



SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

MAY 2017

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 7

Food Truck Night

Gazebo Park, 5:30 to 7:30 Bring friends & family!

TUESDAY, MAY 9

Annual Meeting & Election

CCUMC Eppworth Room

Voting 6 :00 to 8:00 p.m.; Annual Meeting 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 21

Annual House Tour

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

(see story and flyer this issue)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

Bulk Trash Pick-Up, Curbside

Wine Tasting Sign-Up Deadline

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

Council meeting

CCUMC Room 107, 7:45 p.m.

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ANNUAL ELECTION AND MEETING, MAY 9

Join us for a little home-town democracy in the form of our annual election and meeting. Section 3 is an extraordinary place known for its civility and its desire to find new ways of bringing our community together. So why not join us to cast your vote and take a few moments to hear what's happened in our Village in the past year and what we expect to do in the future.

Candidates' statements and a complete breakdown of projected expenditures were published in the April News & Views, available on the website.

Voting and the meeting will be held in the Eppworth Room on the lower level of the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church. Voting is from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. followed by a brief meeting with all our Councilmembers sharing the news of the last year. A vote will be taken on the budget. The election results will be read around 8:30 p.m. when the count is complete.

Take a moment to get involved on the MOST local level possible...we need your input. Come vote and meet your neighbors.

FOOD TRUCK NIGHT, MAY 7

Thinking about entertaining? Want to see friends and family without the hassle of having to clean and cook for everyone? That's what Food Truck Night is all about! We are so lucky to have four quality trucks join us with a delicious array of choices: Go Fish, a long time favorite has amazing fish tacos and lobster roll and other goodies for a seafood/fish meal. Corned Beef King makes you think you just stepped into the lower east side of New York City with genuine corned beef and other deli sandwiches piled high along with the necessary Celray, cream and black cherry sodas. Finally, Hardy's BBQ is the real thing: rich ribs dripping with barbecue sauce and all that goes with it. And to cap off the evening, sweet desserts from Carmen's Italian Ices whose vanilla custard and other treats.

Bring friends and family...adult beverages and a picnic blanket and join us in the park for a wonderful time. If you prefer to eat at home...come, buy what you like and haul it home. Either way it's a fun night for all. Just don't forget your wallets!

We've invited our neighbors in Martins Additions and Section 5 to come as well. The more the merrier as the trucks won't come if we don't turn up enough business for them! Remember, the Gazebo Park, May 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. See you there!

**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, April 19, as previously announced, a week after the regularly scheduled meeting because of a lack of a quorum. All Council members were present with the exception of Mike Dietrich who was ill. The meeting began at 7:55 p.m.

The Council voted to approve the minutes of the March meeting as they appeared in the April newsletter.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Council discussed the fatal accident at Thornapple and northbound Connecticut Avenue in which a motorcyclist was killed after running into an SUV turning into Thornapple Street from the southbound Connecticut Avenue lanes.

BUILDINGS & ROADS

Council Buildings and Roads representative Carolyn Greis reported that two building permits were issued this past month. The first was to **Albemarle Realty, LLC**, the developer of the property at **3617 Taylor Street** to rebuild the garage for which a variance was granted at the March council meeting. The second was to the **Carroll family** for the renovation work on their home at **3806 Taylor Street**, as well for as a new shed and retaining wall enclosure, for which two variances were granted back at the September council meeting.

The Village Manager reported that the proposal to include a right hand turn lane on Bradley Lane at Connecticut Avenue to the Bethesda Master Plan has been dropped and is not likely to be raised again. It is possible that Montgomery County DOT may revisit the proposal when it creates its implementation plans for downtown Bethesda but it's highly unlikely. Thanks to quick acting residents, we were able to convince the County Council staff that such an "improvement" would not only involved taking private property, but that most drivers are not going northbound when they drive on Bradley Lane, they are either going southbound or westbound

VARIANCE REQUEST

The **Glynn** family of 6801 Florida Street is requesting a variance to rebuild their existing garage located in the rear setback, maintaining the four walls in their current locations, two of which are approximately four feet from the east side property line (six feet into the side setback) and approximately 12 feet from the north rear property line (eight feet into the rear setback).

towards Bethesda.

The Council discussed the revised short term rental proposal presented by the staff at the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Board. While it does require off-street parking, the rest of the proposed zoning text amendment has all the objectionable elements as the original: light on regulation, no limitation to how many homes could be involved, a total denial of single family zoning. The Council agreed that the Village Manager should testify before the Planning Board on May 4th representing the Council's objections to the proposal.

