

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

NOVEMBER 2007

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7
Bulk Trash Pickup, Curbside

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19
DEADLINE FOR WARM CLOTHING DRIVE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5
LAST BULK TRASH UNTIL MARCH 2008

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16
Holiday Puppet Show & Party
CCUMC Phillips Hall
4:00 p.m.

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NOVEMBER MARKS THE 10TH ANNUAL BILL PRIGG MEMORIAL WARM CLOTHING & BLANKET DRIVE

For many years, long-time Section 3 resident **Bill Prigg** spent cold winter evenings downtown handing out blankets to the homeless. Later in his life, he worked with Martha's Table, a D.C. nonprofit group dedicated to helping the homeless. **Bill and Nancy Prigg** always had another place at their table and always had items for the poor collecting on their front porch. In Bill's memory, Section 3 launches the 10th annual Bill Prigg Warm Clothing and Blanket Drive. Section 3 residents continue to be generous in their gifts.

Martha's Outfitters, the 14th St. NW "store" where the homeless and poor go to get the clothing they need, requires that everyone who enters give a dollar as a donation. They are then allowed to take all the clothing and blankets they need. And they need everything—from socks for little children who are often moved from place to place, to warm jackets, blankets and gently used clothing.

Out of respect for the many charities people regularly patronize during the Christmas season, Section 3 holds this drive prior to Thanksgiving so that when it's cold, the clothing is where it needs to be for those less fortunate and we don't interfere with your favorite charity's pleas for food, money, etc.

Kristen Williams and John Dorsey, who live with their children in the home the Priggs occupied for so many years (3619 Shepherd Street) have continued the tradition of serving as a collection point for this drive. The Village Manager's home (3801 Bradley Lane) is another collection point. The clothing is then sorted by size and type and delivered to Martha's Table where we know it all goes for a good cause.

So please, delve into your closets and drawers—pick out those nice warm garments you haven't worn in years or that the children have outgrown and put them in plastic bags (with hangers if you have them please!) and drop them off at either home **NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 19**.

WELCOME ITEMS FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN—MALE & FEMALE

Blankets/quilts/towels; warm coats/jackets—adult and children's; sweaters; pants; socks, socks, socks (even orphan socks, we'll match them with someone else's); shoes and boots; gloves, hats, scarves, mittens; hangers if you have them.

Thank you for your generosity.

SPRING FORWARD— FALL BACK

DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4 AT 2:00 AM— YOU GET AN EXTRA HOUR OF SLEEP!

**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, October 10 at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church. Bill Brownlee was absent attending a funeral out of the area. All other Council members were present. The meeting convened at 8:50 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Council discussed the two recent episodes of vandalism at the Church School playground where graffiti marred the surfaces of much of the brand new play equipment and the trashing of leaf bags and pumpkins on Florida and Fulton Street a week or so later. The police were notified following both instances but as yet no one has been apprehended.

The Chevy Chase Village Speed Cameras (their mobile units) are now in place on Connecticut Avenue. In an eight-hour period, the police chief reports that they are getting about 750 speeders who will be ticketed. There are some bumps in the system and they have yet to get permission to install the more permanent installations. The same system is already in use in Rockville and in traffic court, not a single ticket has been voided as a result of objections made by ticketed drivers. Traffic court dates for Chevy Chase Village tickets commence in December. The Council agreed that since the system is still new, to wait until the bugs have been worked out before attempting to introduce another contract service in Section 3.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

The Council is still awaiting the mason to install the **McKenney** grate to solve the problem of a potentially blocked grate in the storm drain in their yard.

Patrick Keating has installed a system which hopefully will divert water from two houses and two garages in Section 5 that had been pouring into the **Connor** home on Georgia Street. Our consulting engineer also examined the current solution. If after a heavy rain, it does not solve the run-off problem for the Connors

and the **McKinnons** on Brookville Road, the representatives of the Keating firm promise to work with Section 3 residents to make it right.

The Council agreed that we should order the parts for the drainage system under Georgia Street in front of the **Princes** and **Deborah Harris'** home so that when we get a contractor, we are not further delayed by not having the equipment available.

Mrs. Babbington of 7103 Florida Street has not yet gotten the proper fence permit from Section 3 for her now illegal fence. She has however, received a County permit. Carolyn Greis has provided her with all the appropriate forms and awaits the proper filing.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer **Paul Kiernan** reported that the Council's finances are in good condition. The draft audit report was delivered to him at the meeting. The Village Manager promised to deliver to the Council members a summary of the Party-in-the-Park expenses but reported that we came in under budget.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

The Village Manager reported that **Kelly Derrick** and **Anu Connor** volunteered to decorate Phillips Hall for the Halloween party. **Natasha Saifee** volunteered to get juice boxes and batteries for the flashlights to be handed out to the children. The Village Manager was working on recruiting servers for the pizza.

