

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

APRIL 2008

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2
Bulk trash pickup—curbside

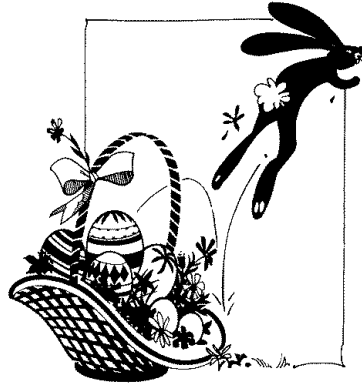
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9TH
Council Meeting
CCUMC Room 109 7:45 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 4
Annual House Tour
(see story this issue)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7
Bulk Trash pickup—curbside

TUESDAY, MAY 13TH
Annual Meeting
Elections
Voting 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
meeting 8 p.m.

EASTER EGG HUNT AND LUNCHEON A SWIFT SUCCESS



In less than a half hour, over 600 easter eggs were swept into baskets by eager Section 3 residents, all under the age of 8. The well-attended event began with MC **Colin Beebe** counting down for the first run at the eggs by children under the age of 4. Within five minutes, most children had (some with help) their eight eggs and the gates were opened to the older children. The park went from a sea of pastel "eggs" filled with candy and toys to a grassy area

filled with children and their parents. Once the eggs had been found, the Easter Bunny made an appearance to the delight of all involved and luncheon was served—tea sandwiches of peanut butter and jelly as well as roast beef and croissants highlighted the menu as everyone sat under a tent planted on Fulton Street at the edge of the park.

Special thanks to **Ev Gerson** for helping to organize and set up the event and **Donna Harmon** for getting the volunteers to assist with the set up and clean up. **Leah Baer-Adler** and **Elijah Adler** helped with the egg hiding, as did **Olivia and Dave Ohrenstein, Bill and Ellen McKenney, Zach Harmon, Jon Newhard** helped with the set up and clean up.

Thanks too to **Ric and Rebecca Barry** for being so generous in letting us use their front porch and front yard!

As always, Michael of Mindy's Catering did a great job in serving up luncheon to everyone. Food and eggs were quickly consumed and the entire event was over in an hour!

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As of February 1, the Montgomery County Police initiated a new crime data service so that you can find out what's happening crime-wise in the area. You can get free e-mail alerts for crimes close to your home, or if you just want to check in occasionally, go to www.CrimeReports.com and just put in your address, or Chevy Chase, MD and you'll find out what's been happening in the area.

**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, March 12, 2008 at room 109, CCUMC. The meeting began at 7: 50 p.m. All Council members with the exception of Paul Kiernan were present.

The minutes of the February meeting as published in the newsletter were approved.

The Council first took up the variance request for a bay window which will extend 22 inches into the setback on the Taylor Street side of **Dr. Irene Tamanga's** Connecticut Avenue home. The Council voted to grant the variance.

The Council then took up a discussion of the proposed revised plan for the re-subdivision of the lot at Bradley Lane and Connecticut Avenue presented by the owner **Patrick Strauss** and his attorney, Todd Brown of Linowes & Blocher. The plan has not yet been submitted to the National Capital Park and Planning Commission but the intent was to get a sense of the Council's informal response. The Council agreed that when the plan was formally submitted to the Commission that it would have a formal response. In the interim, the owner would have the feedback from the Council and the Council would have an opportunity to consult with neighbors regarding the proposed changes.

The main difference in the plans is that this proposed plan has two lots instead of three and proposes a single driveway opening onto Bradley Lane close to the **Terpeluk** residence, approximately across the street from B.F. Saul's driveway opening and a second driveway opening using the existing opening on Connecticut Avenue. The Council felt on first look that the plan was a significant improvement and addressed many of the issues raised in the public hearing held on the first proposed plan. The two areas the Council found still needed some attention involved set backs from Bradley Lane more than indicated on the plan, and that the house closest to the Terpeluk home should have more off-street parking and room to turn around as there is no parking allowed on the street in front of these two houses. The owners agreed to provide the Council with copies of the Development Review Committee's findings on the first proposal, which is still pending at the Planning Board. The owners indicated that they would take into consideration the comments made by the Council.

PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

The Chevy Chase police reported giving a number of speeding tickets and warnings to drivers traveling on both Connecticut Avenue and Taylor Street. They responded to a call for suspicious persons on Bradley Lane (kids looking inside cars parked on the street who were shooed away), the loss of a diplomatic license plate on Georgia Street and the arrest and jailing of a drunk driver followed from Oxford St up Connecticut Ave until he was stopped on Taylor Street.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

In addition to granting the variance to Dr. Tamagna and the discussion of the proposed re-subdivision of Bradley and Connecticut Avenues, the Council discussed the recent sign inventory by our consulting engineer, Joseph Cutro. It was found that almost 50 percent of all our signs are in poor condition and need to be replaced and in some instances, moved.

