

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

NOVEMBER 2009

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Bulk trash pickup-curb side

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Council Meeting
CCUMC -2nd floor Wesley Room
7:45 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Deadline for signing up for
Special Outdoor Trash Pick-Up

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Seniors' Brunch
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Chevy Chase Village Hall

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Last Day to Drop Off
Warm Clothing and Blankets

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Special Outdoor Trash Pick-up
Call for Appointment
202 361-3801

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

Last Bulk Trash Pick-up until March
Curb side

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

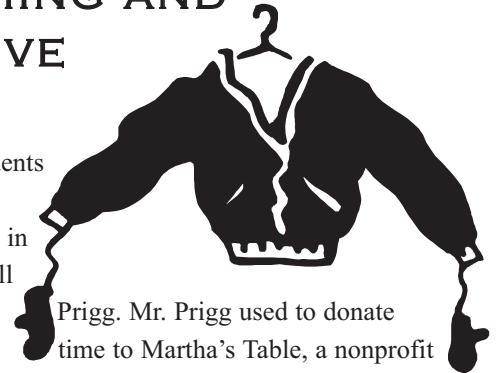
Council Meeting
CCUMC Room 109
7:45 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

4:30 -5:30 p.m.
Bob Brown Puppets Holiday Show
Great for families with children 8 and under
(see story this issue)
CCUMC Phillips Hall

BILL PRIGG MEMORIAL ANNUAL WARM CLOTHING AND BLANKET DRIVE STARTS

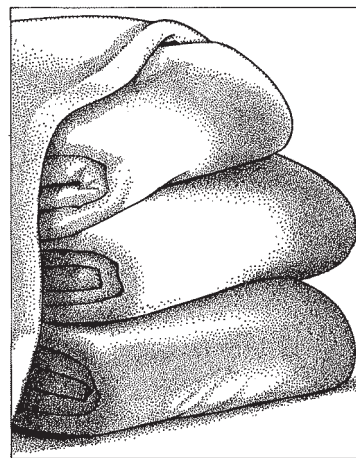
Every year Section 3 residents generously donate blankets and warm clothing for the homeless in honor of our former resident Bill



Prigg. Mr. Prigg used to donate time to Martha's Table, a nonprofit

serving the homeless in Washington, D.C. He would go in a van from grate to grate, doorway to doorway and hand out blankets to the homeless. Later, he would donate his time at their 14th Street facility.

To keep up this wonderful tradition of giving, Section 3 holds an annual warm clothing and blanket drive each year prior to Thanksgiving so that when



it is cold, people have warm clothing. We launch this effort before the Christmas holidays so as not to interfere with your favorite charities and at the same time, get warm clothing to people when they need it. So take a look in your closets, sort through everything from children's and adult coats, sweaters, warm pants, socks, gloves, hats and of course, blankets. Drop them off in plastic bags so they don't get wet at either the **Dorsey/Williams** home at the corner of Shepherd and Fulton Streets (3619 Shepherd Street) or the Village

Manager's front porch at 3801 Bradley Lane. The deadline for all donations is November 20th so we can sort through them and deliver them before Thanksgiving. Last year we donated three full carloads of clothing and blankets, all every well received. As always, Section 3 residents are extremely generous.

**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 14 at Chevy Chase United Methodist Church in room 109. The meeting began at 7:55 p.m. All Council members except Jon Newhard were in attendance.

The Council Chair, **Bill Brownlee**, announced with regret the resignation of Council Treasurer **Jon Newhard** as he has accepted a new position and will be moving out of town by the end of October. In accordance with the Charter, the Council appointed **David Ohrenstein** of Spring Street to serve out the remainder of this year until the elections in May. David agreed to accept the position and was duly sworn in at the meeting. The Council subsequently elected him to serve as Treasurer.

PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

The Village Manager indicated that a number of trees will be trimmed over public spaces throughout the community to avoid any dangerous situations this winter. Both the dead trees at the **Harris** residence on Taylor Street and the **Magner** residence on Georgia Street have been taken down. Calls and letters have gone out to other owners of trees our arborist found potentially troublesome.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

The house at 7104 Florida Street is incomplete and the lot is

in poor condition. The Village Manager has agreed to contact the owner, **Jim O'Brien**, to remove all the gravel on the public sidewalk. There has been no activity on the site and the grass in the rear is overgrown, the drainage system is incomplete, and the lot is a mess. Other actions may have to be taken to force better maintenance of the lot.

The Strauss property has been cleaned up thanks to enforcement of Section 3's property condition ordinances and the cooperation of the individual designated by the Strauss family to handle the property.

