

SECTION THREE  
VILLAGE OF  
CHEVY CHASE

# NEWS & VIEWS

FEBRUARY 2009

## CALENDAR

NO BULK  
TRASH PICK-  
UP IN  
FEBRUARY



WEDNESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 11  
Council Meeting  
7:45 p.m. CCUMC Room 109

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4  
FIRST BULK TRASH PICKUP of the year  
Curbside

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## CHEVY CHASE "NEIGHBORHOOD VILLAGE" ORGANIZING

A group of individuals in the Town of Chevy Chase is looking to form a Chevy Chase-wide neighborhood village organization that would help the elderly age gracefully without having to move to a facility. A similar organization has been going on Capitol Hill ([www.capitolhillvillage.org](http://www.capitolhillvillage.org)) and the movement has spread to Van Ness, the Watergate. Similar groups are underway in Palisades, Chevy Chase, DC and Cleveland Park.

The concept is a quasi-cooperative. Volunteers would help one another with transportation needs for those who no longer drive their own car, for example and help with other duties which a neighbor might fulfill. A coordinator, initially a volunteer, later someone paid out of dues to the group, would coordinate services. Contractors would be vetted and might even supply discounts to members. The coordinator would either serve as a referral service or a scheduler. Help with everything from computers and taxes to home repairs and prepared meals could be facilitated by this group now in its formative stages.

If you are interested in the possibilities presented by such an organization to help Chevy Chase residents (and perhaps yourself) age gracefully in place, then contact any one of the following: Naomi Kaminsky (301) 657-8070 ([ikeok@verizon.net](mailto:ikeok@verizon.net)), Joan Urban (301) 652-4743 ([jbumoscow@aol.com](mailto:jbumoscow@aol.com)) or Ann Wild at [annl-wild@aol.com](mailto:annl-wild@aol.com).

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If there's even a hint of snow in the air or on the weather reports—**PLEASE PARK YOUR CARS OFF THE STREET!**

With all the shared driveways in Section 3, this requires a lot of neighborly cooperation, but with your help, we can have cleanly



plowed streets...without your help, it's difficult for anyone to pass, much less a snow plow!

If you're going away, please make arrangements for someone to shovel your walk while you're gone... you don't want a neighbor slipping and falling in front of your home!

*\*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 at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church on Wednesday, January 14th. The meeting commenced at 7:50 p.m. All Council members except Jon Newhard were in attendance.

### PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

There was no unusual police activity reported in the Section for the previous month.

The speed bump on Shepherd Street has been relocated to the middle of the block.

Safety street signs (stop signs, no parking, etc) have been ordered and should be installed within a month, weather permitting.

The Legislature is debating the uses of speed cameras. Bill Brownlee and Andy Harney met with several legislators at the MML Annual Legislative Dinner and there is a proposal on the table for small municipalities like ours to be allowed to hire someone to monitor speed cameras in their jurisdictions. At the moment, because the County does not want to place cameras on Connecticut Avenue, we are somewhat stymied as to what we can do and will have to wait and see what the legislature does and then go to the police chief regarding the possible placement of cameras in Section 3. Unlike other areas, we have a school nearby, so the cameras would be in the school zone, as mandated by the law.

The two Florida Street houses being developed by **Jim O'Brien** are well underway. The well for the geothermal equipment is slated to be installed as soon as the well-digger gets his permits in place.

The **Lesmes** house on Taylor Street is coming along rapidly. The Village Manager, the Council Chair, and the Buildings and Roads Council member met with our consulting engineer, the neighbor next door and the builder to review drainage plans for the driveway and the rear yard. The consulting engineer will review the plans and suggest a few changes to ensure proper drainage and no adverse impact on any of the neighbors.

There has been no forward movement on the possible sale of one of the Bradley Lane and Connecticut Avenue lots. The Village Manager agreed to contact the current owner to get the debris removed from the area between the drainage swale and the wall.

The Council discussed the problem of dogs tearing up the grass in the park. The Village Manager will be distributing rules as they appeared in the last issue of the newsletter and posting

them in the park.

The options for new street lighting are increasingly complex and the Village manager asked if the Council would be willing to share the cost of an outside consultant to come in and spend a few hours educating people from a number of the Chevy Chase municipalities about the choices for new street lighting. In March of 2010, mercury vapor lights will no longer be permitted under EPA regulations, therefore it is crucial that we make the correct choices in new, more effective lighting. The Council agreed. We are working with several jurisdictions to share the cost of the street lighting consultant who has already done work for Chevy Chase View.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council reviewed our financial status and agreed to seek at least one additional institution to invest in a CD. The Village Manager will work with the Council on this before the next meeting.

### COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

The Council has agreed to have SHRED IT come to the area and share the costs of this service so that residents can dispose of old paperwork sometime in the spring after tax season. Martins Additions, Chevy Chase Village and Section 3 have already discussed some sort of sharing arrangement; the details are still to be worked out.

The initial planning for this spring's House Tour has begun and whenever possible, "green" solutions will be included.