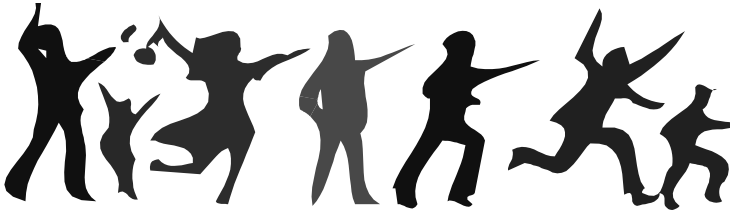
The Village Manager is getting pricing for the signs and their installation and will be reporting back to the Council about this and about possibly replacing all the street signs with new, easily readable signs which would distinguish Section 3's boundaries in style and color.

The Village Manager also reported that all the cracks in the street found during the survey of the condition of streets and sidewalks conducted with consulting engineer John Strong of Huron Consulting, will be sealed on March 26, weather permitting. Estimates for the concrete work and milling and overlay work will also be provided to the Council at the next meeting.

The Buildings and Roads Council representative Carolyn Greis reported that she was meeting with developer Jim O'Brien regarding the demolition and construction of the two homes he owns on Florida Street. She also reported that Gil Wilson is busy finishing up the demolition of the former Lyerly home on Taylor Street. She noted that the Keller family is about to apply for a fence permit for their property on Taylor Street.

The Village Manager discussed the upcoming WSSC work and attempts to try and get the agency to coordinate various offices within the agency to time their work so that residents would have the least possible disruption of their lives. The water line replacement for Fulton Street and Taylor Street from Fulton to Brookville Road is tentatively slated to begin the week after Easter, on or about March 25th. The Village Manager is sending a letter to all who are affected.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

One of the newest Section 3 residents came to the Easter Egg Hunt over the holiday. **Evan Charles Scheck** joined his three brothers at the hunt, oblivious to the festivities. Evan was born just three weeks earlier on March 3 to **Deborah and Howard Scheck**. Grandpa **Nathan Billig** lives around the corner from the boys and has been a helpful babysitter along with Grandma who lives just nearby in the town of Chevy Chase.

Congrats to **Dr. Rebecca Barry** of Fulton Street who was recently named in *Washingtonian* magazine as one of the area's Top Doctors. Rebecca is a dermatologist whose offices are located in Vienna, Virginia.

HOUSE TOUR THIS YEAR!

Mark your calendars now, the Annual Section 3 House Tour is on! The event takes place Sunday, May 4th from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. Details will be mailed to everyone closer to the event but suffice it to say, we have some lovely renovations and additions on the schedule this year including **Rhonda Harris** and **Arthur Baines'** expanded bungalow with a real cook's kitchen at the rear, **Nancy Kirsch** and **Jay Epstien's** total renovation will be on display along with three other stunning renovation/restoration projects in Section 3.

Watch your mail for more details and remember, the price of admission is gently used towels and shampoos and lotions which we donate to help with the showers provided the homeless at Shepherd's Table in Silver Spring.

CREATIVE SECTION 3 RESIDENTS

Section 3 is filled with so many fascinating people...did you know, for example, that we have seven architects in our tiny community? **Bob Kaylor**, **Kit Cameron**, **Tom Jester**, **Cherie Mohr**, **Shalom Baranes**, **Neil Nott** and **Carolyn Greis** are all architects! **Emily Rowan** is a professional artist who does botanical paintings and **Alice Corbett** who works in large oil canvasses. **Sue Vita** is an inspiring floral designer known for doing spectacular weddings and special occasions. **Carolyn Wilson**, **Andy Leon Harney**, and **Deborah Scheck** do design consulting, **Nancy**

Havlik and **Virginia Freeman** are both professional choreographers, **Ruth Balis** is a concert pianist. **Dan Warren** earns his living doing other things, but his furniture craftsmanship is definitely professional in design and quality. If we've left someone out, please let us know!

