

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

MAY 2008

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 4
Annual House Tour
(see story this issue)



WEDNESDAY, MAY 7
Bulk Trash pickup--curbside

TUESDAY, MAY 13
VOTING 6:00 p.m.-8:00p.m.
ANNUAL MEETING
8:00 p.m.
Epworth Room, CCUMC

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4
Curbside, Bulk Trash Pick-up

SUNDAY, JUNE 8
Annual Wine Tasting

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TAX BURDENS INCREASE ON MONTGOMERY COUNTY RESIDENTS

The special session of the Maryland Assembly called earlier this year to address the state's budget deficit passed some new individual income tax rates that will directly affect many of Section 3's residents. Having just paid your 2007 taxes, you should be aware of changes on two fronts: one has already left the station, the other is one that has yet to be addressed, but may have dramatic impact on your disposable income.

For tax year 2008, the new tax brackets that the state legislature approved include: 5 percent for income over \$150,000, or \$200,000 for spouses filing jointly, surviving spouses, and heads of households. The next bracket will be charged 5.25 percent for income over \$300,000, or \$350,000 for spouses filing jointly, surviving spouses, and heads of household; and 5.5 percent for income over \$500,000, regardless of filing status. Prior to this change, the highest individual income tax rate in Maryland was 4.75 percent. Personal exemptions were raised from \$2,400 to \$3,200, but the exemption is phased down as incomes rise from \$100,000 to \$200,000 (\$175,000 to \$250,000 for spouses filing jointly, surviving spouses, and heads of households. If you have income in excess of \$200,000 (\$250,000 for spouses filing jointly, surviving spouses, and heads of household) you can look forward to about the same amount of personal exemption as you'll get in the President's economic stimulus package: \$600 in the lower brackets. The piggy-back surcharge currently imposed by Montgomery County on that tax is 3.20 percent, but the County Council has yet to vote on their budget, which has some other surprises, specifically, a "progressive" property tax.

COUNTY PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

County Executive Ike Leggett has proposed that in this time of recession, in order to meet the County's budgetary needs, that not only will the "rich" be taxed more by the state on their income, **but on the assessed value of their home.**

Under Leggett's proposed plan, the higher the assessed value of your house, the higher the percentage increase in property taxes you will pay. Under the plan, EVERY homeowner in Montgomery County will get a tax credit of \$1014. Under the plan, a house in the county assessed at \$550,000 for fiscal year 2009 would owe \$4,364 in property taxes. a 12.4 percent increase over the current fis-

COUNTY TAX INCREASE, CONTINUED ON PAGE 6

**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, April 9th. All Council members were present. The meeting began at 8:50 p.m. at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church.

The Council approved the minutes of the March meeting as published in the newsletter.

PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

The Chevy Chase Police have stopped a number of speeders on both Connecticut Avenue and Brookville Road.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

The Council granted a curb cut to the **Scheck** family for a driveway to be installed on the Fulton Street side of their property. The plans for the balance of the work they hope to do will be presented later.

The work on the **Lesmes** home continues on Taylor Street. Mr. O'Brien has submitted plans for the demolition of the home at 6803 Florida Street. The problem of water flooding the garage at 7104 Florida Street also owned by Mr. O'Brien continues to be a problem. Both the Village Manager and the Buildings and Roads Council member have discussed this problem with Mr. O'Brien but as yet he has not resolved the constant flooding.

The Council discussed the three intersections to be milled and paved: Shepherd and Delaware Street, Spring, Florida and Fulton Streets, and Georgia and Spring Streets. Three large cracks in the first block of Raymond Street between Connecticut Avenue and Delaware Street will also be repaired. It was decided to put off milling and paving the intersection of Shepherd and Fulton Streets.

The Village Manager will have a civil engineer look at Florida Street between Spring and Raymond Streets and also the no outlet section of Delaware Street to determine if milling and paving are in order or if it would be better to rebuild the road entirely. The Village Manager has two bids and needs a third for the milling and paving of Fulton and Taylor Streets once WSSC completes their work around mid- to late-May.

Plans are for the signage in bad condition throughout the Section to be replaced based on the survey done by consulting engineer Joe Cutro. All the bad signs will be replaced prior to the end of the fiscal year. New street signs will be ordered and put in place by the new fiscal year.

