

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

FEBRUARY 2007



CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
Council Meeting
7:45 p.m. CCUMC Room 109

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7
Bulk Household Trash Pickup, Curbside

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CONSIDER A BOOK CLUB, A BLOCK PARTY

Section 3 neighbors are linked not only by proximity...we have many circles of activity within the community that make our neighborhood rich in relationships that last a lifetime. Probably the largest group of people at the moment are the young mothers' groups. **Ev Gerson, Jennifer Emmett and Wendy Eaton** all head up groups of young mothers who meet together either in person or on line to share experiences and to have their children get to know one another better. They all communicate online to share information about available nannies or babysitter needs, cribs that are no longer needed and activities that might be of interest to parents with young children. Ev Gerson maintains the most extensive listserve so if you'd like to be on that list and aren't already, contact EvGerson@aol.com to be included.

A number of Section 3 residents ran a neighborhood book club for many years.

Since 1990 **Susan Vita** has led a prayer group that meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of every month for cancer survivors in the neighborhood of which there are many. If you're interested in joining or paying a visit, feel free to contact Susan and she'll give you the details about the group.

Block parties are another means for people to get to know one another. In different areas the parties work differently. On Bradley Lane, for example, the community has a party the first Sunday of every May and holds it as a progressive dinner. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres are held at a different person's home each year, then on to dinner at someone else's home and finally, dessert at a third house. Everyone chips in \$5 or \$10 for wine and paper products and then prepares a dish for about 6-8 people. All this is coordinated by one person to make the meal cohesive. And every year people who only wave as they drive by have a chance to catch up with their neighbors, meet new people who have moved in and otherwise share in the pleasure of being with one another. The same group of people meet every Christmas eve and go caroling together, even though it's sometimes hard to find a house on the street where someone isn't in the group singing!

Another group within Section 3 who meet regularly are women "of a certain age" who live alone. The women get together about every two or three months at someone else's home and have dinner together to have a delightful evening with one another.

Every Thanksgiving there is a raucous father-son game of touch football in our little gazebo park (rain or shine) that brings together diverse families who otherwise don't get together. **Perry Appelbaum** organizes that event each year.

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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, January 11 at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church. All Council members with the exception of Council Chair Mike Shannon who was recovering from surgery attended the meeting.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved with one correction. Paul Kiernan was at the December meeting and Mike Shannon was not.

PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

There were no serious crimes to report in Section 3. The police handed out several warnings for illegal parking in handicapped areas and for speeding on Connecticut Avenue.

The Council discussed the problem of the remaining decaying trees. The Chevy Chase United Methodist Church is waiting for their contractor to take down the two remaining dangerous trees on their property. (*now removed*). The Village Manager will contact them to determine how soon that will occur. **Katherine Graham** is waiting for her contractor to take down the tree in front of her home. (*now removed*) The **Corbett/Scott's** have taken down their dangerous tree and the **Kanes** had already removed their dangerous trees as had the **Reber/Ammanns**.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Treasurer reported that Section 3 was in good financial position. The Council agreed to roll the existing CD with Baltimore Savings into a 13 month CD which will pay 5 percent. The Council further agreed to invest \$400,000 in a laddered manner into four different FDIC insured institutions at terms ranging from 7 months to 12 months with rates ranging from 4.90 percent to 5.25 percent.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

No building permits were granted this month.

The Council discussed the trees planted at Connecticut Avenue and Taylor Street and determined that anyone entering Connecticut Avenue could still see down Connecticut Avenue well enough to avoid any potential accident. The Council will contact the owners of the property to have them apply for a variance due to the height of the trees.

Bill Brownlee, head of Buildings and Roads for the Council, and the Village Manager continue to spend a great deal of time on stormwater runoff issues. The Village Manager met with a consulting civil engineer to evaluate water flow problems at two different residences and the engineer provided some useful guidance

for both homeowners. The Village Manager will contact the County to get several storm drains cleaned out at the intersection of Shepherd and Georgia Streets and will talk to both homeowners. The Council agreed that we would continue to use civil engineer as a consultant when problems arose requiring additional expertise.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

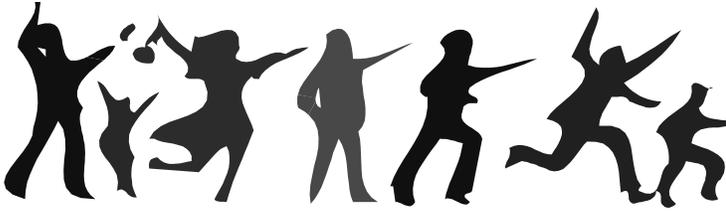
In reviewing the holiday party, it was decided that we should hold two events next year—one for children to decorate cookies at a time more convenient to most families and with a post-card reminder, and one holiday sing, perhaps caroling in the neighborhood for some of our older residents. The Council agreed that singing indoors did not have the same appeal as caroling for others outdoors. The details will be worked out for next year with volunteers well in advance .

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. and the Council went into executive session to review the Village Manager's performance for the past year.

COUNTY EXEC TO REVISIT "TAX DUPLICATION"

Each year, one of the line items on Section 3's budget is something called "Tax Duplication", that is a payment made by the County to individual municipalities, to reimburse them for some of the expenses that the County would otherwise have to spend on behalf our residents. In a primarily County-based governmental structure, many social services and other services are provided by the County but road maintenance and park maintenance and snow clearance, are handled by municipalities. The once-a-year payment, based on what the County spends per capita for certain services, is rebated back to the municipalities. The formula for this reimbursement is complex and not well understood by either the County government officials or individual municipal governments. And the sums reimbursed do not correspond necessarily with what we choose to pay for those services (for example, the County has no program to shovel the public walkways of senior citizens, that is a snow removal item we have elected to take on in our budget). Over the years, members of the Montgomery Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League (of which Section 3 is a member) have lobbied for higher payments and a better understood formula.

