

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

DECEMBER 2008

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3
Last Bulk Trash pickup until March 2009
Curbside

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10
Council Meeting
CCUMC Room 109, 7:45 p.m.

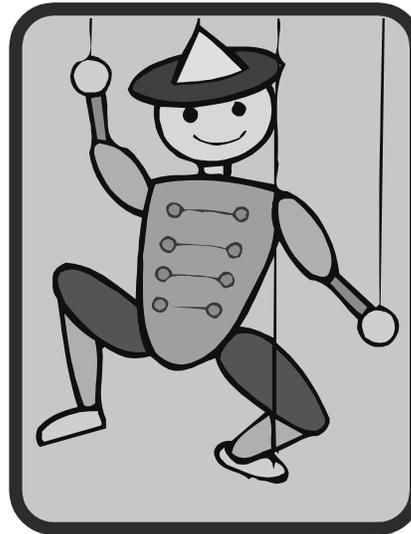
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15
4:00 p.m. -5:15 p.m.

Nutcracker Fantasy Puppet Show
Bob Brown Puppets
CCUMC Phillips Hall

Best suited to parents and children 8 and under—
All children welcome, however

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7
Christmas Tree Pick-up
Curbside (no plastic bags please)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12
Council Meeting
CCUMC Room 109, 7:45 p.m.



NUTCRACKER FANTASY PUPPET SHOW SLATED FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

This year's special children's holiday program is slated for Monday, December 15 at 4:00 p.m. at Phillips Hall in the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church. The event for children 8 and under (parents and others

who are young at heart are of course welcome!).

Holiday cookies and milk will be served at 4:00 and the 45 minute show will begin promptly at 4:30 p.m. with Bob Brown, one of the country's leading puppeteers. Using a wide range of colorful, fun marionette's, Brown's show, titled "Nutcracker Fantasy" will delight everyone.

Because Chevy Chase United Methodist Church has been so generous in allowing Section 3 to hold its Council meetings and so many other events at the Church, we have also invited members of the congregation and the pre-school to attend. Come early and get a good seat!

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HALLOWEEN PIZZA PARTY A GREAT SUCCESS!

This year's Halloween Parade led by Elmo as a big hit with all the children. Thanks to **Fred Kneip** for his leadership of this year's parade, to **Judy Corbett** who helped serve the food, and to **John Dorsey, Carolyn Greis, Donna Harmon, Karen Jacob (and little Kate, too), and Natasha Saifee** for taking the time to help decorate the hall for the event.

In the span of just minutes, we consumed 19 large pizzas with 36 pieces in each pie plus four pounds of grapes (eyeballs) and carrots (fingers) plus lots and lots of milk, juice boxes, sodas and water.



**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 12, at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church. All members of the Council were present.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

The Council reviewed the most recent police report and discussed the problems other jurisdictions were having getting speed cameras on Connecticut Avenue. The Village Manager and the Council Chair will be meeting with our state legislators to discuss this problem in early December.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

The **Rothermel** family of Brookville Road was granted a variance for 15" roof overhang for a small rear addition. **Jim O'Brien**, owner of the house at 6803 Florida Street received a variance for 28" of the front porch which extends into the front setback.

The pre-school received a permit to replace their fencing.

The Village manager reported that a number of new Serviceberry trees had been planted to replace those damaged by cars and trucks or those which had perished in the last year. Sod

has also been placed in the park which will be closed until December 1 to allow the roots to properly set.

Mulheron Tree Experts have gone through the community and trimmed any dangerous or detached limbs from trees hanging over the streets or sidewalks. A list of trees needing attention was provided by the Village Manager.

The damaged pole at the end of Taylor Street at Brookville Road has been replaced, however, we are awaiting Pepco to put the lines on the new pole so that Verizon and Comcast can follow them to replace the remaining lines.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council reviewed the treasurer's report and agreed to locate one additional FDIC-insured bank and place about \$100,000 with that institution and then re-negotiate the rates provided by SunTrust Bank on our collateralized accounts.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

The Halloween party was discussed and it was agreed that next year we would try to coordinate decorating activities with the pre-school so that their children would have the benefit of our decorations and their volunteer mothers would assist us in the decorating chores.

Planning for the Seniors' brunch was going well, the Village manager asked for help in setting up the room for the event.

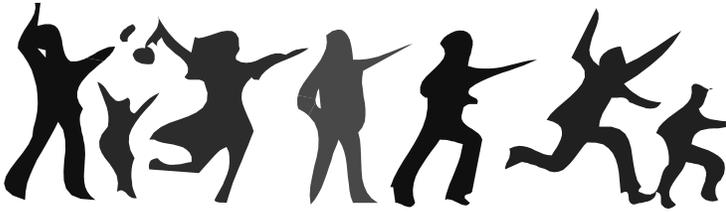
The Council agreed to hold an event for children this year and the Village Manager indicated that she would try and get Bob Brown Puppets this year.

The meeting adjourned at about 9:15 p.m.

CAR THEFT AND THEFTS FROM CARS IN SECTION 3

Over the summer and earlier this fall we had a series of thefts from unlocked cars in Section 3. We also experienced a series of expensive and distressing slashed tires on the driver's side of a series of parked cars on Delaware Street between Spring and Raymond Streets. Finally, most recently (those of you who are on our e-mail list already know about this), we had additional thefts from unlocked cars throughout the community as well as a car theft from a driveway on Raymond Street near Connecticut Avenue.