Consulting engineer Bill Bissell, who has helped us with water and drainage problems, is doing a survey of all our storm

drain inlets to see which ones need attention. The Village Manager will then work with the County to make sure the necessary repairs are tended to as soon as possible. Mr. Bissell is also consulting about an illegal driveway which was installed by an absentee landlord to be certain that the drainage problems created by the driveway are ameliorated for the neighbors.

Verizon has completed its survey of all the lines in Section 3 and maintains that they have removed the obsolete lines and we will soon be discussing with them the initial installation of FIOS lines in Section 3. The work will take a few weeks but then the subcontractors will have to return after a month or two to complete the installation.

The Council agreed to not participate in Montgomery County's CDBG and HOME programs.

The Village Manager is ordering a picnic table for the park so that families can sit at a table in the park. The table will be placed in the shade so that people can still play ball in the park.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council reviewed the current status of our finances and is searching for Maryland chartered institutions with decent interest rates to invest funds. The Council reviewed the budget to be presented in the newsletter to Section 3 residents and voted on at the Annual Meeting May 13th.

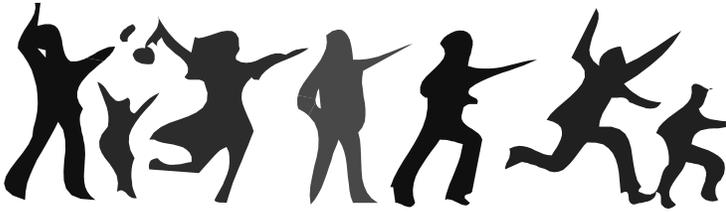
The Council discussed County Executive Ike Leggett's plan for a major hike in property tax rates which would adversely affect many Section 3 residents. It was agreed that an article should appear in the newsletter explaining this to our residents.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

The Village Manager reported that a group in favor of leaving the Crescent Trail as a hiker/biker trail is sponsoring a rally on May 31st to influence those who want to put the Purple Line on that right of way. It was agreed that without seeing all the proposals in play, Section 3 agreeing to co-sponsor that event would be premature. A notice of the event will be published in the newsletter. The problem with the current Purple Line discussions is that since the plans were first introduced, the base realignment (BRAC) plan has come to the Naval Medical Center/NIH, and that should greatly affect any connection between Silver Spring and Bethesda. But at the moment, no one is coordinating the activities of the Purple Line proponents and the BRAC planners. There is a vacuum of leadership that should be filled so that the transportation needs of the new larger military installation at the Naval Medical Center/NIH nexus is considered.

The House Tour plans are almost finalized. The Village Manager is working on getting hosts for the last two or three locations. A separate brochure will be sent out to residents so that the

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

A special welcome to two new families in Section 3. **Susan and Kate Manning** managed to move in on the very day we had no water in part of Section 3! What a welcome! The couple have moved from Capitol Hill and have a two-year-old daughter **Eleanor** and are expecting twins by the end of the summer. They live at 7005 Florida Street.

Gabrielle Koeppel and **Aaron Velli** almost didn't move into 7110 Georgia Street because their truck couldn't get around a car parked on the street but happily, they made it. With their boys **Jackson** (age 8) and **Zachary** (age 6) and their au pair **Jessika Sgabi**, they are settling in nicely. Good to welcome both families to the neighborhood!

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of a long-time Section 3 resident, **Nancy Prigg**, in late April. Nancy and her husband **Bill** lived at the corner of Shepherd and Fulton Streets for many, many years and each year we honor **Bill** with our annual warm clothing and blanket drive. Nancy left many friends in Section 3 and will be missed. A memorial service for **Nancy** is planned for May 27 at 11:00a.m. at Chevy Chase United Methodist Church.

Also leaving us was **Charles Wilding-White**, longtime partner of **Carol Sutherland** and **Delaware Street** resident for many years. Born in England, **Mr. Wilding-White** came to the U.S. many years ago and became a foreign service officer. A memorial service is planned at the National Cathedral where **Charles** was a docent. The service will be held on May 16 in the **Bethlehem Chapel**.

CONNECT WITH THE TRAIL

Explore the resource in your own back yard—the **Crescent Trail**. Supporters of the trail who don't want to see the **Purple Line** on it are sponsoring a special event to share this valuable resource with the public. About 10,000 people use the trail every week—and it's as close as **Elm Street** in the **Town of Chevy Chase**. If you want to learn more about it and where one of the proposed **Purple Line** routes is headed, go to the **Connect with the Trail** event on **May 31st** from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at **Elm Street** near the **Leland Community Center**.

