

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

DECEMBER 2007

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5
LAST BULK TRASH UNTIL MARCH 2008

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12
Hearing on Proposed Re-Subdivision of lot at
Bradley Lane & Connecticut Avenue
Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting
CCUMC Room 109 7:45 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16
Holiday Puppet Show & Party
CCUMC Phillips Hall
4:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9
Council Meeting
7:45 p.m. CCUMC Room 109

MONDAY, JANUARY 7 OR 14
Christmas Tree curbside pick-up
(Take your pick on the date. Please remove plastic as
these trees become mulch.)

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10TH ANNUAL BILL PRIGG WARM CLOTHING AND BLANKET DRIVE BIGGEST EVER!

Section 3 residents opened up their closets and spread their generosity to those less fortunate this past month. Three filled-to-the brim SUV loads went to the homeless—two loads of clothing to Martha's table and a carload of blankets, sheets and towels was donated to Shepherd's Table in Silver Spring. Shepherd's table serves a warm meal a day to the homeless but also provides showers and laundry facilities for them. The towels come in handy for those taking showers. The facility also serves as an emergency shelter on cold nights, so the blankets will be put to good use this winter.

The "haul" to Martha's Table was overwhelmingly generous. Clothing donations included—from head to foot: **13 warm scarves, two dozen warm hats and ear muffs, a dozen gloves and mittens, 104 pairs of adult socks for men and women., 54 pairs of children's socks, 28 pairs of adult and children's shoes, boots and sneakers, both men's and women's underwear.** Children's clothing donated included **nine baby blankets, an entire bag full of infant's clothing, 12 toddler's jackets, 16 children's coats and jackets, 6 children's "shells" or rain jackets, 31 pairs of children's and toddler's pants, two robes, 10 toddler's two-piece outfits, 15 miscellaneous toddler's outfits, 19 children's sweat shirts and tops, seven youth sweaters and pullovers, six boy's dress shirts and four children's shirts.** Men's clothing included **23 long-sleeved shirts, 17 dress pants, five pairs of jeans, two blazers, 19 jackets, 26 sweaters, 13 pullovers, seven adult t-shirts and two dickies.** Women's clothing donated included **32 sweaters, 5 fleece vests, 32 coats and jackets, 19 blouses, 15 cotton turtlenecks, 10 pair of pants, and a dozen women's outfits, skirts, etc.**

Shepherd's Table received five large bags filled with numerous towels for their showers for the homeless, sheets and warm blankets, quilts and sleeping bags for their emergency shelter purposes on extra cold nights.

The response was wonderful and the donations truly generous. Section 3 residents really know how to be generous!

If you did not have an opportunity to leave things at either the Williams/Dorsey home or the Harney home, just contact the Village Manager and she can direct you to several close-by facilities taking clothing for those less fortunate. Sadly, there is always a need and it's never too late!

**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, November 14 in Room 109 of the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church. All Council members were in attendance.

PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

The Council discussed the most recent police report and was pleased to see tickets being given for improper parking, failure to recognize stop signs, and speeding on Connecticut and Brookville Roads.

As yet, Chevy Chase Village has not received approval for permanent installations of speed cameras on Connecticut Avenue. They are still using their mobile units. The first tickets will be in Traffic Court in December.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

The Council heard a presentation by Renewing Montgomery, a group of home builders and renovation specialists who do work in this area. Bryan Whittington of Taylor Street, of Whittington Design Build, was one of the three individuals making a presentation to the Council regarding urban infill and renovation standards in Montgomery County. The group has put together a set of "best practices" to which all their members agree to adhere to. The goals of the organization are to identify reasonable solutions to challenges associated with neighborhood building, to encourage considerate and responsible neighborhood renewal, and to communicate the impact current and proposed regulations may have on property owners and neighborhoods. If you are interested in further information on this group, go to www.renewingmontgomery.com.

The Council discussed the work on Georgia Street and the McKinney storm grate. Both projects are now complete, and while we won't know how effective either is until a big rain, the Prince family reported their rear yard was less spongy than it has been after a rain in years, which they attribute to the improvements made by the Corbetts on their property. There is no longer a puddle of water in the gutter near the fire hydrant on Georgia Street, a sign at least that the basic level of water is now diverted underground. Thanks to D & F Construction which completed the project in a single day with minimal traffic interruption!

The Council reviewed the proposed plan for a resubdivision of the property at the corner of Bradley Lane and Connecticut Avenue and agreed to explore whatever means to share the community's and the Council's response with the planning board. (See article on hearing next month opposite).

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council Treasurer, Paul Kiernan, reported that the Village remains in good financial shape. A CD will come due in December and the hope is to get the highest possible interest rate possible at that time.

The annual audit report was handed out to all the Council members. It has already been submitted to the state and to the federal government as is required.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

The Council agreed to invite the pre-school and the CCUMC community to the December 16 puppet show since it was being held at the Church in Phillips Hall. The Church has been very generous to Section 3 in allowing us to use their facilities at no cost for our Council meetings and for holiday parties.

The Village Manager reported that we had already had an excellent response to the annual warm blanket and clothing drive. All items will be delivered before Thanksgiving.

The Council agreed with the idea of getting shopping bags for all Section 3 residents as a way of encouraging a "greener" Section 3. The Village Manager is looking into sources of the bags. The suggestion for this came from resident Sudi Press.