The Council agreed to sponsor the Bill Prigg Memorial Warm Clothing and Blanket Drive for November.

The Council discussed a holiday party and, at the Village Manager's suggestion, they agreed to hire Blue Sky Puppet Theatre to hold a special holiday puppet show on Sunday, December 17th if the Church had the free space. Refreshments would be served following the show.

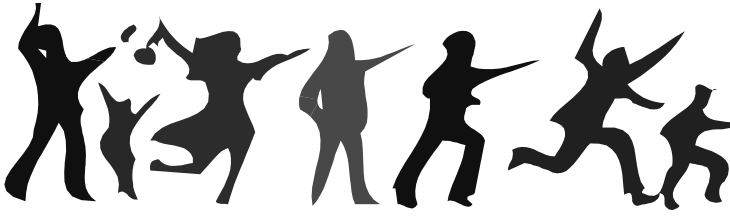
The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

LETTER BEFORE PERMITS

If you are planning to ANYTHING in the way of home improvements that might require a county permit, even if it doesn't require a Section 3 permit, you must obtain a letter from our Buildings and Roads person, **Carolyn Greis**, acknowledging that we are aware of your plans before you get a County permit. You will still have to get a permit from Section 3 but this gives us an opportunity to have a conversation in advance about what you're planning so you know if it's permissible within our ordinances.

Water, water everywhere—well, not lately, but that could change in a hurricane minute...so if you're putting in a sump pump or making any changes to your property that would alter the drainage situation (including patios, sheds, etc), you must show where the water is going to go on your property and how you intended to handle it and get a Section 3 permit.

**ARE YOUR HOUSE NUMBERS VISIBLE?
MAKE SURE YOU HAVE 5 1/2" HIGH HOUSE
NUMBERS EASILY LIT AND VISIBLE FROM THE
STREET—YOUR LIFE MAY DEPEND ON IT!**



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Choreographer and Section 3 resident **Virginia Freeman** has been working hard on an opera based on Edward Hopper's art work and coordinated with the performing arts center at the University of Maryland. The opera, *Later the Same Evening*, will be performed at the Clarice Smith Center for the Performing Arts on November 15-18 on the University of Maryland campus.

Longtime Section 3 resident **Natalie Fern** was married on Sunday, October 14 to **Rae Hamilton**. Natalie, Rae and Natalie's son **William** now reside in Parkton, Maryland. Happily, Natalie continues to do graphic design work for Section 3 including the directory and this newsletter! Best wishes to both the bride and groom.

Congratulations are in order for **Anjali Chaturvedi** and **Terrence Clark** of Florida Street who will be married on Sunday, November 4. Best wishes to you both!

Belated congratulations to **Scott Lamond** and his bride, **Kate**, who were married last April. Kate is a second year surgical resident at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. The two spend time commuting between their home on Brookville Road and Charlottesville.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 HOLIDAY PARTY TO FEATURE PUPPET SHOW

This year's Holiday Party will feature the Blue Sky Puppet Theatre group presenting "Rufus, the Red-Nosed Raindog," an entertaining tale for families and children 8 and under about a lost and lonely dog who shows up at Santa's workshop.

The event begins at 4:00 sharp with refreshments to be served following the show.

TAXES—STATE BUDGET

As of this writing, the State Legislature has not yet gone into session, however, Section 3 residents should be aware that all the current proposals involve the possibility of higher taxes for Montgomery County residents. At a recent meeting of the Montgomery Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League, representatives from all the local municipalities were briefed on some of the early O'Malley proposals that would definitely involve higher taxes for our County residents.

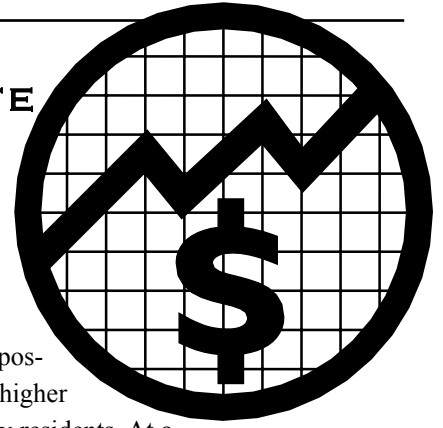
At the same time, there is a task force meeting with County representatives involving the so called "county duplication" tax payment which the County makes to us for providing services they would otherwise have to provide. The formula for that figure (which last year brought roughly \$32,000.00 to our Section 3 income budget) has always been opaque, and needs to be more transparent. However, it's clear that the County officials, strapped for cash, are looking to re-capture or re-characterize some of the categories for which we are paid in an effort to limit how much they pay us. So both at the state and local levels, there is a chance that both the Section 3 budget and your own budgets will be adversely affected.