The Council discussed the Montgomery County proposed plan for an alternate southern route for the crescent trail for approximately nine months while preparatory work for the Purple Line is underway. The Washington Area Bicyclists Association (WABA) and the Town of Chevy Chase did not like the route selected which eastbound would have gone from Bethesda through the Town, across Connecticut Avenue at Woodbine Street on to Woodbine Street in Section 5 and eventually hook up with the trail at Meadowbrook Stables. WABA responded by suggesting an alternate hiking biking route through the town at Rosemary Street and across Connecticut Avenue at Raymond Street and on through to Meadowbrook Stables.

Unfortunately, no one bothered to send letters regarding ANY of the proposed routes to either Sections 3 or 5. To combine all the foot traffic of our children going to Chevy Chase Elementary School with the automobile traffic on an already congested Raymond Street with bicyclists and runners and hikers is clearly impractical. And while we understand that an alternate bike route is required, the Raymond/Rosemary alternative suggested by WABA is to put it bluntly, dangerous and ridiculous.

On behalf of the Council, the Village Manager has written a letter to both Montgomery County DOT officials and WABA suggesting a route via Leland Street with a brief dip south to catch the pedestrian operated light near Woodbine would be safer and far less congested. We will continue to monitor these plans and make our voices heard for the safety of both our children on their way to school and our residents who drive via Raymond Street.

The Village Manager is working on the bid package for milling and paving Spring Street and also Georgia Street from Raymond to Bradley Lane later this summer.

The Village Manager reported on changes in the by-laws about to be voted on by the Montgomery County Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League. She has been on a sub-committee to change the laws so that all public policy votes would be limited to one representative from each jurisdiction...that way larger jurisdictions, which often have multiple attendees, could not pass something that smaller municipalities not attending would find objectionable.

The Council agreed to provide zoysia plugs to the **Barry** fami-

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

A welcome to **George Waddington and Neelum Wadwhani** who have moved into 6816 Delaware Street with their twins, **Jack** and **Lillian**, age 3. Neelum is a partner at Williams & Connolly with Rob Cary, who along with his wife Kate, was the previous owner and longtime Section 3 residents. George is Special Counsel with the Office of Knowledge Management in the Department of Veterans Affairs. We're looking forward to seeing you all at Food Truck Night!

Welcome to **Will Ansah and Selasi Kumekpor** and their two year old son **Jordan** who have moved into 7105 Connecticut Avenue. Will is a CPA and Financial Services Consultant and Selasi is with PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP. Hope we'll see you at Food Truck Night, too!

Vivianna Mojica welcomed her new sister on April 25. **Lucia Valentina Mojica** was born weighing in at 6 pounds, 10 ounces and 19.75 inches long. Proud parents are **Andrea Carone Mojica and Richard Mojica**.

Congratulations to **Jim Rowan** of Connecticut Avenue on his recent appointment as a partner in the Baltimore firm of Parchman, Vaughn Co., LLC, an education sector banker. Jim recently served as Managing Director, Senior Advisor and Education group head of Stifel, Nicholas & Co. Said partner Lara Vaughn, "Jim is the Dean of education banking."

HOUSE TOUR MAY 21

Every year we try and bring you new ideas and ways of renovating your home in Section 3 by sharing the ideas your neighbors have created in their homes. This year we are fortunate to have four homes on the tour, two in progress, and two complete. We'll be seeing the new additions of the Apelbaums and the Schnures and the new/renovated houses in progress at the end of Fulton/Florida Street and on the corner of Taylor and Florida Street (see flyer this issue).

This is a charitable event and the price of admission is gently used towels and travel toiletries for the showers for the homeless run by Shepherd's Table in Silver Spring. You can bring them to the first house you visit (there is no order) or the last house. And if you can't make the event at all, you can always deposit your donations at the front porch of the Village Manager at 3801 Bradley Lane.



ANNUAL WINE TASTING JUNE 10

Mark your calendars and line up your sitters now! We'll be writing more about this in the June News & Views. Our Annual Wine Tasting is lots of fun. Here's how it works, you sign up in advance (see form below). The cost is \$16 per person and you get to taste nine different wines, with each bottle costing no more than \$16 each. Three different hosts serve hors d'oeuvres with the wines but you bring your own wine glass (very important). It's the closest thing Section 3 has to a pub crawl! The first house will offer three white wines, the second reds and finally, sparkling wines for the third stop.

This year's volunteer hosts are: **Nick & Carol Brand, Kirsty Little and Scott and Melissa Lesmes**.