ANNUAL MEETING AND VOTING

Don't forget the Annual Meeting, Tuesday, May 13th. Voting begins at 6:00 p.m. and ends at 8:00

p.m. when the Annual Meeting begins. The business of the day is to review the year that has passed, thank those leaving the Council and to review and pass a budget for the upcoming year.

This year **Mike Shannon** and **Paul Kiernan** will both be leaving the Council after many long years of service. **Mike** served for two years from 1995 to 1997 and then again from 2000 to 2008. **Paul Kiernan** has served continuously from 1996. Both men have served as Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. **Mike** also served as Vice Chairman. (Each year the Council elects the officers for that year, so many Council members rotate positions). Serving on the Council is an unpaid position involving lots of time, thought and energy. We are extremely grateful for the many years of service and the sacrifices these two individuals have made to help make Section 3 a better place to live.

The two candidates for the Council, **Donna Harmon** and **Jon Newhard** are looking forward to serving the community. Please come vote for them and welcome them to their new roles.

HOUSE TOUR BIG SUCCESS

Special thanks to the **Baines, Hovda, Kirsch-Epstein, Dioguardi-Sheckells and Corbett families** for opening up their homes to Section 3 residents to see what lovely things they've done inside. Beautiful weather and extremely generous donations to the homeless and those needing eyeglasses made the day a great success. And the **Scheck boys'** lemonade stand was a perfect refresher along the route!

Everyone came away inspired by the careful choices made by these five families in making their houses into lovely homes. **Shepherd's Table** in **Silver Spring** will benefit greatly from the many towels and hundreds of soaps, shampoos and lotions donated. The **Lion's Club** will be most appreciative of all the used eyeglasses donated. They take the glasses, clean them up, test the corrections and label them and send them to third world countries where they are paired with needy individuals who could not otherwise afford glasses. In the event that you were away and unable to attend the house tour, donations will be gratefully accepted at the home of the **Village Manager**—just leave them on the front porch at 3801 **Bradley Lane** and we will see that they get to the right people.



NOISE ORDINANCES AND LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR PARKING

It's spring and the landscape contractors are out in force...and with them lots of noise. Please make sure of the following: work may not begin on weekdays before 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on weekends and holidays. Work must end at 9:00 p.m., after which time it's "quiet hours."

Please make sure that your contractors do NOT blow grass clippings, etc. into the street—we don't have a way to clean the streets after they've blown the grass clippings there. If you want to be extra considerate of your neighbors, ask your contractors NOT to use those noisy blowers...it would certainly help with both chemical and noise pollution!

Parking—we ask all Section 3 residents to advise their contractors that they cannot park in front of yellow curbs or driveways or near intersections...we have the most densely populated section of Chevy Chase and often contractors' trailers block entrances to neighbor's driveways or make it impossible for cars and trucks to pass by.



PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY08-09

The budget for next year envisions some significant improvements of signage in Section 3 and road repair work as well. The Council intends to continue with community activities which bring together various groups. We now have an event almost every month that involves some segment of the community and we hope to continue that in the coming year. There is a great deal of uncertainty regarding both property taxes, income tax revenues and tax duplication reimbursement for future years so having reserves on hand in light of these uncertainties is considered a good thing.

This year we have undertaken a major tree pruning effort to maintain the safety of the streets and sidewalks. We have also re-sodded the entire park and planted perennials which will continue in FY 08-09. We have asked our landscape contractor to explore special turf used for sports areas as the park gets so much use.

SECTION 3 MOTHER'S YAHOO GROUP

Alix Slade has just set up a listserv for young mothers in the neighborhood to share information through Yahoo. The purpose of the group is to help facilitate communication among young mothers and play date scheduling. If you are already part of the mother's play date group, you've already received an e-mail confirming your membership in the group. If you haven't received an email but would like to join the group, just go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CCSectionIIIMoms/> and scroll down the screen until you see "Join this Group" at the bottom right. Once you complete the brief application, you'll be added to the group. This is an "invitation only" Yahoo Group. This will limit spam members receive as well as ensure that it includes only local moms and kids. The membership set up will keep membership information as well as contact info private.

The beauty of a Yahoo Group is that you don't have to have a Yahoo account to join and you don't need to "log in" to the group site to see the messages. When you sign up you can select whether you want to receive a daily digest of the groups correspondence (which is recommended) or individual e-mails from the group (this may be many in a day). If you have trouble joining, contact the Group Moderator, Alix Slade at asharnoffis@yahoo.com or call her on her home number in the Section 3 directory.