We urge you to pay close attention to the debates in Annapolis at the special session called by the governor beginning October 29th.

All County residents pay a 3.75% tax over and above the state tax, and the Governor was talking about raising some of the brackets such that many of our residents would be paying more in taxes than almost any other resident of any other County in the state. There is talk of "lowering" our property taxes-which appears to be an effort to take the sting out of the bigger bite, but once the special session begins, we ask you to pay close attention to the debate and be ready to contact our local representatives if you feel so moved.

LEAF RAKERS AND SNOW SHOVELERS WANTED!

If you would like to earn some extra money, call the Village Manager at (301) 656-9117 and let us know that you're available so that we can pair you with a Village Resident in need. You work out the compensation yourself with the interested party-but there are plenty of leaves to go around and there will be snow...so let us know!



CHEVY CHASE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FALL MEETING ON HOW TO LOOK AT CHEVY CHASE ARCHITECTURE

Mark Wednesday, November 7th at 8:00 p.m. on your calendar to learn more about looking at local architecture. Prize-winning photographer and lecturer William Lebovich will discuss ways to look at local architecture. Mr. Lebovich, a resident of Martin's Additions, spent 33 years as an architectural historian, working with the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places, the Historic American Buildings Survey and the Historic American Engineering Record. Since 1989, he has traveled the country for architects and developers documenting significant buildings.

For more information on the lecture, contact the Chevy Chase Historical Society's very active Section 3 members **Ev Gerson, Susan Elwell, Judy Robinson** or **Helen Secrest**.

LEAF BAGS DELIVERED

In keeping with tradition, Section 3 has distributed 25 leaf bags (and instructions) to every household in the Village. If you did not receive your allotment, please contact the Village Manager as soon as possible to get your share. Yard Waste is picked up curbside every Monday. The bags are brought to Montgomery County where they are turned into mulch free to Montgomery County residents.

If you want free mulch, just bring a pick-up truck or a large vessel in the back of your SUV and a shovel and go to the Transfer station at Route 355 and Shady Grove Road. The free mulch is there for the taking. It's at the end of the first building you pass on the right, prior to going uphill to deposit toxic waste, computers and other materials for special handling.

What are the rules for use of the leaf bags and recycling yard waste? Limit the weight of any bag to 45 pounds. Don't put a lot of stones or dirt in the bags—it goes through a chipper and that makes it dangerous for the operators and not at all helpful for the chipper blade.... No plastic, please—doesn't do much for the ground. If you've run out of bags, contact the village manager to pick up some additional bags. If you don't have bags, you can put your yard waste in plastic cans (without plastic liners) and leave that curbside. If you have sticks and twigs, bundle them up with twine and make sure they can be lifted by a single person and that they aren't more than 4' in length and leave them curbside as well.

MAKE WAY FOR FIRE TRUCKS AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES

You live here—no one has to tell you how narrow our streets are! But sometimes, we forget, and get surprised when a truck wrecks a rear-view mirror or we see a scratch we know wasn't there.... If you moved onto one of our 16' streets, you know that you had to get a special smaller truck to move in.... tractor trailers just can't make it on our streets. When the UPS delivery comes it's almost a miracle he made it through the narrow streets. And when our recycling truck plies our streets every Thursday we all inhale as they go by... When our landscape contractors bring in their big wide trailers, it makes it doubly difficult for people to get through. In short, it's a challenge to navigate our streets.

And when it comes to police, fire and ambulance and we need them, we don't want to hear sad stories about how difficult it was for them to get to us...we want them there five minutes ago! So we ask you, please, use the driveway, minimize parking on the street at all times—and instruct guests and contractors to be extra careful of our narrow streets so that those important emergency vehicles can always get by.

SENIOR SNOW SHOVELING SERVICES



When the snow is 2" or more, Section 3 first has the streets plowed but then has our contractor shovel the public walkways of our senior citizens. If you have had this service in the past, no need to let us know, but if you haven't and would like this service, just contact the village manager at (202) 361-3801 or andyleon2000@aol.com. To qualify, you need only qualify for Medicare and we'll add you to the list!

