

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

OCTOBER 2008

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Bulk trash pick-up, curbside

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

Council Meeting

7:45 p.m. CCUMC Room 109

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

HALLOWEEN PARADE

4:30 p.m. at the Gazebo Park

Parade open to 2nd graders and younger only

Family members welcome to come and watch

HALLOWEEN PIZZA PARTY

5:15-6:00 p.m. CCUMC Phillips Hall

(In the event of rain, the entire event will be held at Phillips Hall, CCUMC)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Bulk trash pick-up, curbside

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Council Meeting

7:45 p.m. CCUMC Room 109

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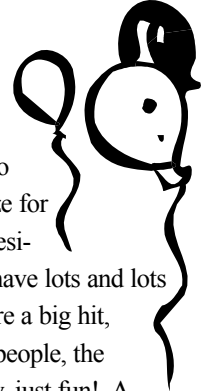
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PARTY-IN-THE-PARK DRAWS HUGE CROWD



This year's Party-in-the-Park drew a record crowd of close to 400 residents—from little people (the **Manning** twins get the prize for coming to the party at five weeks!) to grandparents of Section 3 residents. There must be something in Section 3's water because we have lots and lots of children! The rides provided by Big Country Amusements were a big hit, especially the train ride and the Climb and Slide. For the smaller people, the mini-ferris wheel and the carousel were JUST right! Not too scary, just fun! A special visit from the Washington Capitols' mascot "Slapshot" was the delight of young and old. Thanks to **Kevin Giambi**, whose grandmother **Sheila Pitchford** lives on Shepherd Street, for joining us as the screaming eagle!

Keith Robinson, who has been a DJ for this event for a number of years, did a great job with hula hoop contests and other "prize" events and ran the cake-walk with aplomb. Thanks to all those who contributed fantastic, creative cakes (27 cakes this year!) and to **Jen Roberti** for rounding up so many great bakers!

Food by Mindy's Distinctive Catering was excellent. Everyone enjoyed the Good Humor man's visit as well!

The event would not have been possible were it not for hard-working volunteers. **Natasha Saifee** and **Donna Harmon** of the Section 3 Council coordinated their efforts. Set up in the hot hot sun by **Steve Lanter**, **Rob Naddelman** and **Peg MacKnight** went quickly and efficiently. Special thanks to **Carolyn Greis** for making a special water and ice run and preparing signs for all the liquid refreshments. **Bob Salmon**, **Bill Brownlee** and **Mike Shannon** manned the bar for adult beverages, for which we are grateful. **Martin Elwell** clocked in his 10th (and he says final) year as the Cotton Candy Man. His patience and dedication to the job for three hours every Party-in-the-Park has been exemplary. We hope we can find another like him for next year! **Isabel and Olivia Kessler** manned the face painting station, decorating faces and arms, with fun flowers and designs—we thank them for their hard work. Ride monitors included: **Richard Barry**, **Colin Beebe**, **Jen Beebe**, **Lee Bodner**, **Judy Branthover**, **Annika Brindley**, **Mary Kate Cary**, **Tracey D'Angelo**, **Nicole Daw**, **John Dettleff**, **Ferral Dietrich**, **Neal Dittersdorf**, **Wendy Eaton**, **Patricia Edelen**, **Laura Fitzgerald**, **Tracy Gensler**, **Craig Hovda**, **Karen Jacob**, **Lisa Jaycox**, **Greer Kneip**, **Ellen McKenney**, **Maura Miller**, **Ric Narvaiz**, **Allison Nordlinger**, **Dean Nordlinger**, **Marc Salans**, **Howard Scheck**, **Susan Toffler**, **Linas Virbickas**, and **Dawn Wellspeak**.

Finally, the clean-up crews were amazing—**Jan Augustine** helped along with **Ted Brantover**, **Dave Ohrenstein**, **Bill McKenney**, **Andra Chernack** and **Paula Jennings**. By morning, you'd never know the place had been transformed.

**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, September 10, 2008 at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church. All Council members were present. The meeting began at 7:55 p.m.

Prior to the beginning of the regular agenda, **John and Phil Eckert** brought to the Council's attention their concerns regarding insurance coverage if an inflated ride should be placed on their lawn for the Party in the Park. They expressed concern because one of the large trees on their property, which is scheduled to be removed, might pose a hazard to children at the party. The Village Manager agreed to look into the type and level of insurance coverage the town had regarding this situation and also agreed to explore a "plan b" wherein the yard would not be used at all. She agreed to contact the Eckert family and let them know her findings.

PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

The Council discussed the thefts of items from individual cars. (see story this issue.)