County Executive Ike Leggett is forming a committee to revisit this formula and at the same time revisit the County energy tax which accompanies Section 3's street lighting bills as well. The County pays the same tax but of course, rebates it to itself, whereas the funds we pay go directly to the County without any reimbursement. All these items will be taken up by the working committee which is in the process of being formed.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

A special welcome to **Nikki Mueller** and her husband **Brad Hartnett** and their 21 month old **Oskar**. Nikki is with the FDA and Brad works as a market analyst with a D.C. nuclear energy firm. The family moved into the Breitfelder's old house on Brookville Road. Welcome to the neighborhood!

YELLOW PAINT FOR THE CURBS

It's been several years since we've had our curbs painted yellow to clearly mark where you should NOT park... As soon as the weather turns warm again this spring, we will bring in contractors to paint all the appropriate curbs yellow. If you have an area that you feel needs attention, please let us know.

SPRING SERVICEBERRY TREE PLANTINGS

Has your Serviceberry tree met a sad demise? The Village Manager is putting together a spring order for trees, so if you are interested in caring for one of these lovely Spring flowering, berry bearing native plants in your greenway, let her know and she'll try and put you on the list!



VARIANCE REQUEST SUBMITTED

Steve Lantner and **Anika Brindley**, who live at the corner of Connecticut Avenue and Taylor Street have requested a variance to plant Leyland Cypress trees around their fence line to better protect their property from errant drivers. The variance request will be taken up at the February 14 Council meeting.

LOOKING FOR SOME PART-TIME WORK?

The U.S. Census Bureau is looking for qualified individuals, who they will train, the help work in local communities collecting data for the American Housing Survey. Starting wages are \$11.59 an hour, the work lasts from 3-4 months with varying hours and days. Interested parties should contact the Census Bureau's regional office at (888) 722-8995.

WETA-TV TO BROADCAST CHEVY CHASE DOCUMENTARY ON FEBRUARY 4

Public broadcasting station WETA-TV Channel 26 will air the new documentary, "Chevy Chase, Maryland: A Streetcar to Home," on Sunday, February 4, at 10:30 p.m., immediately following "Masterpiece Theatre." This means an audience of more than 100,000 Washington area television viewers are likely to stay tuned for the half-hour history of one of America's early streetcar suburbs, produced by the Chevy Chase Historical Society (CCHS) late last year. It will be rebroadcast on March 30, same time.

Created in collaboration with VideoArt Productions of Washington, D.C., the program includes interviews with historians and local residents, spiced with oral histories from early Chevy Chase families. It features hundreds of vintage photographs from Historical Society archives, contemporary footage shot by VideoArt Productions and an original music score inspired by Eubie Blake's 1915 rag tune, "Chevy Chase Fox Trot."

"Chevy Chase, Maryland: A Streetcar to Home" was funded by the Chevy Chase Historical Society and contributions from Chevy Chase Village, the Town of Chevy Chase, Section 3, Section 5, Martin's Additions and Chevy Chase Bank.

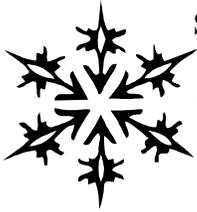
The documentary is available for sale in DVD format at www.chevychasehistory.org and at Brookville Pharmacy and also at Strosnider's. Section 3 Co-Chair **Natasha Saifce**, residents **Don Robertson** and **Judy Robinson** are all interviewed in the video.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Of course there are the regular New Year's Eve parties, but happily, Section 3 residents have found many ways to join together with one another to get to know one another better. If you'd like to start a book club, a block party or some other smaller activity, there are so many wonderful neighbors from which to choose.

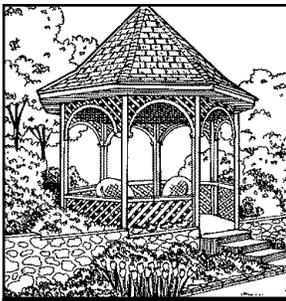
Happily, we all get together as a large group at least twice a year—for the welcome neighbors barbeque and for the Party-in-the-Park. Smaller gatherings of folks for Halloween parties, the Section 3K run, the annual wine tasting and the annual house tour bring together others who might otherwise not meet.

Think about putting together your own block party or book club—we have so many wonderful neighbors in Section 3 you need only look close by!



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**FORM
502**

**MARYLAND
RESIDENT INCOME TAX RETURN**

OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 2006, ENDING

SOCIAL SECURITY #		SPOUSE'S SOCIAL SECURITY #	
Your First Name	Initial	Last Name	
Spouse's First Name	Initial	Last Name	
PRESENT ADDRESS (No. and street)			
City or Town	State	Zip Code	
Name of county and incorporated city, town or special taxing area in which you were a resident on the last day of the taxable period. (See Instruction 6)	Maryland county MONT	City, town or taxing area CH CH SEC3	



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TAX NOTE:

Be sure to list Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase on your Maryland form 502 Resident Income Tax Return. Do not assume that people at the state level understand the different municipalities which share the 20815 zip code—this is key to the revenues that come to Section 3.