THIEVES RAID SIX SECTION 3 MAIL SLOTS

Six Section 3 residents had their incoming or outgoing mail taken and opened. Both the police and the postal service have been notified. Please consider NOT leaving mail in your mail slot for pick-up as it's ripe for theft. Those who rely on external boxes might want to consider getting a mail slot installed as that is a much safer means of securing your incoming mail.

COUNTY PUSHES TO LICENSE ALL DOGS & CATS



In an effort to be certain that all dogs and cats in the county have proper rabies protection, the County is launching a campaign to require licensing of all animals. With a tag on a pet's collar, you can be reunited with your lost pet quickly (all micro chips are not the same and it takes someone with the proper chip reader to ascertain ownership) and also be certain that your pet is vaccinated. The requirement that pets be license applies even if your pet never leaves your home. The good news is that you can now do it on line by scanning or photographing your vaccination certification and sending it to the County with your fee for a license which you can charge. The fee schedule is as follows:

- ◆ Dog or cat under 1 year of age: Free
- ◆ Altered dog or cat over 1 year: \$12/1 year, \$24 /2 year, \$32/3 year
- ◆ Unaltered dog or can over 1 year: \$25/ 1 year, \$50/2 year, \$75/ 3 year
- ◆ Replacement license tag: 50 cents

The fine for not complying getting a pet licensed is \$100 and the fine for not having an animal vaccinated is \$500. The fee to the County goes to help support of the County's Animal Services and Adoption center. You can go to their offices to apply for a license or go online to : www.montgomerycountymd.gov/animalservices/asd/licensing.html.

CORE SAMPLES OF SECTION 3 STREETS TAKEN

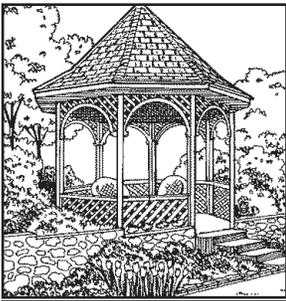
Geotech Engineers, a Beltsville, Maryland firm, took 10 core samples of our streets—both ones we had milled and paved in recent years (Florida Street between Spring and Raymond Streets) and Raymond Street) as well as ones we are considering improving this coming year: Georgia Street between Bradley and Raymond Streets, Delaware Street between Shepherd and the boundary of our community and all of Spring Street. The four-foot deep, six-inch in diameter samples have been analyzed and a report will be presented to the Council at the next meeting.

VARIANCE REQUEST

The **Leleck** family of 3602 Shepherd Street is planning on putting a new front porch on their home within the 30 foot setback. They are requesting a variance to allow the steps leading to the new porch to intrude two feet into the front setback.



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NEW BUS STOPS FOR ROSEMARY HILLS STUDENTS

Much to the chagrin of many Section 3 parents, the County's school bus supervisors have decided to move both bus stops for Rosemary Hills students to Brookville Road and Taylor Street and Brookville Road and Raymond Street. For those of you who commute along this route, we ask that you be particularly conscious of the kindergarten through third graders who will be waiting at these stops and go slow on Brookville Road. We've made special plans for the opening days of school to help remind children of the need for safety at these corners.

The route has been designed so that none of our children will ever have to cross the street at Brookville Road, but nonetheless, our old stops were on significantly lower volume traffic routes. Unfortunately, the narrow nature of our streets discouraged the transportation folks from wanting to continue driving through our neighborhood.