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

Councilperson for Buildings and Roads announced that **Nathan Billig and Gail Weinmann** received a permit to resurface their existing driveway and to build out the steps leading to it.

The **Heynen/Arconti** family has expressed an interest in renovating their garage. Because they have one of a number of "through-lots" (determined by the County to have two front yards), Carolyn Greis advised them to first consult with the County regarding just what they would be permitted to do.

The **Scheck** family has applied for a variance for a retaining wall and patio in the rear setback. The Council will vote on it at the October meeting.

The **Michaels** family of Spring Street has received a permit for a rear patio.

IN THE EVENT OF A POWER FAILURE:

CALL PEPCO's emergency line (877) 737-2662. The more people who call, the higher up on the action list we get—so don't count on your neighbor to call, do it yourself, early and often if it hasn't been repaired by the time they predict. Our most recent power outage was the result of a downed tree; hopefully we'll not suffer more of these outages, but if we do, don't hesitate to call.

The Village Manager and the head of Buildings and Roads discussed some of the problems that have occurred with the demolition and subsequent beginning of construction at 6803 Florida Street. They are working with developer Jim O'Brien to improve the quality of compliance with Section 3 requirements regarding traffic patterns, parking, etc.

The Village Manager and the head of Buildings and Roads are working with Verizon to define the terms of their utilities permit so that they can begin phase one of their work to install FIOS in Section 3.

The bulk of Section 3's lights are all mercury vapor lights. As of 2010, it will be illegal to use those lights, so the Council is beginning the process of exploring alternate lighting schemes. Because the state has passed legislation allowing municipalities and counties to purchase and maintain their own lights, the Council is beginning the process to see if we can't get a more attractive, energy efficient light that would release us from excessive PEPCO "maintenance" charges. There is hope that at least on the Connecticut Avenue and Brookville Road corridors, that we could select a light fixture that would be compatible in terms of design with fixtures planned by Chevy Chase Village, Martins Additions, Section 5 and the County, all of whom have lighting on those two corridors.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council plans to search for better interest rates in new FDIC financial institutions to lower the amount held in our collateralized account.

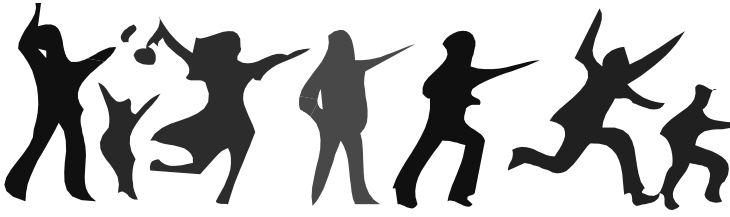
The Council discussed the objections made by the new CCUMC financial person regarding our estimates that the Church and school produce the equivalent of 8 households' worth of trash each year. The Village Manager agreed to have the current contractor monitor that production and the Council agreed that going forward we could make an adjustment but that we would not revise the number downward for previous bills incurred. After consultation with the trash company, it was felt that current production is closer to six households, but that with the pastor's household not paying taxes, that the number was seven now instead of eight. The financial person will be informed by the Village Manager.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

The Village Manager reviewed plans for the Party-in-the-Park and made adjustments to the beverage order based on suggestions from the Council. It was also thought that it would be a good idea to have a policeperson present at the event.

Planning for the Halloween party is well underway for this year and will again be held at the Park with a parade up Shepherd St. to the Church for a pizza dinner.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of a long-time neighbor, **Garth McCormick** of Raymond Street. A retired mathematics professor at George Washington University, Dr. McCormick co-wrote an influential book in his field of mathematical optimization. Along with Anthony Fiacco, he wrote *Nonlinear Programming: Sequential Unconstrained Minimization Techniques*. The book received the 1968 Frederick W. Lanchester Prize in operations research and was reissued in 1990 as part of a series of books called Classics in Applied Mathematics. The book opened up many research opportunities in applied mathematics. Techniques derived from its findings have been used in such diverse fields as microwave antenna design, electric power generation, telescope design and airline crew scheduling.

Dr. McCormick came to the Washington area in 1960 as a mathematician with the old Operations Research Office of Johns Hopkins University. The group later became the Research Analysis Corp. in McLean.

He joined the faculty at George Washington University in 1971 and wrote several other books on nonlinear programming. He taught at GWU until he was disabled by a major stroke in 1992. Before his stroke, he enjoyed running and tennis. He was a member of the Cosmos Club for more than 30 years.