Village Consulting Engineer Bill Bissell is looking into the problems of drainage of a number of homes on Georgia Street and Raymond Street, but needs to analyze the water flow during a rainstorm and will report back to the Council.

The Council agreed to review his storm drainage guidelines by the next meeting so that they could be adopted as additional guidance for homeowners.

Council Chair Bill Brownlee, Buildings and Roads Representative **Carolyn Greis**, and the Village Manager, along with our attorney Tim Hyland of Stein, Sperling, met with Pepco officials and the Director of External Relations of the Public Service Commission regarding Section 3's desire to install new lighting in the community and pay a fair market value for the existing lighting. If we are unable to reach a fair accommodation with Pepco, our attorney has advised us of the possibility of "taking" the lights through eminent domain proceedings..

We also agreed with Pepco that the cost of the "survey" of their lights that they require would be folded into the cost of the lights rather than paid for independently and that we would only pay for them independently if we did not purchase the lights. We also agreed to present them with a draft of a master sales agreement for the lights.

In the meantime, we are working to have a sample light installed on Georgia Street between Bradley and Raymond Streets. We selected that particular location because the pole supports one of only two incandescent lights in the community for which we pay \$11.00 a month and it provides poor quality light. The tree density in that area is similar to elsewhere in the community and it will enable us to see if the center placement of the lighting works as well as we hope it will.

The Council approved the use of Snow Central for our snow removal contractor again this year.

The Council approved a variance request from the **Greis/Nott** family for the location of their central air conditioning compressors on the side of the house in the side setback on the north side of the house.

The **Edelen** family just received a second permit for curb cut

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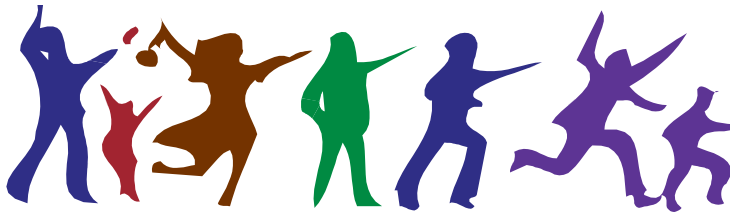
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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Congrats to **Dr. Lavany Sithanandam** of Spring Street who was one of the many “white coats” who met with President Obama in the Rose Garden. Dr. Sithanandam is a member of Doctors for America, a nonprofit group that grew out of Doctors for Obama which works closely with Organizing for America to help influence the debate on healthcare reform. The group is concerned about reforming the health care system to benefit both patients and the medical profession.

A special welcome to **Soching Tsai** and her husband **David Kornbluth** who have recently retired from the Foreign Service and come back to live at 6714 Georgia Street. The couple was most recently posted to Vienna and before that spent three years in Manchuria at the US. Consulate there where David was Consul General.

Section 3 resident and Stone Ridge sophomore **Kate Kiernan** will be one of only two people honored at a Festival of Heroes special benefit dinner on November 14th. The event benefits The Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Children’s National Medical Center. Many Section 3 residents may remember that Kate was diagnosed with leukemia two years ago. She successfully completed six months of intensive treatment at Children’s National Hospital and now plays on her high school tennis team. She is being honored at the dinner along with the manager of the Patient and Family Support Program at the Center. Many Section 3 residents responded to the call at the time Kate was ill and donated blood and platelets and brought food for the family while Kate was in the Hospital.

A welcome to **Julie Hernandez and Avner Shapiro** and their two boys, **Avram**, age 3, and **Ezra**, age 6, who have moved into 3710 Raymond Street from the District. The family enjoyed the Party-in-the Park and the boys are rapidly making friends with neighborhood children.

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of long-time Section 3 resident **Joe Slavin** of Georgia Street. Dr. Slavin had been ill for some time. He was a psychotherapist and a long-time member of the Washington School of Psychiatry. He treated children, adolescents and adults for more than 60 years. He also served as clinic board president of the Washington School of Psychiatry, founded in 1936. Dr. Slavin relocated the school,

straightened out it's difficult finances and placed an emphasis on community service.

Dr. Slavin and his wife Mimi were active in promoting school desegregation and reform in Montgomery County. Late in his career, he helped found the Center for Self Discovery to serve at risk young people and their families in Anacostia. Joe was a graduate of George Washington University and held a doctorate from the University of Maryland. In addition to his wife Mimi of Georgia Street, he leaves five children, Robert of Baltimore, Thomas and Julia of the District, Daniel of Los Angeles, and Paul of New York and 10 grandchildren who will all sorely miss him.