Our purpose is to help with the heavy lifting only. If there is ice on the sidewalk, we expect that you'll use the appropriate chemicals to remove that ice. If you need assistance and want to hire someone to help you out, let us know and we'll try and pair you up with a neighborhood resident looking to make a little extra money.

GEORGIA STREET ICE FLOW PROBLEM TO BE AMELIORATED

The problem of excessive ice due to sump pump discharges into the gutter near the fire hydrant on Georgia Street near Shepherd Street should be resolved by this Thanksgiving. The original plan was to build an elaborate "French drain" that would run from Shepherd to



Taylor Street but the bulk of the water seems to be in the area near the fire hydrant and we have come up with a less costly, more effective plan.

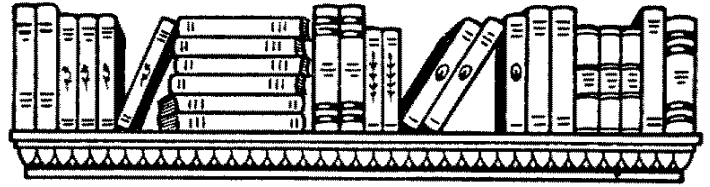
With the help of Section 3's consulting Civil Engineer Bill Bissell, we

have tested the soil in the greenway and found that it percolates well enough for a fascinating new solution to capturing and dissipating the run-off. Under the plan, a large hole will be dug south of the fire hydrant and capture the two active sump pumps in the area along with the water from the trench drain also in that area. The pipes from these drains will dump underground directly into what looks like a collection of milk crates, wrapped in special fabric which allows water to pass through without mud and silt. The water will flow into these voids or "rain tanks" and then slowly leech into the soil beneath rather than the street above. An overflow pipe will allow for a surcharge into the gutter, but chances are, by giving the water an empty place to go, no overflow will occur and for the first time in years, the street should be free of ice.

Construction of this project will be done by D & F Construction.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DROP-OFF NOVEMBER 17

If you've got pesticides, herbicides, paint thinners, photo chemicals, oil-based paint solvents, motor oil, fluorescent light bulbs, batteries, mercury or old thermometers or thermostats, you'll want to take them to Westland Middle School, 5511 Massachusetts Avenue, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 17th. If you have any questions, call (240) 777-6410.



CHEVY CHASE COMMUNITY LIBRARY PROGRAMS

The library at 8005 Connecticut Avenue has lots of programs for toddlers through adults who want to read the Great books. To learn more about what is offered, go to <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Content/Libraries/index.asp>.

If you have gently used books, or cassette tapes, you can bring them to the library and donate them to be used in the annual book sale to help support the library. The reference librarian will supply you with a tax receipt for your donation and more than likely, the books will be recycled in the greater Chevy Chase community!

GO GREEN—SAVE BATTERIES TO BE RECYCLED

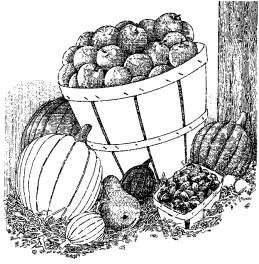


The rechargeable batteries or special electronic device batteries made of nickel cadmium or nickel metal hydride, lithium ion or other specialized batteries you use DON'T belong in the trash because of the damage they cause to the environment in landfills. So what do you do? Car batteries can be dropped off at any hazardous waste drop-off or at Shady Grove Transfer

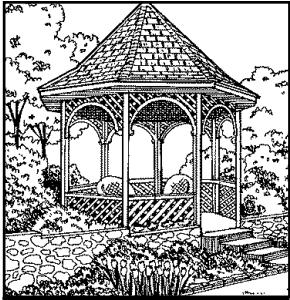


Station, but cell phone and any of these other batteries can be dropped off at Radio Shack, Verizon, Strosnider's or the Apple retail store.

They all participate in a program sponsored by the national nonprofit, the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC).



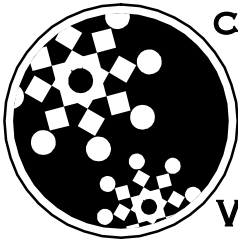
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**DOES IT LOOK LIKE SNOW? DID THE FORECAST
CALL FOR SNOW?**

**PLEASE GET YOUR CAR(S) OFF THE STREET IF
THERE IS EVEN THE POSSIBILITY OF SNOW-**

**WE CANNOT SAFELY PLOW THE STREETS IF YOU
LEAVE YOUR CAR ON THE STREET. 16' ISN'T MUCH
ROOM FOR A PLOW!**