

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

JULY 2007

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

Bulk Trash pickup-curbide

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Council Meeting
CCUMC Room 109
7:45 p.m.

No Council meeting in August

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

New Neighbor Barbeque
(more info to follow via individual
Invitations)

6:30 p.m. Fulton St. by Gazebo Park

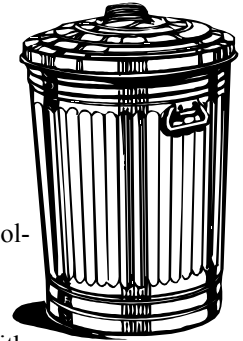
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Party-in-the-Park
4:00-7:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE!

NEW TRASH

CONTRACTOR: BULK TRASH POSTPONED TO JULY 11



As of July 1, Section 3 will have a new trash collection contractor, Montgomery Co. Sanitation and Recycling. While we were happy with Unity Contracting, Montgomery Co. Sanitation came in with a more attractive bid and good recommendations from the Town of Chevy Chase, Section 5 and North Chevy Chase, all of whom they service. What's more, they have smaller trucks which should make navigating our narrow streets a bit easier.

It may take some time to learn the location of every trash receptacle, so we ask that you let us know as soon as possible when you've been missed as we go through this break-in period. If they miss it on trash day, they will collect it by the next day if we are informed in time. As for the Bulk Trash collection on the first Wednesday, since it's July 4, we have arranged with them to postpone the collection a week, so bulk trash for July will be on Wednesday, July 11, curbside.

If you have difficulties with trash collection from July 9th through July 20th, please contact Council Chairman Bill Brownlee at (301) 652-6351 or whbrownlee@aol.com as the Village Manager will be on vacation.

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WINE TASTING BIG SUCCESS

If you saw a strange crowd of Section 3 residents walking around with wine glasses in their hands, that was the wonderful group of neighbors participating in the Annual Section 3 Wine Tasting. The object of the event is to select wines that are under \$15 a bottle that you could purchase yourself.

The crowd began tasting three white wines at the **Harney's** home on Bradley Lane. **Ken Harney** served in his annual capacity as the Village Sommelier, selecting all the red and white wines for the tasting. The group then converged on the **Murphy's** porch on Raymond Street to taste three red wines and ended up tasting two delicious Sangria recipes (a red and a white) from Jaleo courtesy of the **Cary** family on Delaware Street.

People had a wonderful opportunity to meet neighbors they'd never met before and chat at each location. Many thanks to all the hosts, we had a wonderful time!

**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, June 13 at CCUMC room 109. All Council members were present.

The Council approved the minutes as they appeared in the newsletter.

PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

The Village Manager announced the dates for the test runs for the speed cameras on Brookville Road and Connecticut Avenue. She also pointed out that Chevy Chase Village was running though several unexpected bumps in the road in getting their cameras in place including a question by the State Highway Department as to whether or not they felt it was legal for a third party (the firm running the speed cameras) to collect funds for cameras on state highways and also the necessary training of judges in the system that the County and Chevy Chase Village is using to catch speeders. We have the benefit of the Village going through these hoops before we begin the bid process, but the road seems long and will take some time.

WSSC checked all the fire hydrants in Section 3 and flushed them.

The Village Manager will be putting special chemical donuts into storm drains to combat West Nile virus.

The Village Manager and residents have not been able to determine who the pranksters are who have been harassing one family on Fulton Street. The youths ring the doorbell and run away, but lately have taken to dumping dirt and debris on their porch. It's hoped that since this seems to happen on the way home from school that it will stop once school stops. It's also been determined that the child responsible does not seem to be a Section 3 resident.

The Council discussed the problem of ambulances not being able to get through (see story this issue).

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

Our water engineering consultant, Bill Bissell, has come up with a high-tech solution to the run-off on the Corbett (Shepherd Street) property and it is hoped that their contractor will install the necessary filtration devices soon.

The Buildings and Roads person and the Council Chair met with the **McKinney** family on Georgia Street about the storm drain which runs through the Section 3 easement on their property to see about making necessary improvements to avoid flooding in their yard. Consultant Bill Bissell also came and will make some recommendations regarding the problem. Mr. Bissell also looked at a serious flooding problem caused by construction in Section 5

which adversely affects both the **Connors** on Georgia Street and the **McKinnons** on Brookville Road. The Village Manager and the Buildings and Roads person propose to meet with the two homeowners in Section 5 who are responsible for this problem to see if something can't be worked out between the four families.

Consultant Bissell has been tasked with defining the Under the Sidewalk Drain system specifications so that we can put it out for bid.