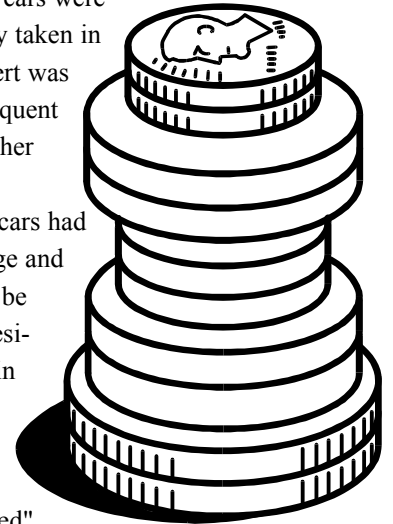
Garth leaves his wife of 48 years, **Virginia S. McCormick** of Chevy Chase; four children, **Jessica McCormick** of Chevy Chase, **Rachel McCormick** of Falls Church, **Caroline Razzaq** of Gaithersburg and **John McCormick** of Bethesda; and three grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation or the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke.

Congratulations to **Larry Leon and Marc Salans** who were married in San Francisco on Friday, September 5th with family and friends in attendance. In addition to their children **Emily and Jonathan**, Section 3 guests included **Dawn Wellspeak and Leah Baer** who flew out for the occasion. Best wishes to you both!

A special congratulations are in order for Section 3's own **Phil Eckert** who will turn 92 on October 27! Commander Eckert served on a submarine in the Navy during World War II. He served on the Village Council for many years and is a familiar figure around our Gazebo Park.

CAR THEFTS AGAIN IN SECTION 3!

Nine Section 3 resident cars were entered and goods and money taken in early September. A crime alert was sent out via e-mail and subsequent to that notice, a number of other residents alerted the Village Manager that their unlocked cars had been "tossed" for spare change and whatever else of value could be found. Four Georgia Street residents' cars were opened and in addition to spare change, a laptop and a GPS device was taken. Two cars on Spring Street were opened and "tossed" and two cars on Taylor Street were also opened and goods and change taken.



The County police have arrested an individual doing the same kind of thefts in the Germantown area but as yet have not found any link to downcounty thefts which continue to grow at an alarming rate. Once again, as safe and wonderful as this neighborhood is, we urge everyone to remove all valuable items and **LOCK YOUR CARS** every night. As best we can determine, all or most of the cars broken into on this last round of thefts were unlocked.

PLANNING AN ADDITION?

PUTTING IN A FENCE? A DECK?

THINKING OF INSTALLING A SUMP PUMP?

PUTTING IN A DRIVEWAY?

Before you get too far into your planning, please consult with our head of buildings and roads, **Carolyn Greis**—BEFORE you get a Montgomery County permit, before you spend money on plans...

Section 3 ordinances are sometimes at variance with the County's rules and regulations—we are often more stringent in our requirements, so please, ask questions up front to save problems down the road.

GO SLOW NEAR CHEVY CHASE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Town of Chevy Chase has adopted new traffic patterns and a new 15 mile per hour speed zone around the elementary school. One way provisions have been created for Rosemary Street and Hillcrest Place, crosswalks near the school have been improved and the drop-off zone on the east side of Hillcrest Place next to the school has been extended. School buses leaving the school now exit by going west on Rosemary, south on Maple Avenue to make it safer for children.

The new SLOW ZONE goes from the school west to about halfway between the school traffic circle and Maple Avenue, north to Sycamore Street, east to the intersection of Meadow Lane and Woodside Place and south of the circle along Hillcrest Place near its intersection with Bradley Lane.

Parents of the school may have already been made aware of these changes, but those without children in the school should be advised of these changes.

LEAF BAGS WERE DELIVERED SEPTEMBER 27TH.

IF FOR ANY REASON YOU DID NOT RECEIVE YOUR ALLOTMENT OF 25 BAGS, PLEASE CONTACT COUNCIL CHAIRMAN BILL BROWNLEE.



B-CC RESCUE SQUAD ANNUAL "RESCUE DAY" OPEN HOUSE

Visit the B-CC Rescue Squad at 5020 Battery Lane in Bethesda where, in conjunction with the Taste of Bethesda, on Saturday, October 4th, they will hold an open house (rain or shine) from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be live demonstrations of emergency medical, rescue and firefighting equipment, free kids' firefighter hats and a moonbounce. There will also be a special visit by a helicopter used to transport critically ill patients so interested visitors will have a chance to learn about what they do. There are opportunities to learn about volunteering with the Squad and receiving free training to become EMTs, firefighters and paramedics.

A special treat will be the "Rescue 15", the Squad's special 1972 Cadillac ambulance, now relegated to ceremonial (not ghost-busting) functions but still a lot of fun for young and old. For more info visit www.bccrs.org or call (301) 652-0077.

FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

Mark October 11th on your calendar for the fun Open House at the Fire House at 8001 Connecticut Avenue, beginning at 10:00 a.m. There will be supervised fire engine rides for both adults and kids, demonstrations of specialized training the fire department provides, a fire truck slide, clowns, refreshments and an opportunity to educate your children about fire safety.



ELLEN'S RUN

Join the hundreds of people participating in the annual 5K race/walk in memory of Ellen Vala Schneider, a former Section 5 resident. Funds for the benefit run go to The Mental Health Association of Montgomery County and the B-CC High School Community Scholarship Fund. Last year over \$45,000 was raised and over 600 people participated in the effort.

The 5K race/Walk is slated for Sunday, October 19th beginning at 9 a.m. from Candy Cane City Pavilion, 7901 Meadowbrook Lane in Chevy Chase. The fees for sign-ups include t shirts if you register prior to October 11th, it's \$25 for adults, \$10 for kids 3-12. After October 11th, it goes up to \$35 for adults. Online registration closes at noon on October 10th... www.ellensrunonline.org Any questions, contact Nancy Wolfson at (301) 657-2314 or cnwolfson@comcast.net.

COUNCIL ACTIONS

July minutes were inadvertently not printed in the September newsletter and appear here for the record.

The Council met on Wednesday, July 9th. Jon Newhard and Donna Harmon were not present.

PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

A number of homeowners had cars broken into on Spring and Taylor Streets and goods taken from their cars. An e-mail alert was sent out to the community regarding the need to lock car doors. Both County and Chevy Chase police were also alerted.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

Betsy Babbington of Florida Street has applied for and received a permit for a rear deck and balcony. The Edelen family has applied for and received a permit for a fence within their property line. The Manning family received a permit for fencing for their property.

The Meisel family received a variance to place a shed within the side setback on their property. The Greis/Nott family received an extension of their variance to bump out the rear of their property into the setback.

The Council discussed painting the curb at Taylor Street and Connecticut Avenue so that people would not park on the south side of the street close to the intersection.

The Council expressed concern about both the telephone pole that has been hit several times at the corner of Taylor and Brookville Road. (Verizon has been notified for months) and the two dead trees which have the potential to come down onto the roadway opposite that damaged pole. The owner of the dead trees is aware of her liability but has yet to take action to remove the trees from the property.

The Village manager is exploring manufacturers and pricing for replacement signs for Section 3 stop and no parking signs.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Village Manager reports that as yet WSSC had not reimbursed us for the repairs following the installation of new water lines at Fulton and Taylor Streets. She is working with a person at the Commission to try and remove some unnecessary legal language in an agreement with them. The basic funding, however, has been approved by WSSC for reimbursement.

The Council raised the amount of health insurance paid for the Village Manager.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

The New Neighbor's Barbeque is scheduled for July 17th, and a tent has been obtained so that the event can go on rain or shine. Rocklands Barbeque is all set, as is the Ice Cream man!

New Neighbors have all been invited. We expect a good turnout.

The trucks for A Wider Circle will be in the community on Friday, July 18th and Saturday July 19th for items for less fortunate families. Contacts have been made with all those who are making large donations to schedule the truck pick-ups on the 18th. The truck will sit at the Gazebo park for 4 hours on the 19th for items that can be brought to it.

The Party-in-the-Park dates are September 14, with a rain date of September 21st. We agreed to have more kid's food because the adults seem to like it too, and chocolate milk for the children.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



HALLOWEEN PARADE!

Join us on Halloween day for a fun parade in costume from the Gazebo Park to Chevy Chase United Methodist Church (Phillips Hall) where costumed Section 3 ghosts and goblins are invited for a brief Halloween Pizza Party before they go trick-or-treating.

Come to the Gazebo by 4:30 p.m. to take pictures of all the costumed children in second grade or younger to be led by a cartoon character in full adult costume up to the Church. There we'll have food for everyone and a special "light-up" gift for all the trick-or-treaters. We are looking for volunteer

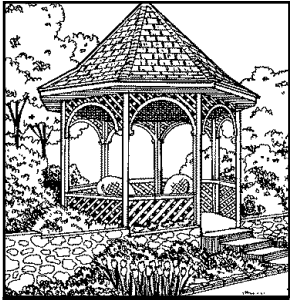
adult witches and designers to transform and decorate the hall and help serve the food. Please contact Donna Harmon and Natasha Saifee to volunteer.

In the event of rain, the entire event will begin at 4:45 p.m. in Phillips Hall.





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