SECTION 3 RESIDENTS PULL TOGETHER IN TIMES OF ILLNESS

Last Christmas, while the rest of us were struggling to find the right gift for a family member, **Tabitha Bailey** and her husband **David Mostofi** were busy dealing with the aftershock of Tabitha's diagnosis of colon cancer and subsequent operation to remove a section of her colon. Leaping to help out were **Natasha Saifee** and **Mary Gorman** who quickly organized the neighbors to provide meals for the family when they needed them most. Tabitha is now recovered and back at work but wanted to take a moment to thank the following families for being so generous in helping hers when they most needed it: **Kelly Derrick**, **Mary Gorman**, **Helen Secrest**, **Cece Finan**, **Kirsten Williams**, **Kristin Dettleff**, **Natasha Saifee**, **Andra Roy Chernack**, **Anu Conner**, **Evelyn Gerson**, **Debbie Glynn**, **Susan Minichello**, **Lisa Single**, **Kathleen Millian**, **Rebecca Barry**, **Alix Slade**, **Nasar Ali**, **Sudi Press**, **Christen Tan**, **Ramona Gann**, **Eva Kanupke**, **Joan Rodriguez** and **Lisa Klepper**.

Right now the **Ballarini** family of Florida Street is dealing with daughter Julia's most recent brain surgery. Neighbors and friends have pitched in to prepare a month's worth of meals during her recovery. She is now home and reoperating.

The **Kiernan** family has been dealing with daughter Kate's recent diagnosis of leukemia. Kate has been doing quite well and is back in school AND taking treatment. When she was originally diagnosed and during her first hospitalization last winter, friends organized a way to donate meals to the family. With Kate doing so well, the family stopped the generous meal service until May when Kate will once again be hospitalized. If you wish to donate meals to the Kiernan family again, you can contact **Tracy Gensler** at home in the evenings.

It makes one proud to be part of a small town in the middle of a big metropolitan area to know that when you are in need, the neighbors will pitch in on your behalf. Section 3 is indeed a special place to live.

**COUNCIL ACTIONS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2
FINANCIAL REPORT**

In addition to providing a current financial report, the Village Manager and the Council Chairman discussed the current Montgomery County budget concerns and how that may impact Section 3 in terms of budget planning for next year. There is a hearing with members of the County Council on March 17th which will discuss municipal revenues and possibly touch on tax duplication. There is a feeling among all the municipalities that the report recently issued by the County's Office of Legislative Oversight focused too heavily on our sources of revenues and our reserves without understanding our expenses or plans for our reserves. With the exception of Rockville and Takoma Park, all 19 of Montgomery County's municipalities and the three special taxing districts are debt-averse, so reserves are used for major projects rather than facilitating borrowing. The concern is that in tight budget times, it would be easy for the County Council to focus on those reserves and decide to cut our tax duplication payments, which compensate each municipality for services paid for by our property taxes that Section 3 provides (hence the name tax duplication). This way, our residents pay for services only once, not twice, via their taxes. For example, your county property taxes pay for snow removal services among other things. Section 3 provides snow removal services, so the county has a formula (currently being revised in a joint committee) which looks at what the county spends per household or per capita for snow removal that they would have otherwise provided to us, and reimburses Section 3 for those expenses. The extra costs which Section 3 incurs to shovel the walks of our seniors, are not reimbursed because the County does not provide that service.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

The Easter Egg Hunt plans are well in hand for March 22nd and a postcard will be sent to families with young children to remind them of the date. The House Tour is tentatively slated for May 4th and the Village Manager is working on getting together the tour.

The Village Manger is still working on the history of Section 3 and has found fascinating minutes from early Council meetings. Once the first draft is finished, she will have several key people within the Chevy Chase Historical Society check the accuracy of the information she's found and it will accompany every house history.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

NEW TO SECTION 3 AND WANT TO VOTE?

If you are listed in the yellow Section 3 Directory, then we know you deserve to vote here. If you have not registered to vote with the Montgomery County Board of Elections, please do so at once. Their number is (240) 777-8683 or you can go to their website: www.montgomerycountymd.gov or pick up registration applications at the post office or public library.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Unlike most jurisdictions, if you live in Section 3, we want you to vote in our elections—even if you're not a citizen of the U.S. Our only requirement is that you be 18 years of age and own or rent in Section 3. Those who have registered with us in prior years do not have to re-register. If you are listed in the Section 3 directory, you don't need to show us proof that you're a resident. If you're not listed in the directory, we will need a copy of a driver's license with your Section 3 address or a bill proving that you are indeed a resident.

Just fill out this form and submit it to the Village Manager (3801 Bradley Lane) prior to 5:00 p.m. on election day and we'll be happy to have you vote.

Name _____
 Street Address _____
 Signature _____
 Print your Name _____

**REQUEST FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR
MAY 13, 2008 SECTION 3 ELECTION**

I (name) _____ of (street address) _____ am unable to attend the election for Village Council members from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on May 13th and therefore request an absentee ballot. I understand that I can pick up a copy of the ballot at the home of the Village Manager anytime after Thursday, April 24th and that I must return my ballot no later than 5:30 p.m. on the day of the election in order for my vote to be counted. I also understand that facsimile votes will not be considered valid.

