

SECTION THREE  
VILLAGE OF  
CHEVY CHASE

# NEWS & VIEWS

NOVEMBER 2008

## CALENDAR

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

Election Day: Please VOTE  
CCUMC, Phillips Hall

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

Bulk trash pick-up, curbside

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

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

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

Senior's Brunch  
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Chevy Chase Village Hall  
RSVP 301 656-9117 or AndyLeon2000@aol.com

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

Donation Deadline for Warm Clothing & Blankets  
Village Manager's home, 3801 Bradley Lane  
Or Dorsey/Williams home, 3619 Shepherd Street.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3**

Last Bulk Trash pickup for 2008

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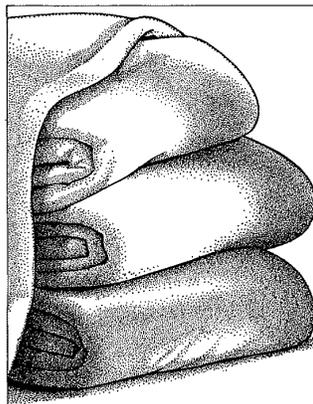
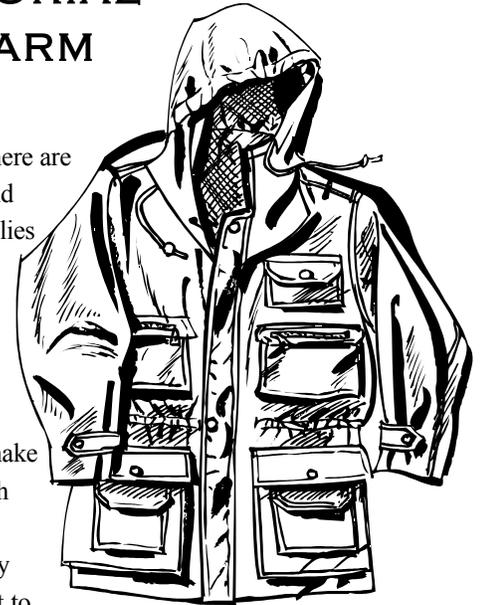
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## BILL PRIGG MEMORIAL BLANKET AND WARM CLOTHING DRIVE

This year, perhaps more than ever, there are families in great need of warm clothing and blankets. For the 11th year, Section 3 families are mounting a drive for warm clothing and blankets for the homeless and those less fortunate. As the weather is turning, we want to get these items to the needy before Thanksgiving. This way, we don't interfere with other charities which may make collections during the Christmas/Hanukkah holiday season and we meet a real need.

Take a look in your closets for gently used warm clothing for anyone from adult to small child...jackets, sweaters, warm pants, shirts, gloves, hats, mittens, warm socks, blankets and quilts (in good condition) are all welcome. We will sort through them and put them on hangers to bring to Martha's Table in the District, a nonprofit located on 14th Street with a needy clientele. The clothing will go to "Martha's Outfitters", a shop used by the poor to acquire much needed garments. Excess contributions will go to Shepherd's Table in Silver Spring, another nonprofit working with the homeless.

For years, Bill Prigg, a former resident of Section 3 on Shepherd Street, spent cold nights downtown distributing blankets and warm clothing to the homeless who chose not to go to shelters. In later years, he worked with Martha's Table to help the needy there. The Williams/Dorsey family, who now live in the former Prigg house, have agreed to be one of two drop-off points for donations—they are at 3619 Shepherd Street. The other key drop-off point is in the porch of the Village Manager, at 3801 Bradley Lane. The deadline for contributions is Friday, November 21 so that we have time to sort and deliver the clothing prior to Thanksgiving. Please place all donations in plastic bags on either porch and if you have a paper bag full of hangers, that would be greatly appreciated.



*\*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 8 at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church. The meeting began at 8:55 p.m. Council member Jon Newhard was absent due to a business trip. The minutes of the September meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

### PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

The Council discussed the police report and the problem of vandalism and break-ins of cars in Section 3. The Chevy Chase police have been asked to step up their patrols in the late night early morning hours and the Montgomery County police have also been notified.