What have we done about it? First, reminded everyone to lock their cars. Second, asked Chevy Chase Police and Montgomery County police to step up their patrols, particularly weekend nights between midnight and 6:00 a.m. when most of the crimes seem to have occurred. The Community Policing Detective at our local Montgomery County police station has informed us that the problem of thefts from cars has become endemic throughout the County. As one recently arrested thief boasted to a Chevy Chase police officer, "You think this is going to stop because you arrested me? The word is out, Montgomery County is the place to go..." According to the detective, "We have had much success in arresting a number of individuals who engage in this opportunistic crime, but the justice system seems to release some of them almost immediately. Here in the 2nd District we have arrested at least 35 individuals whose dates of birth span from 1960 to 1992. One pair was involved in numerous incidents in Chevy Chase. Each arrest represents a linkage to many incidents. One duo has been arrested three different times. Please continue to encourage your community to call us immediately either (301) 279-8000 or 911 in an emergency, should they encounter any suspicious activity."



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

A special welcome to **Jon and Leslie Caldicott** who have moved into 6707 Connecticut Avenue with their two children. Jon works at the World Bank and Leslie is staying at home with three year old Henry...The couple hails from Canada and looks forward to participating in Section 3 activities.

Congrats to the **Gormans** on the Halloween birth of their granddaughter, son **Tim, Jr.**'s first child! Both Mom Zohar Porat Gorman and Dad Tim now reside in Watertown, Massachusetts. Daughter **Arielle Hannah** now gives the Gorman tribe a total of three grandchildren!

Longtime neighborhood institution, Postman **Mr. Lewis Hogg** will be retiring on January 15th. Much beloved for his friendly manner and personal touch, Mr. Hogg will no longer spread his cheer in the neighborhood. We will miss him. Those of you on his route might want to take this holiday time to wish him well and thank him for his many years of service to our community.

ELECTION RESULTS FOR OUR PRECINCT

According to the unofficial summary posted by the Board of Elections on November 20, 2008, area residents voting at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church came out in high numbers. There are 1,277 registered voters in our precinct and 869 cast ballots or 68.05%. This does not, however, include absentee ballots.

The votes broke down as follows:

Obama-Biden	Democrat	645 votes
McCain-Palin	Republican	213 votes
Barr-Root	Libertarian	3 votes
Nader-Gonzalez	Independent	1 vote
Write-in votes		4 votes

For Congress:

Chris Van Hollen	Democrat	611 votes
Steve Hudson	Republican	216 votes
Gordon Clark	Green	10 votes
Ian Thomas	Libertarian	9 votes
Write-in votes		2 votes

BROOKVILLE ROAD SOON A WEIGHT-RESTRICTED TRUCK ROUTE

Residents of Section 3 and particularly Brookville Road will recall the baffling procession of enormous dump trucks which filed down Brookville Road for several days on their way to the under-construction new Chinese Embassy on Van Ness Street, N.W. in the District of Columbia. It's not clear who selected one of the narrowest state highways in the County as a major route for all these heavy trucks full of dirt but protests were made to the State Highway Department immediately. Much to our surprise, it turns out that unlike Connecticut Avenue, which is restricted to trucks under five tons, Brookville Road was not—hence the parade of trucks.

After a number of semi-hysterical phone calls, the State Highway representatives came out to the site and surprise—they agreed with us! However, as with all new regulations, certain protocols had to be followed and it took until earlier this fall for the State to declare the route restricted to trucks under five tons, except those making local deliveries. Now the problem is one of inter-governmental cooperation and signage... Signs have now been installed on East-West Highway, informing trucks that Brookville Road (State Route 186) is restricted to trucks under five tons. So the southbound traffic is covered, but northbound traffic, coming from the District of Columbia, is not as yet signed as it requires cooperation by the D.C. Department of Transportation with whom State Highway Administration (SHA) has been unable to reach an agreement as to the installation of these signs. As a result, SHA will place signs on Brookville Road, immediately north of Western Avenue (which is maintained by the District of Columbia), informing motorists of the truck restrictions. It may take until early 2009 for these signs to be set in place.

Bottom line, when you see large trucks on Brookville Road, if they are not making a local delivery, they are illegally plying that route and both Montgomery County and Chevy Chase Police will be ticketing them.

SENIORS' BRUNCH BIG HIT!

Over 40 of Section 3's Senior Citizens enjoyed one another's company at the Chevy Chase Village Hall for a special brunch catered by Mr. Omelette on Saturday, November 18th. Old friends met one another and people who have lived in Section 3 for years and never met had an opportunity to join in the festivities.

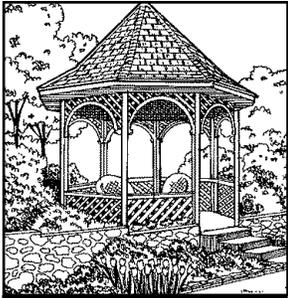
A special thanks to **Bill Brownlee** and **Donna, Miles and Luke Harmon** for helping with the set up. Thanks too to Chevy Chase Village for allowing us the use of their lovely facility.



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GOING AWAY?

**DON'T THINK IT'S GOING
TO SNOW?**

THINK AGAIN—

**PLEASE PARK YOUR CAR IN YOUR
DRIVEWAY AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS
FOR SOMEONE TO SHOVEL YOUR WALKS!**