COUNCIL ACTIONS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

information does not appear in the newsletter on the web.

The Annual Wine Tasting has been set for Sunday, June 8th. We have one host and are looking for two more.

Several new neighbors have moved in or will be moving in (see Neighborhood News).

The House History Project continues apace, it's hoped that once completed, everyone will get a history of Section 3 and those who submitted their house stories will get back a more detailed history. Over 60 residents have submitted histories of their homes and we are always looking for more.

The Council asked that if possible, the annual meeting be moved to the Epworth Room of the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church as it's not a contested election and a large turnout is not expected.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

CHEVY CHASE SECTION 3 BUDGET

INCOME	ACTUAL FY 06-07	BUDGET FY 07-08	ACTUAL FY 07-08 YEAR-TO-DATE*	PROPOSED BUDGET FY 08-09
Building Permits	\$260.00	\$180.00	\$70.00	\$150.00
Cable TV	\$4,910.67	\$4,000.00	\$4,076.17	\$4,500.00
CCUMC Trash	\$3,600.00	\$2,640.00	\$0.00	\$2,640.00
Corporate Taxes	\$48.17	\$100.00	\$0.00	
County Duplication	\$32,322.00	\$32,322.00	\$32,322.00	\$28,000.00
Court & Misc fees	\$28.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Income Taxes	\$375,303.48	\$325,000.00	\$447,023.52	\$400,000.00
Interest	\$40,557.76	\$15,000.00	\$30,472.38	\$20,000.00
Interest Income from Taxes	\$141.47	\$0.00	\$1,506.70	
Parking Fines	\$127.50	\$160.00	\$904.00	\$250.00
Personal Property Taxes	\$153.39	\$0.00		\$0.00
Property Taxes	\$35,895.17	\$35,643.00	\$37,263.61	\$39,000.00
State Highway	\$34,882.91	\$36,521.20	\$22,095.03	\$37,127.00
Total Income	\$528,230.72	\$451,566.20	\$575,733.41	\$531,667.00
EXPENSES				
Accounting Fees	\$4,211.70	\$6,000.00	\$6,229.95	\$6,800.00
Bank Service Charges	\$6.00	\$50.00	\$130.95	\$50.00
Charitable Donation	\$675.00	\$0.00	\$7,400.00	
Community Promotion	\$13,747.90	\$15,000.00	\$14,189.56	\$16,000.00
County Landfill Charges	\$13,725.35	\$16,000.00	\$8,230.50	\$10,000.00
Depreciation Expense *	\$10,658.72			
Dues and Conventions/Dinner	\$3,802.59	\$3,500.00	\$3,537.76	\$4,200.00
Engineering Study/Services	\$760.00	\$10,000.00	\$7,014.50	\$5,500.00
Equipment	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$179.62	\$800.00
Grass & Trees	\$32,803.70	\$45,000.00	\$24,855.04	\$45,000.00
Insurance	\$8,867.00	\$14,500.00	\$6,884.00	\$10,000.00
Legal Fees	\$5,105.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,925.48	\$6,500.00
Messenger	\$17.51		\$57.22	
Miscellaneous	\$862.73	\$500.00	-\$421.33	\$400.00
Newsletter	\$8,374.79	\$7,500.00	\$7,359.36	\$10,000.00
Office Supplies	\$320.02	\$500.00	\$408.30	\$500.00
Party-in-the-Park	\$11,680.75	\$16,000.00	\$11,846.41	\$14,500.00
Payroll and Taxes	\$45,751.26	\$48,000.00	\$36,193.33	\$50,000.00
Police	\$7,910.00	\$12,000.00	\$6,773.00	\$14,000.00
Postage and Delivery	\$1,877.48	\$2,200.00	\$1,538.70	\$2,500.00
Recycling	\$2,356.05	\$3,800.00	\$3,580.70	\$4,500.00
Rent	\$1,824.00	\$1,920.00	\$1,737.00	\$2,520.00
Snow Removal	\$12,586.00	\$15,000.00	\$4,395.50	\$12,000.00
Street Lighting	\$6,695.23	\$10,000.00	\$5,256.71	\$10,000.00
Street Repairs	\$2,429.75	\$150,000.00	\$8,176.33	\$65,000.00
Street Signs	\$3,080.87	\$2,500.00	\$1,247.08	\$35,000.00
Telephone and On-Line	\$1,139.20	\$1,400.00	\$1,247.08	\$1,800.00
Waste Collection	\$84,400.00	\$92,000.00	\$55,518.21	\$90,000.00
Water	\$449.40	\$300.00	\$197.25	\$400.00
Total Expenses	\$286,118.00	\$479,470.00	\$228,688.21	\$417,970.00

*Our fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. * as of April 9, 2008*

* Depreciation expense is not included in the total as it cannot be compared to this current fiscal year as the depreciation hasn't yet been taken.