Fill out the form below and include a check or you can sign up by email to the Village Manager. All payments to "Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase" must be sent in no later than June 7 so we can purchase and deliver the wines to our gracious hosts.

Yes!

We'll be at the Wine Tasting Event. Enclosed is our \$16 per person check and our sign up sheet. All sign-ups and checks are due at the Village Manager's home (3801 Bradley Lane) by Wednesday, June 7 You can also sign up via e-mail at villagemanager@chevychase3.org and follow up with a check made out to Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase.

Name(s)

E-mail Address for confirmation:

Enclosed is \$16 per person to defray the cost of the wine.



CRIME ALERT

Lock your cars at night... Miscreants are out again tossing cars for spare change and anything they can fence. Same thing with bicycles; four bikes were found in Section 5

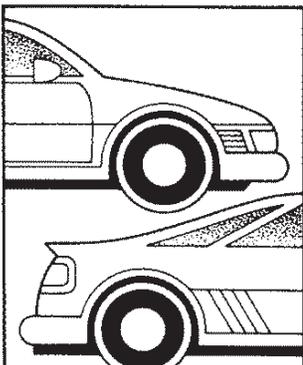
in mid April... doubtless used to move about from car to car to take things before being picked up by someone in a car.

In some ways, we are like the old-fashioned communities many of us grew up in where you didn't lock your cars or your houses and you left bikes on the front lawn. As warm and friendly as we are to one another, we are not immune from strangers coming into our community and taking things we almost hand to them by leaving our homes and cars unlocked and bicycles by the side of the house instead of in a locked garage. Be smart, remind your children...lock up!

MVA ON WHEELS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Need to get your license renewed? Get new tags for your license plate?

The MVA mobile office comes to Friendship Heights once a month between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. If you need any express services, visit them parked at 4433 South Park Avenue in Chevy Chase (the Village of Friendship Heights Town Hall). **Due to the bus cancellation on April 24, the revised schedule will be Tuesday, May 2 and Monday, May 22, and June 19.**



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ly to repair part of their front lawn as a way of thanking them for the gracious manner in which they let us trample their property for virtually every community event for years.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council reviewed the budget as published in the April News & Views once more prior to voting on it at the Annual Meeting.

The Village Manager reported that Chevy Chase Village hired consultants to review and compare coverages and pricing provided by Montgomery County through their self-insurance program (which we had considered exploring) and found that the insurance provided by the Local Government Insurance Trust was superior on both counts. Chevy Chase Village provided us with their report. We are grateful for the Village having spent resources to do a check that also benefited our community as well.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

Because of the Montgomery County School vacation, many families in Section 3 were away for the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon. Anticipating that, the Village Manager ordered less food and the many families who attended had a great time as did their little ones. Special thanks to **Kate Shekells** and her merry band of egg hidiers: **Charlie and Teddy Dioguardi, Brook and Steward Allan, Lindsay and Margot Derrick, Megan Glynn, Addison and Alec Mostofi**. Thanks too to **Jimmy Dodson** who did an excellent job as the Easter Bunny. A small amount of left-over food and brownies was delivered to Bethesda Cares for their luncheon program for the homeless.

We have a number of new neighbors, listed in the April issue of the newsletter. New neighbors will also be moving into 7105 and 7011 Connecticut Avenue.

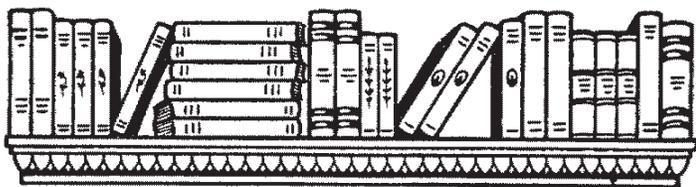
Food Truck Night is slated for May 7. We will have The Corned Beef King, Go Fish and Hardy's BBQ coming along with Carmen's Italian Ices. We have invited neighboring Section 5 and Martins Additions to join us and hope that we will get a really good turnout. The sod in the park should be in great shape for this event.

The Annual Meeting is slated for May 9 with four neighbors running for three seats. The Council decided this year to focus on activities within the community in their remarks and forego yet another County planning report. The meeting should be short and sweet!

The House Tour is slated for May 21 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. We have four homes on the tour (see story this issue)

The annual Wine Tasting is slated for Saturday, June 10 from 7 p.m. The Council suggested that we ask for volunteers in the next mass email we send out (see story this issue).

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY MAY EVENTS

The Chevy Chase Library offers a wide range of activities for area residents. Programs require no registration unless noted. Most are generously sponsored by Friends of the Library.