 Signature

ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING MAY 13TH

Section 3's Council is comprised of five neighbors who are elected for two year terms. This year both Council members

DONNA HARMON

Five years ago, Zack and I moved to Section 3 with our oldest son, Will. We had lived in DC for eight years at that point, and every time we drove through Chevy Chase, we imagined what a wonderful place it must be to live. Our twins, Luke and Miles, were born just a few months after we moved, and since my first trip to Gazebo Park with all three boys it has been clear to me that this is a community that we will never want to leave.

I grew up in a similar town on Long Island, and I had not expected to find the same, small-town feel anywhere - much less a stone's throw from DC. As a full-time mom, my life at this point is centered largely on my family and I am deeply appreciative that this community shares my focus. From the Spring Egg Hunt to the Party in the Park, the Halloween parade to Holiday caroling at CCUMC, the residents of Section 3 clearly are committed to a safe, vibrant, family-oriented environment—and these are my priorities as well.

Community service has always been a part of my life. My father was the mayor of my town for ten years. As a little girl, I spent many memorable afternoons handing out fliers and "campaigning" for my Dad. He loved our town so much and his enthusiasm was contagious. Now I really know how he felt because I truly feel the same way about Section 3. While I do not have any formal experience with town governance, I hope that a high degree of enthusiasm would make up this deficit. Already, I have spent considerable time working on many of the village's special events, such as Party in the Park and the Spring Egg Hunts. Importantly, I have enjoyed contributing to these events immensely.

If my work experience is relevant, it's only in that I have had several, varied experiences and - I hope - made a positive contribution at each stage. At Dell, I started with no computer experience whatsoever and finished as a senior manager. When we moved to DC, I enjoyed a part-time teaching position so much that I obtained an advanced degree in elementary education and taught for four years, also serving on the school's Board. Most recently, after Will was born and I decided to work part-time, I took a position in the school's development office where I managed fundraising events and ran the summer program.

I am grateful to have found this special community, and I want to contribute in any way I can to its careful preservation.

whose terms are up are not running for re-election: **Mike Shannon**, who has served variously as treasurer, secretary and chairman, and **Paul Kiernan**, who has variously served as secretary, treasurer and chairman, over the past ten years. We are grateful for their generous donation of time and thought in guiding the community through the rocky days when the community had differences with the United Methodist Church and for their help in re-framing many of our ordinances to better protect open space and still make it possible for neighbors to build additions on their homes.

The community votes in the Council and every year the Council members themselves decide who will take what offices. The two neighbors who are running for office this year are **Donna Harmon** of Florida Street and **Jon Newhard** of Shepherd Street. Here are their statements.

JON NEWHARD

I am pleased and honored to have the opportunity to serve the Section Three community that my wife, Evelyn, and I have grown to love during the past six years that we have lived here. We both feel strongly that it is this sense of community which really makes our neighborhood special—a feeling we get when we walk our dog or take our children, Noah and Zélia, to preschool across the street at CCUMC.

Continuing to foster this sense of community would be my greatest emphasis were you to elect me to the Council. I also believe that we should plan for our fiscal future to ensure that the many events that Section Three holds every year can continue to be a catalyst to bring neighbors together.

In my professional life, I bring financial discipline to the American and Asian operations of a UK-based software company named Infonic. In addition to my professional life, I serve on the Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless which is a non-profit devoted to ending homelessness in Montgomery County, helping to make our larger community better for some of its less fortunate citizens.

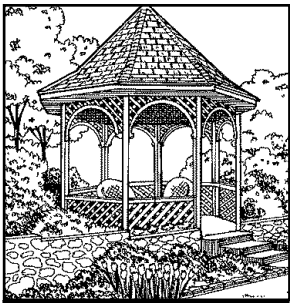
Many neighbors might also be surprised to learn that I actually have some experience managing municipal affairs. Years before I moved to Section Three, I served as a "Community Commander" in the Army for a Brigade-sized base in Erlangen, Germany. This position was the Army's equivalent of mayor for a 5000 person town.

It is in this spirit of good community stewardship that I am eagerly volunteering to serve on the Council and respectfully ask for your vote in the upcoming election.



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FORM 502

**MARYLAND
RESIDENT INCOME TAX RETURN**
OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 2007, ENDING



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By now you're well into getting your 2007 tax return prepared. Don't forget to indicate that you live in Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase on your Maryland returns!!!

It's the only way the state knows to credit us that portion of your income tax that flows through to municipalities.!