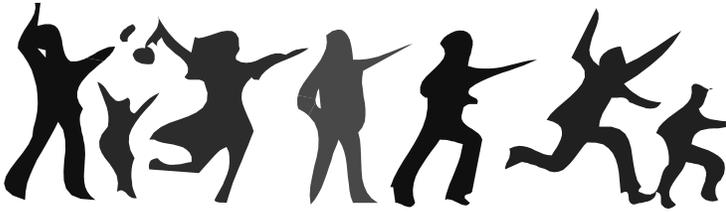
The Council agreed that a speaker who could explain ways in which we could make "green" choices for remodeling and renovations to our houses was a good idea for the Annual Meeting in May. The Council discussed a possible speaker who might fit the bill and it was agreed an architect was best but more research needs to be done to see if the proposed speaker could address more modest solutions in such a talk.

### OTHER

The possible Chevy Chase Seniors Village was discussed (see story this issue) and it was agreed that the Village Manager would contact some individuals in the community who might want to participate in the planning.

The Village Manager asked for input on re-vamping the website. We are considering a bulletin board of photos from recent events to be changed as new events occur.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. and the Council went into executive session where they discussed the performance and salary of the Village Manager.



## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

### MORE BABIES!!!

There IS something in the water in Section 3! A special welcome to **Alec Keshvar Mostofi**, born to **Tabitha Bailey and David Mostofi** on January 3rd. Alec who weighed 7 lb., 11 oz., joins sister **Addison** at home on Georgia Street. Alec will have the pleasure of playing with "Massey" **Dioguardi** (born December 19th) and the **Slade** boys, **Daniel Louis and Philip Hammer**, born to parents **Ben and Alix Slade**. The twins were born on January 17th with **Daniel** weighing in at 7 lb, 7 oz and **Philip** a mere 6 lb., 7 oz. Baby sister **Rose** is thrilled as are her parents! Congrats and welcome to all! Pretty soon we'll be able to field a basketball team!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Special birthday wishes to **Tom Gorman** who hit his 7th decade in mid January! The entire family was home to wish him well. Happy Birthday Tom!

### ISN'T IT GREAT TO LIVE IN SECTION 3?

**Lois and Alan Fern** of 3605 Raymond Street would like to thank the kind, early rising, and anonymous neighbor who occasionally puts our newspapers at our front door. The gesture is greatly appreciated, especially on cold mornings.

## MVA ON WHEELS

Need to renew a non-commercial drivers license or a Maryland Photo ID card? Need to obtain a duplicate drivers license, or a certified copy of a driving record? Need disability placards or to renew a vehicle registration? These are just a few of the services made available through the Motor Vehicle Administration's mobile office. The office parks in front of the Friendship Heights Village Hall at 4433 South Park Avenue on the 4th Monday of the month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The dates through June are: February 23; March 23; April 27; No service in May; June 22.

## VARIANCE REQUESTED

The **Barry** family of 6815 Fulton Street is requesting a variance of half a foot from Section 3's side setback for a proposed one-story addition and a 6.5' variance from our side setback for a proposed stone patio and concrete walkway. Montgomery County does not require a variance for this project.

## COUNTY PASSES LEGISLATION AFFECTING DOMESTIC WORKERS

If you have someone help you at least 20 hours per week for a period greater than 30 days who cares for children, serves as a companion to a sick, disabled or elderly individual or performs housekeeping duties such as cooking, cleaning and laundry, you are now required by Montgomery County to have a written employment contract. The law does not apply to au pairs, nurses and family members, but it does apply to nannies, housekeepers and companions.

The contract should specify terms and conditions of work including days and hours of work, wages, frequency of payment, deductions and overtime, time off and unpaid time off, including time allowed for breaks and meals, their duties, benefits, including if it includes living accommodations and/or meals, the length of the contract and a notice of the person's rights under Maryland law. If the service recipient provides living accommodations for the domestic worker, they must have a private room with a door that locks and access to a bathroom, kitchen and laundry facilities.

And even though every other neighbor in Section 3 is an attorney, you may not want to hire someone to craft such a document. Happily, the Montgomery County office of Consumer Protection has a webpage which provides a domestic workers model contract. Just go to [www.montgomerycountymd.gov](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov) and click on the office of consumer protection and you'll get to the model contract. If you have difficulty, the Village Manager has one available for you to use.

## THEATER FOR A GOOD CAUSE

**Mary Gorman**, who works with the Capital Interfaith Hospitality Network, a shelter for homeless families, wants us to know about a play to be performed at Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church at 3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW in the District. The play, "84 Charing Cross Road" by James Roose-Evans, is a true story of a very special correspondence and friendship which develops between a humorous script reader in her New York apartment and a mail-order bookseller in London. Proceeds from performances on Friday, February 6th at 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 7th at 4:00 p.m. will benefit the Capital Interfaith Hospitality Network (CIHN). Tickets are \$25 and \$10 for students. To order call: CIHN at (202) 363-5198.



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## **CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG!**

**We've received complaints that people are not picking up after their dogs or if they do, they are not depositing the filled bags in the garbage cans located throughout the community.**

**Please be considerate, do NOT leave your dog's poo for someone else to step in—on the street, in the park or in someone's yard. It's not pleasant for any of us!**