### BUILDINGS AND ROADS

**Carolyn Greis** reported that the house at 6803 Florida Street was progressing well and that we had had many fewer difficulties with the sub-contractors and the developer recently. Work on the interior is just beginning at 7104 Florida Street by the same developer but permits have yet to be issued by both the County and Section 3.

## SENIORS BRUNCH SET FOR NOVEMBER 15

In an effort to bring together a group of folks who don't do car pools and don't come to the Halloween parade unless a grandchild is participating, Section 3 is sponsoring a special Senior's Brunch on Saturday, November 15 at the Chevy Chase Village Hall on Connecticut Avenue. With the excellent skills of "Mr. Omelette" village seniors will be treated to a special brunch with custom-made omelettes, lovely pastries and lots of delicious juice and tea and coffee and of course, excellent eating companions! We have well over a 100 senior citizens living in Section 3, and we want to help make those important connections for people who may not see one another that often.

Special invitations will be sent to each home, but mark your calendars now and let us know if you need a ride. And don't forget to RSVP so we have enough food for everyone! The event again is Saturday, November 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Catch up with old friends, make new friends and join us for this special event.

Verizon informs us that because Rockville has just come through with permits for FIOS and new wiring, they will not be able to get to Section 3 for about 12 to 16 weeks. We are trying to see if we can shorten that time frame but at the moment, they seem preoccupied with working on Rockville.

The property at 3707 Taylor Street is progressing well and it's hoped that it will be completed by late 2008 or early 2009. The Lesmes family looks forward to moving in. We are working with the builder on a permeable driveway solution.

The **Scheck** family has requested a variance for a re-configured patio and retaining walls at the rear of their property. The adjacent neighbors have no objection and the Council voted to grant the variance.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council reviewed the status of various laddered CD accounts, our money market and checking accounts and agreed to continue to open more FDIC-insured accounts to minimize the funds in the SunTrust collateralized accounts, simply because the securities pledged by SunTrust bank to the Federal Reserve to collateralize the accounts may not be worth what their June 20, 2008 valuations stated them to be worth, given the insecurity in the marketplace for any mortgage-backed securities.

The Village Manager continues to remind WSSC of the need to reimburse us for funds expended for the repaving of Fulton and Taylor Streets after their work was completed this past summer. We are hoping for resolution of this fairly soon.

### COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

The Village Manager asked the Council for permission to arrange another Seniors' event to get folks together this fall. The Council agreed.

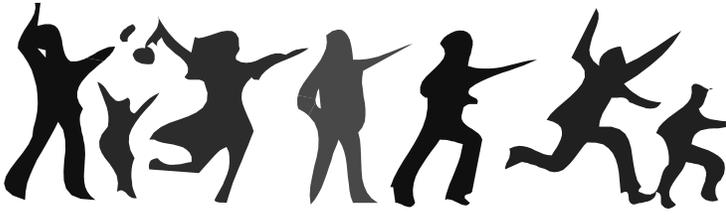
The Halloween party was discussed. We will try and get Phillips Hall early to allow volunteers to redecorate for the holiday. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

### VARIANCE REQUESTS

**Jim O'Brien**, owner of 6803 Florida Street, has applied for a variance to allow the front porch of the house he is building to intrude 28" into the 30' setback.

The **Rothermel** family of 7002 Brookville Road has applied for a variance to allow for a 15" roof overhang on their rear addition to keep the roofline consistent with the rest of the house. This 15" would intrude into the rear 20' setback.

Both of these variances will be voted on at the November Council meeting. Neighbors in both instances have been notified of the proposed change.



## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

The next generation of Section 3 residents is making itself known! Congrats to **Rebecca and Richard Barry** on the birth of **Finnian** and **Madeline's** sister **Rowan Celeste**, born on October 17, 2008 and weighing in at 6 pounds, 13 ounces. Welcome to the neighborhood!

One of Barack Obama's key speechwriters was quoted recently in the *New York Times* regarding the challenges presented by the Al Smith dinner speeches by both candidates. **Eric Schnure** of Delaware Street was quoted noting, "Campaigns assemble a brain trust to come up with ideas," ... "You get ideas and lines from a lot of different sources, both solicited and unsolicited," he added. "Some of them end up in speeches, and tons of them do not." So kudos to Mr. Schnure and his brain trust—the evening was well publicized and enjoyed by all who had an opportunity to watch.