A special welcome to **Katherine and Tom Carroll** who moved into Section 3 from the District with their three children: Maddy, age 5, Cassidy, 3 1/2 and William, age 9 months. They have moved into the home formerly owned by Ev Gerson and Jon Newhard on Shepherd Street and have already participated in the Halloween parade and pizza party!

BOB BROWN HOLIDAY PUPPET SHOW SLATED



Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 13th at 4:30 p.m. for a special hour with a master puppeteer—Bob Brown who will perform with his marionettes, a delightful holiday show. Brown’s show is most appropriate for children 8 and under, but older children will appreciate his artistry and

ability to manipulate so many marionettes at once.

Because they are so generous in sharing their space with us, we will be inviting both members of the Chevy Chase United Methodist Community and the CCUMC pre-school community to this event. Cookies and milk will also be served.

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for a semi-circular driveway. They will be applying for a permit from Section 3 soon.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council approved the draft annual audit report. The final report was submitted to the state and the federal government shortly thereafter.

The Council reviewed the CD schedule. It's becoming more and more difficult to get good interest rates in Maryland banks. We recently re-negotiated the interest rate on our money market account with SunTrust Bank and took out a CD for an even more favorable amount. The SunTrust accounts are collateralized by the bank in keeping with federal regulations. All other accounts are FDIC insured.

The Council reapproved a resolution to amend the charter to allow for professional service contracts to be let without the \$10,000 bid requirement because the Gazette neglected to run the required legal notice (see story October issue, see box, this issue).

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

Shoshana Lombardi is helping with the decorating of Phillips Hall for the annual Halloween pizza party. We have volunteers to handle serving the food and we have teamed up with the pre-school to decorate the hall for both groups. **Chris Lombardi** has volunteered to be the cartoon character to lead the parade.

The Council agreed to hold the Seniors' Brunch again, around the same time as last year. The Village Manager has been in negotiations with both the CCUMC and the puppeteer for the right date for the Holiday Puppet Show for children (see story this issue).

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

What do a Beatrice Pickles performance, Santa Claus, jewelry, antiques, hot dogs, and cupcakes have in common?

The answers are among the unique and interesting holiday tables, stages, and booths at the annual Chevy Chase United Methodist (CCUMC) Holiday Bazaar to be held on Saturday, November 14th, from 9 am to 3 pm at 7001 Connecticut Avenue. Children will be entertained by a puppet show and can find special gifts for special people in their very own Secret Shop. Gifts galore! Fun for all! Bring everyone you know!

PEPCO OFFERS CUSTOMER REBATES ON ENERGY EFFICIENT APPLIANCES

If you purchased one of a select number of Energy Star qualified refrigerators, room air conditioners, energy efficient water heaters, Pepco may give you a rebate of up to \$50 per appliance. The program began with purchases made from Sept. 15, 2009. You get a \$50 rebate on a new Energy Star fridge, \$25 for a room airconditioner that is Energy Star rated, and \$20 for an electric, energy star rated water heater. There are of course, more qualifiers, but for those who happened to be contemplating or have recently purchased these items, why not apply for the rebate. To get it, customers need to provide their Pepco account number, and proof of purchase for a qualifying product and mail the rebate application which you can pull from their website, www.pepco.com

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland, Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland and the Charter of Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase, the Village Council on October 14, 2009 duly adopted Resolution No. 1-09(Charter Amendment No.3) to amend Section 703 of the Village Charter to permit the retention of personal or professional services without having first invited competitive bids.

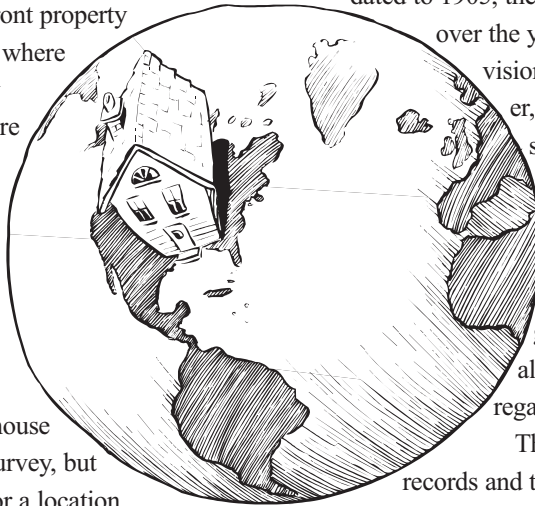
This amendment shall become and be considered a part of the Charter of Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase on December 3, 2009, unless on or before November 23, 2009, there shall be presented to the Village Council, or mailed to it by registered mail, a petition signed by twenty percent (20%) or more of the persons who are qualified to vote in municipal elections of Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase, requesting that the proposed amendment be submitted on referendum to the voters of Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase. A complete copy of the Resolution and Charter can be obtained from Andy Leon Harney, the Village Manager, at 3801 Bradley Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815.

