

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

SEPTEMBER 2007

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
Bulk trash pickup, curbside

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
Section 3K Run
7:45 a.m. Gazebo Park
Water, juice, coffee and bagels served after the walk/run

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
Party-in-the-Park
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Raintdate, Sunday, September 23

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10
Council Meeting, CCUMC
Room 109 7:45 p.m.

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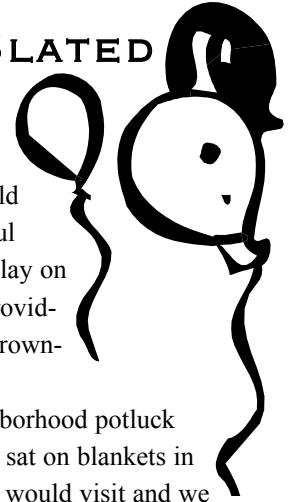
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PARTY IN THE PARK SLATED FOR SEPTEMBER 16

Save the date-Sunday September 16 for the Annual Section 3 Party-in the Park. Every year old and new neighbors join together to hear wonderful music provided by Bristol Sounds' DJ, children play on fun rides and everyone enjoys a fabulous meal provided by Mindy's Catering topped off by delicious brownies, and of course, the Good Humor Man!



Years ago the Party-in-the Park was a neighborhood potluck meal where everyone brought a covered dish and sat on blankets in the park. A singer or sometimes a local politician would visit and we all had a great time...except not everyone wanted to sit on the ground. So we got tables and chairs. And not everyone wanted to make food for others---so we got a caterer. And not everyone liked to hear the same performer for three hours---so we got a DJ. And as the community grew, we wanted to offer the children of Section 3 some special fun every fall-so we began with a few rides, and now it is an event enjoyed by all-young and old and it has spilled out of the park onto the neighboring streets. The day begins with a 3K run/walk through Section 3 and ends with a fabulous cake walk in the park....how can you miss it?

The reason for the continued success of these two events is the tremendous volunteer efforts provided by Section 3 residents. If you'd like to volunteer for the Section 3K run, contact Pat or Arantza Murphy. If you'd like to volunteer for the Party-in-the Park (helping with set-up, clean-up or monitoring one of the rides for a brief time), contact Donna Harmon at (301) 654-9444 or Natasha Saifee at (240) 497-1889.

In the event of rain, we'll regroup and do the whole event September 23rd, same time, same place.

SECTION 3K RUN



Worried about eating too much at the Party-in-the-Park? Why not try working off a few calories in the morning and joining the Section 3K runners on Sunday morning at 7:45 a.m. on September 16 for a run/walk around the community. We have runners/walkers of all ages in the race and with the help of Pat and Arantza Murphy, the race is bigger and better every year. Last year....

Section 3 T-shirts are available the day of the race. To sign up in advance, contact Pat and Arantza at (301) 941-0478.

**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, July 11 at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church. All Council members were present.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Chevy Chase Police report showed minimal activity. They hope to install speed cameras in Chevy Chase Village as soon as they get State Highway permission.

The Council reviewed the Brookville Road speed camera report and was concerned over the percentage of drivers going 15-20 miles over the speed limit. Copies of the studies are available should any resident wish to review the data, it's available from the Village Manager. The Council agreed that speed cameras might change the behavior of commuters who get stung by a ticket but there would always be others traveling through for whom the cameras would also be a deterrent.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

The Council discussed the water infiltration system being installed at the **Corbett** residence. They also discussed the new grate to be installed on the storm drain belonging to Section 3 in the McKinney's yard. The Council reviewed the water problems caused by neighbors in Section 5 flowing into the **Connor's** residence. The Village Manager is going to speak with the neighbors about coming to some sort of solution to the problem they are clearly unaware of. The Council agreed to have the soil tested to see if it percolated properly on Georgia Street near Shepherd Street for a possible infiltration system to prevent the extensive icing that has occurred in the past few winters.

The **Nott-Greis** family of 7003 Florida Street was granted a variance for a small addition on the rear of their home. The couple had previously received a variance from the county because different rules apply to houses that are "through lots"—that is homes with a rear yard on one street and a front yard on another.

The Council discussed the possibility of putting a picnic

table and benches in the park near the Gazebo.

The Council discussed the lot now for sale at the corner of Bradley Lane and Connecticut Avenue. The owners, Pat and Mary Strauss, propose subdividing it into three additional lots. No hearings have been scheduled as yet. The Planning Board does not meet in August. Paul O'Neal, Esq. of the firm of Lerch, Early & Brewer, an attorney representing an unknown client interested in the property attended the meeting but declined to reveal his employer.

The Council heard a summary of the plans to renovate the Church pre-school playground. It is anticipated that the renovation will be completed by the time the pre-school begins in early September.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council reviewed the financial report. The Village Manager will be working on the annual audit in August. Dennis Alexander, CPA, has been hired to do the audit.

The Council discussed the efforts to raise funds for the Rosemary Hills playground renovation and discussed the possibility of making a donation to the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church playground since Section 3 children play there so much.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

The Party-in the Park is slated for September 16. It was agreed that we would hire the same caterer but search for another company to provide the rides.