Nigerian Ambassador's residence. New owners are about to take title to the Nigerian Ambassador's residence and have applied for and, once they take title, will receive a permit for the demolition of the deck at the rear of the property and also some concrete that may be there from an old swimming pool. The second lot on the property has been sold to another owner and his plans have yet to be conveyed to the Council.

The State Highway Department is working on a new electrical box at the corner of Bradley Lane and Connecticut Avenue. Once installed, Section 3 will ask the State Highway people for permission to put a sign welcoming people to Section 3 in front of the unsightly box. The lights at that intersection will also be relocated and improved and the crosswalk has been moved slightly south of the previous location.

FINANCIAL STATUS

Paul Kiernan, treasurer, reported that the Council was in good financial condition. The Council considered the request from the Rosemary Hills PTA for some assistance in funding the new playground equipment and installation of that equipment. The Council voted to donate \$2,500.00 as a base contribution and then to match contributions made by Section 3 residents from April 1 to September 1 up to \$50 per household with a total limit on the donation of \$5,000 (including the \$2,500 base).

The Council voted to select Montgomery County Sanitation and Recycling Company as the trash contractor for the next three years. They also voted to continue with Level Green Landscape LLC as our landscape contractor for the next three years.

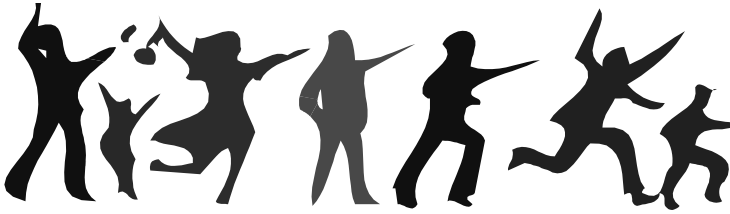
The Council also voted to hire Dennis Alexander CPA to audit the books and report to the relevant state and federal authorities for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2007.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

The Party in the Park date is set as usual, the third Sunday in September, the 16th, with a rain date of the 23rd. The New Neighbors' Barbeque is set for early August, date to be determined and invitations sent in early August.

The House Stories project continues with lots of good information being gathered from diverse sources-neighbors, Chevy chase Historical Society, Historic Preservation Commission and the Library of Congress.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

SPRING MOVES BRING NEW NEIGHBORS TO SECTION 3

A special welcome to **Audry and Andy Carter** and their 14 year old daughter, **Claire** and their son **Sam** who moved into the Reber-Ammann home on Florida Street. The family moved from Ohio and Andy will be opening up new D.C. headquarters for the Visiting Nurses Association of America. Welcome to the neighborhood!

Welcome too to **Christo and Amy Doyle** and their three year old son **Jack** and their nine-month-old daughter. The Doyles have moved into 6804 Brookville Road from Washington, D.C. and have family in the area.

Welcome to **Mike and Farrell Dettrick** and their boys ages 2½ and 4 who have moved into 7004 Florida Street from Boulder, Colorado. Mike is with XM Radio.

Welcome to the new owners of the Nigerian Ambassador's residence, **Stephen and Patricia Edelen** and their five-year-old twins **Anastasia and Annika**. The family will be doing some extensive renovations before they move in and they have sold the larger lot that contains the parking lot and tennis court to another owner.

Variance Request. **Neil Nott and Carolyn Greis** have requested a variance to build an approximately 827 square foot, two story addition on the Fulton Street side of their home that would intrude into the rear setback mandated by the county for through-lots by five feet. The couple has already received a variance at the County level for this work but requires a variance from Section 3 as well.

Congratulations to **Kyle Jennings** who was graduated from St. John's College High School this June and will be attending Georgia Tech beginning this summer to study mechanical engineering at his dad's alma mater!

Congratulations to **Mona Malik and Mirza Baig** of Delaware Street on the birth of **Salma** on June 11th. Brothers **Karim** and **Jamal** are thrilled to have a little sister.

AMBULANCE COULD NOT GET THROUGH DUE TO ILLEGALLY PARKED CARS

A child on the no outlet segment of Georgia Street needed the services of an ambulance recently. Unfortunately, due to a car parked too near the intersection in front of a yellow curb, the ambulance was unable to get down the street and the EMS workers had to run to the child's aid. Happily, the child is fine, but this incident underlines the importance of the designated no parking areas, particularly near corners so vital to allowing large vehicles like ambulances and fire trucks to get down our narrow streets. Please do not park in these areas, even for a minute—and share this concern with neighbors, contractors and friends visiting. Parking in front of fire hydrants, near stop signs, at intersections are all no-nos and the police have ticketed a number of people.

An e-mail about this problem generated a number of residents noting that neighbors are not respecting the yellow curbs opposite driveways. We have very narrow streets—it is often IMPOSSIBLE to back out of a driveway if a car is parked there... please be considerate.