This year's Ellen's Run (October 19) included a number of Section 3 runners. Over 600 people ran, volunteered, walked or donated funds. The event raised about \$40,000 for the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County and the B-CC High School Community Scholarship Fund.

A welcome to **Andrew and Rebecca Howard** of Taylor Street!

## GAZEBO PARK SOON TO BE RE-SODDED

Our park has never had so many visitors as it has had in the past year or so...and as a result, we have pretty much ground down the existing grass to a dirt patch...we are working with our landscape contractor to find a durable sod that will hold up under the intense use the park gets and will thrive in both sun and shade—a tall order to fill. We expect the park to be closed for about three weeks to allow the sod to take root before winter. We appreciate your cooperation during this time as there is no other way to solve the problem and return the park to its grassy former self....

## WATER YOUR TREES

We have recently planted a number of new serviceberry trees in greenways around the Village—if you have a new one in front of your home, or you have one that has been there for a number of years, please take a moment to water them—at least twice a week as we have not had much rain of late. Similarly, if you have newly planted trees and bushes on your own property, don't forget to water them as well to help them get properly established.

## NEW RULES FROM WSSC

In an effort to minimize the amount of grease that goes into our sewer system, WSSC has amended the plumbing code that regulates the discharge of Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) for restaurants in the area. From now on, garbage disposals can only be installed in "vegetable only" sinks and allowed on sinks that must be connected to grease abatement. All restaurants are required to retain their cooking oils and dispose of them through a commercial recycling firm, but to minimize sewer blockages that damage the environment and private property, this new rule applies to all food service facilities.

## HOMEOWNER PRECAUTIONS

NEVER pour grease down a kitchen drain—it can clog sewer pipes and spew sewage into rivers and streams or -into your basement. Don't even think about "washing it down" with hot water, it doesn't work. Use an old soup can. If you have a sauce with oils in it, scrape it into your trash or use it in your compost heap.

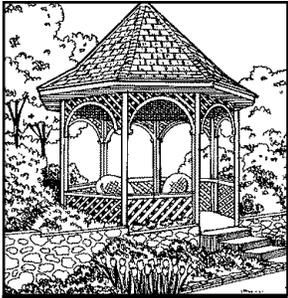
## RATS IN CHEVY CHASE—YES, RATS!

They live here, too—and when it gets cold, they and tiny field mice, like to come inside to keep warm and breed. To keep them living outside, make sure that you block all holes into your home and that you take safe precautions regarding any rat or mouse poisons that you might use to be certain that they're not consumed by dogs and cats or children. You may also want to be certain that whatever you discard into your recycling bin is clean so that you don't get a surprise visit by a possum or a raccoon or another four legged creature you wish you hadn't seen! Insides of garbage cans are attractive nuisances, so take a moment to clean out the bottom of your trash cans with Clorox and water to get out any residual food that may have leaked from a plastic bag. Compost pits should be managed with care as should bird feeding stations, all of which are both environmentally wonderful and also potentially attractive sites for rodents to feed.



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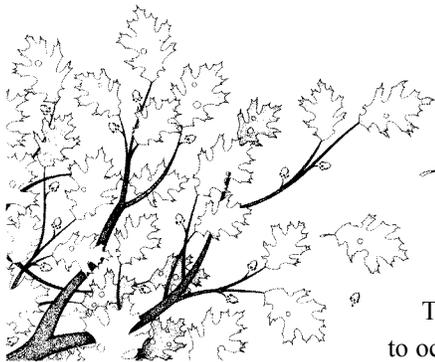
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## LEAVES TO BE SWEEPED UP AFTER THE LAST ONES FALL

Section 3 leaves will be swept from the streets once they have all fallen from the trees—which usually occurs either just before or just after Thanksgiving. We'll notify people via e-mail and put up signs when the event is slated to occur. **NEED MORE EARTH BAGS? Contact the Village Manager and she'll leave out some extra bags for you!**