The Council discussed the plans for the Welcome Neighbors Barbeque on August 9.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

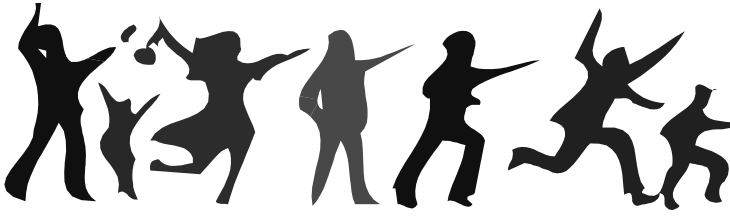
CAR BREAK-INS IN SECTION 3

Smash and grab thieves broke into four Section 3 cars on the night of August 2. They opened an unlocked car on Delaware Street, but took nothing but then went on to break the glass on three other cars, taking a briefcase filled with credit cards on Georgia Street near Shepherd, an ipod from a car on Georgia Street near Taylor, and a backpack from a car on Florida Street between Shepherd and Taylor Streets. The contents of the backpack were later found in the park.

This kind of reckless destructive disregard for other people's property is extremely disturbing. The police were immediately notified by the homeowners and the Chevy Chase police as well. The Bethesda police detective reviewing the events urged residents to lock their cars and keep anything that might attract a thief in the car. Anyone with any information regarding suspicious persons is urged to contact the police about this matter. If you see any suspicious persons in the neighborhood, contact 911 immediately.

VARIANCE REQUEST:

Anupama and Cormac Connor of 7109 Georgia Street request a variance to move a 5 x 8' shed into their backyard along the north side of their property so that the shed would back up onto the rear of a neighbor's garage in Section 5. The couple is regrading the property to solve some serious water flow issues and that necessitates moving the shed.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Welcome to **Fred and Grier Kneip** who have moved into 6808 Delaware St. And welcome to Lisa and William Single and their children, who have moved into 6809 Florida St. while their house in Martins' Additions is being remodelled.

Welcome back to the **Mathais** family of Taylor Street who have spent the past few years living in Italy! Welcome home.

A welcome to **Cynthia and Craig Hovda** to 7002 Florida Street along with their children **Dale**, 6, **Hannah** 6, **Samuel** 3 and **Julia** 2! The family has moved from Colorado back to the D.C. area.

Welcome to **Deborah Harris** and her son Graham Hillmann who moved into 7004 Georgia Street Deborah is the sister of Rhonda Harris who lives with her husband Arthur Baines on Florida Street.

Shea Boyd of Taylor Street graduated this past May from BCC High School. He will attend the University of Texas at Austin in the fall.

NEW DIRECTORY UNDERWAY

We've welcomed so many new neighbors into Section 3 in the past year that it's time for a new directory—so please check your listing now and remind us of any new babies not listed or other changes in your listing. This year we are inaugurating an additional, optional listing—your e-mail address. Don't worry, we won't do it without your permission and we will have a warning at the front of the book that these addresses are not to be used for commercial purposes, simply for communicating with neighbors. The directory is only distributed to Section 3 residents—no one else. So many of us are so busy that sometimes, the best way to communicate is via e-mail. We will be contacting you individually to get your approval before we include this address, but we think it will facilitate communication amongst neighbors, which is what it's all about really. The Village of Chevy Chase already publishes this information in their directory and hasn't had any problems. If you are already on the Section 3 e-mail alert listserv, you'll be getting an e-mail asking for your permission. If you are not, and wish to have your address included in the directory and wish to receive e-mail alerts, let us know by contacting the village manager at villagemanager@chevy-chasesection3.com or andyleon2000@aol.com. Thanks!

WELCOME NEIGHBORS BARBEQUE BIG SUCCESS

Rocklands Barbeque prepared a feast for Section 3 residents who came out to welcome our many new neighbors to the community. To combat the uncertain weather, this year we put up a big tent for the guests and a smaller one to serve the food. It rained three times but never dampened our spirits—or the food!

New neighbors, identified by silk flower leis, had an opportunity to meet lots of people, connect with families with children the same age, and discover what a wonderful community this is.

In all, there were about 220 residents who attended the event.

BUILDING PERMITS PROCESS CHANGES

Thinking about making a change in your house? Before you get very far in the planning, talk to Section 3's Buildings and Roads person, Carolyn Greis because there is a new process instituted by the County. Before you get a permit from the County, you need a letter from Section 3 saying that the Section is aware of your plans and that you can apply for a permit first from the County and then from Section 3. This gives everyone a chance to make sure that what they hope to build is in conformity with Section 3 regulations. You will still have to submit plans and get them approved first by the County and then by Section 3, but this "advance look" gives each municipality in the County a heads-up on what you're planning and an opportunity to share our regulations with you to avoid problems later.

Without a letter from the Section 3 Buildings and Roads Council member, you will not be issued a permit from the County—so check first.

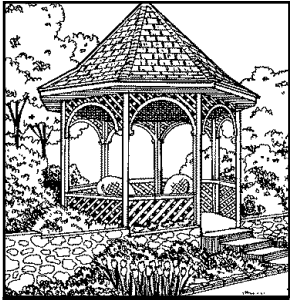
CHEVY CHASE FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

Save the date—Saturday, October 13th for the annual Chevy Chase Fire Department Open House. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. children can go on supervised fire engine rides, see demonstrations of high rise rescue, hazardous materials, etc. There will be a clown, a fire truck slide, a safety house—hot dogs and cokes for all.





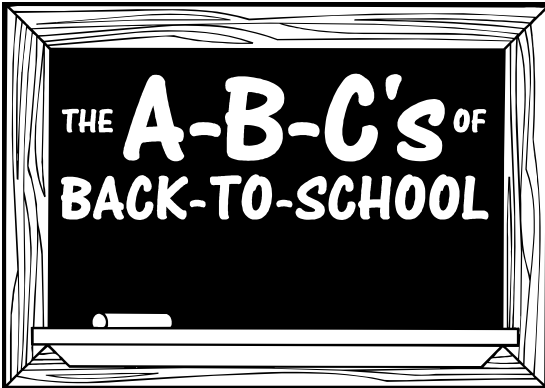
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