WATER YOUR STREET TREES, GREENWAY SOD!

As you know, we've not had sufficient rain yet this season to spur the proper growth of many of our trees and plants. Please take a moment to water your street trees and greenways and ask neighbors to help out if you plan on going away.

SPEED CAMERA PROGRESS

Three-day tests on both Connecticut Avenue and Brookville Road took place the later part of June. The Council will review these findings and begin the process of crafting a request for proposals for competitive bids for the speed camera service. There are a number of legal hoops that an incorporated village without its own police force will have to go through both with the State government and the County government, but we are hopeful that we will be able to accomplish this and get this much needed public safety service in our community.

HOUSE STORIES— STILL COLLECTING

The House Histories project for Section 3 continues, so if you haven't gotten around to submitting yours, it's never too late. With the help of Evelyn Gerson who is on the board of the Chevy Chase Historical Society, we've unearthed all sorts of fascinating information on homes in Section 3 including atlases drawn up for insurance companies dating back to 1916, 1927 and 1930. The atlases show the outlines of the houses built during each period and in the 1930 atlas, the kind of material the house was made out of and the owner at that moment in time.

What have we learned? The first houses in Section 3 were built on Bradley Lane, Connecticut Avenue and a smattering of homes within the community. As the 1920's progressed and the government grew, more and more government workers needed places to live. An examination of city directories from 1912-13, 1916, 1918, 1927-28 and 1930-31 has revealed that a number of homes were clearly used as rooming houses for government workers and other single or widowed individuals, that families often bought lots together and built several homes on the property, and that unlike today's kids, children usually stayed living with their parents until they married and started their own families. We've discovered too that as the community was subdivided (first in 1905, then the most significant re-subdivision in 1907 and finally in 1912), the house numbers changed, sometimes three times. Every property in Section 3 had a different number—some changed in the 1950's, some changed as early as 1916... making research for each home a bit of a challenge to be certain that we have the right dates for the right house. We've also learned that many of the dates that the State Department of Assessments has for the earlier built homes is incorrect, and that mansionization isn't a new phenomenon—not just extensive renovations. There have been compete or near total teardowns years ago as well. And of course, the inevitable cutting up of lots into smaller portions, making house numbers a real challenge!

In terms of a continuing history of a single family in the community, the **Penningtons** reign. The original Pennington house was number 16 Taylor Street, built around 1912 by **Margaret Carter** and her husband. Margaret's daughter **Catherine** married **Lee Pennington** and in 1923, they are listed as living at 16 Taylor Street in the area directory of that time. Now the home is owned by the **Mathias** family but lived in by the **Mikkelsons** at the southeastern corner of Taylor and Delaware Streets. And while no Pennington lives there now, there are two homes lived in by family members just next door—**Mike and Marcia Pennington Shannon** live at 3804 and Marcia's twin,

Walter Pennington and his wife **Donna** live next door to them in the home Lee Pennington built for he and his wife Catherine at 3808. All that land at one point, belonged to the Pennington family. Ev Gerson and Jon Newhard's home was built by the same family that built **Charlotte Brewer's** house (parents built a home for their offspring) as well as the **Finn/Adams** home.

As to interesting original owners, the **Press's** home was owned by an **Ella Holland**, identified in the city directories as a farmer—and **Ev Gerson** and **Jon Newhard's** home was built by someone variously described as a vocal teacher and a composer.

Celeste Meininger grew up in her Spring Street house and **Sheila Doyle Pitchford** and **Mary Doyle Weadon** grew up in what is now Mary Weadon's home. **Jan Augustine** grew up in what is now the **Cary's** home on Delaware Street but she lives a stone's throw away on Spring Street and **Mary Smith** has lived in her home since shortly after her aunt and uncle purchased it and brought her to live with them as a five-year-old.

What's your story? If you haven't already submitted what you know about your home, it's not too late, every house has a story, including your own!

CABARET EXTRAORDINAIRE

DANCE! THEATER! MUSIC!

Atlas Performing Arts Center, Lang Theater
1333 H St. NW, Washington, DC

Saturday, July 21 @ 4:30 pm
Wednesday, July 25 @ 6:30 pm
Thursday, July 26 @ 8:30 pm

General Admission \$15

Cash @ the door, on-line @ www.capfringe.org,
@ the box office, 507 7th St. NW

Choreography: Section 3 resident Nancy Havlik,
Joseph Perna & Malcolm Shute
with dancers: April Betty, Philip Fletcher,
Adrian Moore, Jennifer Rivers, Alexander Short,
Polly Thibodeau
Steve Hilmy (electronic music), Peter Fraize
(saxophone), Flaco (percussion)

www.nancyhavlikdance.org

TAXES, TAXES, TAXES

If you've received your tax bill, you've noticed a \$29.50 charge for solid waste. Section 3 pays that charge for you, so if you pay your own bill, deduct that amount when you pay. If your mortgage lender pays the bill, they will receive a bill without the charge on it, so don't worry about notifying them, the County will do that when it sends out the tapes they use to bill large mortgage lenders.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact either Council Chair Bill Brownlee or Village Manager Andy Leon Harney.