COUNTY TAX INCREASE, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1
cal year (2007). A house assessed at \$1.1 million would owe \$9,741, a much steeper rate increase—22 percent. Under the same plan, everyone in Section 3 will experience an increase in property taxes of 7.5 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. What that means in fact for Section 3 homeowners, who are only charged 2 cents per \$100 assessed valuation by Section 3, is that they will pay \$1.11 per \$100 assessed valuation to the state, the county and Section 3.

The average taxable assessment for Section 3 residents for 2008 is \$1,022,986, according to the county budget office. Next year, assuming a 10% increase, the number will be \$1,125,285. Which means the average Section 3 resident will owe \$12,490.66 minus the \$1014 tax credit, in FY09, which is a significant percentage increase over FY 07 taxes. In short, the average homeowner in Section 3 can expect to budget about \$1,000 per month for property taxes alone under Ike Leggett's proposed plan.

Under the plan, those with a lower tax assessment would experience no "hit" but those at the higher brackets, many of whom use fewer county services, would experience a much heavier burden, hence the term "progressive" property tax. This same concept of a tax credit and a rate hike has been in place for the past few years, however this year's proposed tax rate increase exceeds the charter limit and the "credit" is so large that it in effect, significantly diminishes the tax burden at the lower assessed levels and at the upper levels, the "credit" has less and less impact on a big property tax bill. For those already straining with higher food costs, fuel costs, lower rates on investments and those on fixed incomes, this additional burden may be too great.

The idea that we have a 10 percent cap on our assessments doesn't help in this instance...the cap is only on the assessment, NOT on the tax rate. Section 3 was recently re-assessed, making the new tax rate proposal more ominous.

The County Council is holding hearings on the proposed property tax structure on May 15th. If you are concerned about how this proposal will hit your family's wallet, you may want to contact our District representative, Roger Berliner (240 777-7828), and any of the at-large Council members Duchy Trachtenberg who is head of the Council's fiscal committee (240 777-7964), Marc Elrich (240 777-7966), George Leventhal (240 777-7811) and Nancy Floreen (240 777-7959). The Council President, Michael Knapp may also be interested in your feelings on the subject at (240 777 7955).



BIKE DONATION DRIVE A SUCCESS!

Kudos to **Ben and Alix Slade** for their work in collecting bikes for Bikes for the World at Citybikes up Connecticut Avenue. In all, they collected 33 bikes, a number from Section 3 people with a promise of two more bikes from the neighborhood. **Peter White**, another Section 3 resident now doing work in Accra, Ghana, wrote after seeing the e-mail advertising the collection saying "I have been living in Accra for the past year and a half and travel a lot in Africa (this email comes to you from Ouagadougou). The bike donations is one of the best things going! Bikes are being used by all ages over many of Africa's countries, thanks to programs like this." He went on to say "special thanks to Ben and Alix for organizing this."

FREE-CYCLE

Next time you're sorting through household goods for bulk trash day, consider donating to a charity instead, there are so many interested in your usable goodies. Consider the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Freecycle group, founded in 2004.

(<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/freecycle-bcc-md/>) or just go to freecycle.org and look them up that way. Another option is A Wider Circle (301 657-1010)—we have had them come to Section 3 with a truck to pick up furniture for homeless families starting over again. Other more traditional options are Vietnam Veterans of America (800) 459-8387, AmVets (301) 953-0090, Purple Heart (301) 277-0063.

BARK AT THE PARK!

Put Sunday, June 8th on your calendar now if you own a dog. We're having a special event for Section 3's dogs at the Gazebo Park—a vet booth with a veterinarian to field questions, dog yoga, a dog contest and lots of other special features at this special event for you and your dog. **Michelle and Julia Ballarini** are organizing the event so feel free to contact her to volunteer to help out.

Please note, you are responsible for your dog-on a leash. Section 3 accepts no liability for any problems between dogs and people, so make sure to monitor your dog!