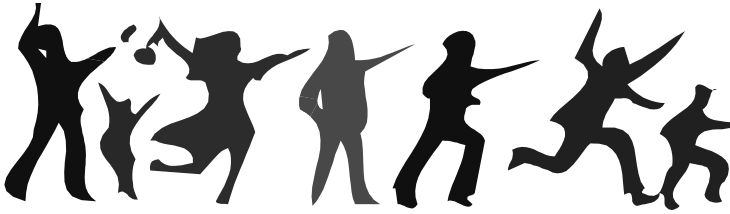
The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

BRADLEY LANE AND CONNECTICUT AVENUE RE-SUBDIVISION HEARING

The owner of the property at the corner of Bradley Lane and Connecticut Avenue proposes to re-subdivide the lot next to the house that used to be the Nigerian Ambassador's residence into three additional lots (for a total of four houses on the old Nigerian Ambassadorial residence site). Under the proposal, two of the lots would empty onto Bradley Lane and one would use the existing southernmost opening on Connecticut Avenue.

At its next Council meeting, Wednesday, December 12, the Council will hold a hearing on the proposed resubdivision. Residents interested in commenting or in reviewing the proposed plan in advance of the meeting should contact the Village Manager. Anyone interested in submitting comments or speaking at the meeting is invited to attend or submit comments on or before the hearing.

The Council will take the comments made at the hearing along with their own findings and draft recommendations to the planning board.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

A special welcome to **Patricia and Tom Neu** and their college aged children **Chris and Lisa** who have moved back into their home at 7008 Florida Street after living abroad for a number of years. Welcome home!

The December issue of *Washingtonian* magazine lists its take on the area's top lawyers and three of Section 3's many talented attorneys made the list. This list includes attorneys who represent people as opposed to corporations and it's based on a peer review survey of about 1,000 attorneys who were asked who they would hire to represent them in a wide range of areas. **Marna Tucker**, of Feldesman Tucker Leifer and Fidell, was listed under the very technical sounding category of "Honey, It's Over" (divorce attorneys) and **Jay Epstein** of DLA Piper was listed under "You Want to Build What?," real estate attorneys and **John Olson** of Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher was listed under Stocks and Trades. Congrats to them all! As you already know, we have many more talented attorneys than listed in *Washingtonian* (See News and Views April 2007 for yet another more comprehensive listing which naturally had many more Section 3 attorneys included and News and Views April 2003 for a listing of all the talented attorneys then living in Section 3).

The park grass took a beating this year and has been re-sodded again and will be closed until the sod has a chance to establish itself. Please don't use the grass until the caution tape has been removed and the gates opened.

NEW DIRECTORY ON ITS WAY

For the first time ever, Section 3 will have a directory which includes e-mail addresses. These addresses are NOT to be used for fund-raising, mass mailings, political or commercial purposes. We're just trying to help you better communicate with your neighbors. It should be coming to you via the mails within the next week.

WHAT TO DO ABOUT HOLIDAY GIFTS TO OUR TRASH COLLECTORS?

Leave envelopes taped and clearly marked on the top of the trash cans or if you are home, give any holiday gifts directly to the trash men who come to your home. Section 3 does not collect for holiday tips.

HOLIDAY PUPPET SHOW DECEMBER 16TH

Save the date for a wonderful puppet show by the Blue Skye Puppet Theatre at 4:00 p.m. in Phillips Hall. Children are invited to come with family and friends to share in some delicious holiday cookies and warm cider and a special play titled "Rufus, the Red-Nosed Raindog." The play is best suited to children ages 8 and under. Join us—we're looking forward to seeing a good crowd! Please walk as parking will be tight.

CHEVY CHASE CLUB PLANS MAJOR SWIMMING POOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The Chevy Chase Club is planning a major renovation of its swimming and tennis facilities. The existing pool, which is located on the Bradley Lane side of the club property, will be demolished and, in its place, a world-class competitive swimming pool will be constructed along with a second swimming pool, a kiddie pool and a pool clubhouse.

The construction company and the club had planned to route all trucks onto Bradley Lane for the project, however several local jurisdictions have problems with this proposal as it will make traffic on the already narrow (20' wide) street impossible. The construction firm and architects have all promised to explore alternatives (such as using the northernmost entrance to the club for construction) but have made no promises. Section 3 and other jurisdictions are exploring ways to compel the Club to come up with a less dangerous and disruptive approach for ALL construction traffic.

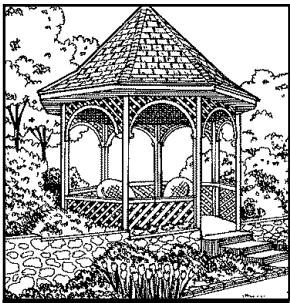
SAKS FIFTH AVENUE ATTEMPTS TO CHANGE PARKING RULES

Saks Fifth Avenue has asked Chevy Chase Village to allow them to change the one hour free parking it is obligated to provide. Under zoning regulations in effect, a driver can park the car on the lot for a free hour if the ticket is validated using the readily available automatic stamp machines inside Saks. The store's attorney maintains that patients visiting the nearby doctor's offices across the street are abusing the free hour parking and making it difficult for their customers to park. At a November 13 meeting, the attorney from Saks outlined the firm's position but there were so many objections from Village residents that the lot will continue to honor validated tickets for one hour. The machines, however, are no longer so conveniently placed inside the doorway!



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IMAGINATION STAGE'S MUSICAL THEATRE CONSERVATORY NEW MUSICAL

A new student production of *Quilters*, a musical about the grit and determination of frontier women, is being presented by Imagination Stage in Bethesda. The play is about the resilience of our country's pioneer women using quilting as a metaphor for the life journey of one woman. The actors are all high school students who are the first graduating class of the Musical Theatre Conservatory Program, a two-year intensive training opportunity that includes acting, lyric and music interpretation, vocal production and movement. Acceptance in the program is by audition and interview. Auditions for the next class are scheduled to be held in December and January.

The play will be performed on Friday and Saturday, December 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the Imagination Stage Studio, 4908 Auburn Avenue in Bethesda. For ticket info, contact the box office at (301) 280-1660.