NEW SOURCE FOR RECYCLING COMPUTERS

If you have old computers, microwave ovens, printers or copiers that are not working but whose parts might be used, contact Turtle Wings at (703) 960-0699 or look them up on line at www.turtlewings.com. This is a for-profit firm that recycles these machines for their parts. They guarantee that they will wipe your hard drive clean up to Department of Defense standards and will make better use of these complex machines than would the landfill.

If you'd like to donate a Pentium II or higher old computer for a low income family or individual, then contact Computers for Communities, Inc. They too will pick up the computers and refurbish them. Their website is www.ComputersforCommunities.org or call (301) 368-9253 for pickup.

RECYCLE RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES & CELL PHONES

All those batteries found in cordless power tools, cellular and cordless phones, laptop computers, camcorders, digital cameras and remote control toys are made out of Nickel Cadmium (ni-CD), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Lithium Ion (Li-ion) and small sealed lead (Pb weighing less than 2 lbs), should be kept out of the solid waste to preserve our natural resources. So what to do with all those batteries? Did you know you can drop them off at any cell phone store-for example the Verizon store on Wisconsin Ave (or any Verizon Store) or the Radio Shack on the same street (or any Radio Shack), at Strosnider's at the AT&T store or even the Apple retail shop on Bethesda Avenue. They are all participating in a program run by a national nonprofit called RBRC (Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation). So before you pitch those specialized kinds of batteries, take a moment and bring them to one of these collection points where they will be properly handled and more sensitive to the environment.

FREecycle

In Section 3 we do our best to recycle worthwhile items through donations to charities and of course, leaving out the bulk trash on Tuesday nights often results in some interesting recycling within the neighborhood. If you have useful items, try looking up www.freecycle.org to find new homes for items you might need. Or you can go to http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/swstm-pl.asp?url=/content/dpwt/SolidWaste/collection_services/recycling/freecycle.asp.

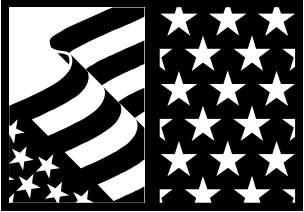
GIVING GREEN

Having trouble thinking of a gift for the person who has everything? You can give a tree in their honor through the Maryland Department of Natural Resources program, the TREE-MENDOUS MARYLAND program. Just send \$35 for each tree you want planted. All trees will be planted in designated groves on public lands where they will increase greenways and natural habitats, and buffer our waterways.

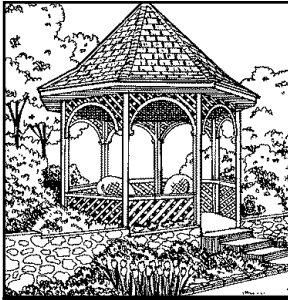
If you're feeling really extravagant, then for \$350, you can plant a small grove of trees. In either case, the recipient will get a gift certificate announcing your gift. Interested? Call (410) 260-8510 or send a check with the name of the person you wish to honor (memorial or celebration) and their address and your name as well. Send checks to TREE-MENDOUS MARYLAND, Taws State Office Building E-1, Annapolis, MD. 21401. For more information, you can visit www.dnr.maryland.gov/forests/treemendous.

PAINT GIVEAWAY AT SHADY GROVE TRANSFER STATION

Do you have some paint left over from the wrong color choice, two jobs ago, or "don't remember why but it's sitting in the basement"? Consider dropping these goodies off at the Shady Grove Transfer Station household waste drop off...then, save a buck and see if they have the color you really meant to get-it's a wonderful recycling idea that you too can help participate in. For more info go to www.montgomerycountymd.gov/solidwaste. Under hazardous waste, click on paint giveaway. The way the program works, you need to bring in three gallons to get a free five-gallon bucket of paint. If you have any questions, contact Rick Dimont by e-mail at recycle@montgomerycountmd.gov, or call (301) 840-2774.



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**SCHOOL IS OUT—CHILDREN ARE AT PLAY—
PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY & CAREFULLY IN
SECTION 3**

**IF YOU ARE UNDER 18 AND RIDE A BIKE,
A HELMET IS MANDATORY—YOU ONLY
HAVE ONE HEAD— TAKE CARE OF IT!**