TODDLER TIME. Please join us Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am for fun learning activities. We'll read, sing, dance, explore and learn finger plays just right for two and three year olds. No registration needed.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP AT CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY. Every Tuesday and Saturday from 10:30 am to 12 Noon. Open to all non-native English speakers interested in practicing English in a friendly, informal and fun setting. Join us! For more information, please call (240) 773-9590. Free.

TODDLER ARTS AND CRAFTS. May 04, 10:30 am. Drop by between 10:30 am and 11:30 am for simple toddler crafts.

ELIBRARY HELP. May 04, 12:00 pm. Confused about accessing the library's eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines? Want to know more about the apps we offer? Sign up for a 30 minute one-on-one session with a staff member. Call the branch at (240) 773-9590 to register. Please bring your device, library card and Amazon account information if you have a Kindle.

LEGO PLAY. Drop in for an open session of Lego play Friday afternoons from 3:30-5pm. Elementary age with an adult. We will provide the Legos and space, you provide the imagination. There's no better way to defrost your brain over winter break than by building something cool! No registration needed. This program will break for summer after the June 9th session.

FOREIGN FILM SHOWINGS. May 06, 2:00 pm. *Volver*. (2007) Directed and written by Spain's Pedro Almodóvar. Raimunda lives in Madrid with her daughter Paula and her drunk husband Paco. Her sister, Sole, is separated and works clandestinely as a hairstylist for women. Years ago, in the sisters birth village, they lost their parents in a fire in La Mancha. Their aunt, Paula, still lives in the village and continues to speak about her sister Irene, mother of the two sisters, as if she were still alive. When the old aunt dies the situation changes and the past returns. Join us for screenings of a variety of films from around the world. Film is typically shown on the first Saturday of each month at 2:00 pm. All movies have English subtitles.

NON-FICTION BOOK GROUP. May 10, 2:00 pm. Join the group to discuss *The Hunt for the Golden Mole* by Richard Girling. Copies of the book available one month before the session at the Information Desk.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP. May 10, 7:30 pm. This month's reading is *Augustine's Confessions*. Join us for an intellectually stimulating exploration of some of the greatest fiction and non-fiction works published through the ages. Attendees are responsible for obtaining the material to read in advance of the discussion. Group meets the second Wednesday each month.

PLAY DATE AT THE LIBRARY. Come to the Chevy Chase Library on Thursday mornings from 10:30 -11:30 am to meet new friends and have fun with Duplos, blocks, matching and sorting games and other STEM/STEAM activities. Preschool age.

PAJAMA STORYTIME. May 11. Please join us from 7:00-7:30pm for fun learning activities. We'll read, sing, dance, explore and learn finger plays for the whole family.

SATURDAY FAMILY STORYTIME. Please join us Saturday mornings at 10:30 am from for fun learning activities. We'll read, sing, dance, explore and learn finger plays for the whole family. This is a repeat of the Thursday evening program.

JEFFERSON CAFÉ. May 19, 10:30 am. This month's article is *Rewriting The Code of Life* by Michael Specter; *The New Yorker*, January 2, 2017. We hope everyone will feel comfortable participating. The group is fairly small so that everyone can see and hear everyone else while seated around a table. Copies of the articles to be discussed will be available without charge on the holds shelf.

BILINGUAL STORYTIME WITH LUPE MARKS (SPANISH/ENGLISH). May 23, 10:30 am. Please join us for a bilingual (Spanish/English) storytime just right for toddlers and preschoolers.

FICTION, MEMOIR AND BIOGRAPHY BOOK GROUP. May 24, 2:00 :00. Join the group to discuss *The Bartender's Tale* by Ivan Doig. Copies of the book are made available one month before the session, at the Information Desk.

TODDLER SPORTS. Tuesday, May 30. 10:30 am. Join us for some fun movement activities and games great for toddlers! This will be self directed but staff will be present.

VILLAGE MANAGER MOVING TO RAYMOND STREET

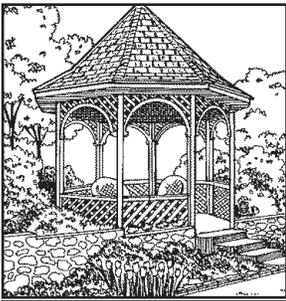
Those of you who have seen the For Sale sign have asked if our Village Manager is leaving. The answer is no; Ken and Andy Harney are selling their home and moving to 3808 Raymond Street in June. Andy will continue as Village Manager.



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