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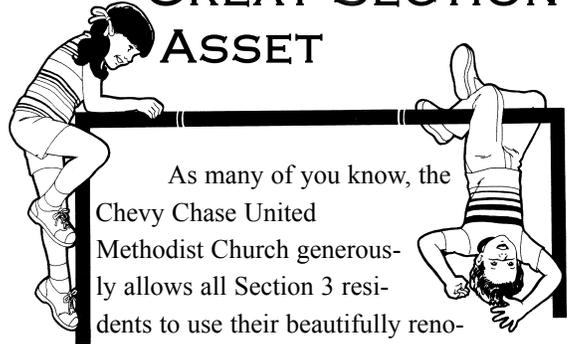
Patrick Strauss, the owner of the property on the corner of Connecticut Avenue and Bradley Lane has re-submitted a plan to build two rather than three houses on the lot. The first plan was the subject of a hearing held by Section 3 earlier this year.

Under the new plan, a single driveway, as close as possible to the **Terpeluk** property is proposed and the second driveway would use the existing southern entrance to the property on Connecticut Avenue. Both houses would face Bradley Lane.

The Council reviewed the findings of the Planning Board's review committee and the new plans for two homes with larger lots. The new plan is a significant improvement over the first plan which presented some serious traffic issues. In an April 22nd letter to the Montgomery County Planning Board, the Council suggested that the houses be set back farther than envisioned on the proposed plan to be more in keeping with the pattern of the historic houses closest to the two new proposed houses. The purpose of having the houses set back farther would also provide more on-site parking for these two houses as in both cases, there is no on-street parking.

The Council also endorsed the proposed locations of both driveways but urged the County Planning Board not to force the property owner to install a sidewalk in front of the houses on Bradley Lane as the sidewalk would end abruptly and create a safety hazard for pedestrians who would be forced to cross the street mid-block. It is not clear what the County had in mind in requiring a sidewalk in front of these two houses.

CCUMC PLAYGROUND A GREAT SECTION 3 ASSET



As many of you know, the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church generously allows all Section 3 residents to use their beautifully re-

novated playground after school hours. In recognition of that continuing generosity, Section 3 made a contribution to the fund for the purchase of some of that new equipment. With the arrival of warmer weather, the playgrounds will doubtless be used intensively. To make sure it can be used by all our children, we ask that you remember the following:

- ▶ Please keep sand **INSIDE** the sandbox
- ▶ Replace sandbox covers after use—there's nothing worse than a child covered in wet sand! The cover keeps out the rain, animals, bugs and other debris.
- ▶ Pets are to remain outside the playgrounds.

Thanks for your cooperation in keeping this wonderful asset as clean and well-maintained as possible.



SPRING GARDEN TIPS

April was a record month for rain. Take a look around your home to be certain that you're not stuck with standing water in empty pots and other vessels waiting for the mosquitos to breed. West Nile virus is now considered endemic in this area and if you have places where water tends to "sit", consider getting "doughnut" chemicals from the hardware store that will kill mosquito larvae before they hatch. The doughnuts last 30 days and are very effective.

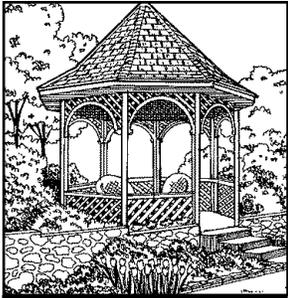
As we head into May, if it hasn't rained make sure that you water not only plants but trees as well. Don't forget the lonely serviceberry trees in the greenways as well. Please cut off any suckers that might pop up at the base of the tree. At home, if you have acid-loving plants like azaleas and hydrangeas, save your used coffee grinds and mix them in with the soil to feed that love of acid at no additional cost to you!

Finally, if you have some plants needing a home as you look at your garden this year, contact the Village Manager and she'll try and find a new home for them. We're also looking for a new plant exchange coordinator for the neighborhood so if you are interested, we'd love to have you help out and recycle plants within the community!



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IT'S SPRING! THAT MEANS BIKE RIDING! REMEMBER, YOU ONLY HAVE ONE HEAD...AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY REQUIRES THAT ANYONE UNDER 18 MUST WEAR A HELMET AT ALL TIMES WHEN RIDING A BIKE.

IF YOU ARE A DRIVER, BE AWARE THAT WE HAVE NARROW STREETS AND LOTS OF BIKE-RIDING CHILDREN...PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY!

IF YOU ARE A PARENT OF A BIKE RIDER, PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO TALK WITH YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT SAFE BIKE RIDING SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE ANY UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENTS WITH BIKES AND CARS....