GIS SURVEY COMPLETE!

Every home in Section 3 now has its front property corners marked with a surveyor's mark near where the wooden property marker stood. In a few instances, because of walls or fences that were located right at the spot where the property marker would have been located, those markers are missing. Section 3 will soon have full maps and can provide you with that information if it's missing.

When you settle on a property you get what is called a "survey" which shows the dimensions of the lot and the outline of the house on the lot. This is rarely an actual certified survey, but what is known in the trade as an "as built," or a location drawing of the lot as it is built—with the fencing, etc. indicated. The "as built" is NOT a legal boundary survey and can vary as much as 2 feet or more in the margins. When a surveyor comes, he uses monuments located in the community to begin his work and then narrows the task to your individual property. The more monuments, the easier his or her task. The fewer monuments, the more possibility of error. All surveys rely on the context of the larger community. What this means for you now is that anyone surveying your entire property will have the benefit of monuments located at every corner in the community, and the front two property markers are already set. It also means that if you had your property surveyed and staked in the past, there may be some differences based on the fact that this survey, because it embraced the entire community, is more accurate than any previous survey you might have had done on the property.

The firm doing the work, Charles P. Johnson & Associates



(CPJ), began with the earliest records of subdivision of Section 3 dated to 1905, then built up a full record of the changes made over the years, the very comprehensive 1907 re-subdivision making many of the initial lots much smaller, and subsequent 1912 and later re-subdivisions, all the way up until 2008 when the most recent lots were subdivided at Bradley and Connecticut Avenues. Every deed was also pulled. All this information will be available on a computer loaded with special geographical information software along with all the information on every home in Section 3 regarding previous building permits, etc.

The purpose of this is to better archive our records and to have more accurate information regarding where the Section 3 right-of-way exists, where property lines are located and to be certain that when your neighbor builds an addition, that the proper setbacks are respected. To achieve this last goal, the Council will soon pass a new ordinance requiring full surveys for any improvement that is on or near either a boundary line or setback requirement. The additional cost for getting a survey for the two rear property corners should be significantly lower than otherwise because the existing front property corners have been marked and because we have placed so many monuments close to everyone's residence.

If you have specific questions about your property and the markings, please don't hesitate to contact either our Buildings and Roads representative Carolyn Greis or the Village Manager, Andy Leon Harney. We will forward those questions to our GIS technicians to get a proper response for you.

SPECIAL OUTDOOR TRASH PICK-UP NOVEMBER 21ST

We're trying something new this year—we've discovered that lots of Section 3 residents have stuff outside—in the garage, in a shed, behind the garage, under the deck—that given the opportunity, you would get rid of it all. But with the bulk trash restrictions on building materials, firewood, bricks and blocks, a lot of things get left behind. So here's your opportunity—for free! If you've been stuffing things into the garage for years, or piling up firewood you never use, here is your chance! You will need to sign up in advance, and if we get enough folks signing up, we'll bring in our trash contractor and take it all away!

Are there piles of logs that you are NEVER going to use? Has that shed in the back seen better days it needs to be dumped? Have you just chucked things on the side of the house you'd love to get rid of?

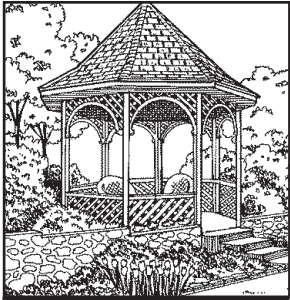
Bring the items to the greenway in advance, let us know so we can schedule a route for pickups and we'll help you start a clean slate. If you have questions or are interested in this service, please notify the Village Manager by Friday, November 13 either by email (AndyLeon2006@earthlink.net) or (202) 361-3801 (cell).



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SENIORS' BRUNCH PLANNED FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH



In a reprise of last year's highly successful Seniors' Brunch, Section 3 will once again host a "Mr. Omelette" event at the Chevy Chase Village Hall (entrance on Laurel Parkway—back side of the Village Hall).

The event will take place on November 14 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with custom omelettes, great company, coffee, juice, bagels and Danish for all. Join us and catch up with the neighbors. Anyone needing a ride should contact the Village Manager at (202) 361-3801 and we'll make sure you get there and get home! RSVP at the same number if you haven't already!