

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

MAY 2016

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4
Bulk Trash Pick-up, Curbside

TUESDAY, MAY 10
Section 3 Annual Meeting and Election
Voting 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Meeting begins at 8:00 pm
Eppworth Room, CCUMC

SUNDAY, MAY 15
Section 3 House & Garden Tour, 2:00 to 4:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1
Bulk Trash Pick-up, Curbside

SATURDAY, JUNE 4
Shred Event, Brookville Market, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8
Council Meeting, CCUMC Room 107, 7:45 pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 11
Wine Tasting Event, 7:00 to 10 pm

FRIDAY, JUNE 17
Food Truck Night, 5:30 to 7:30 pm, Gazebo Park

ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION TUESDAY, MAY 10

Would you like to know what your Village Council does? Catch up on what's happened in our community in the last year and what we expect to do in the coming year? Join us for the Village's Annual Meeting, Tuesday, May 10th. Voting (**Melissa Brown** and **Mike Dietrich** are running for office) is from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and our Annual Meeting starts promptly at 8:00 p.m. In addition to a review by each member of the Council of our activities in the last year, we'll approve the budget and then have a talk about what to expect now that the Purple Line has been approved at Chevy Chase Lake (a number of projects have been preliminarily approved, which ones and where) and what is projected at this time with the Bethesda Master Plan and the Westbard Master Plan. The impact of all these plans has a direct relationship to our community and to you—where you will shop, how you'll get around, and your property values.

So join us, take a moment from your busy day to learn more about what's happening today, here and now and what you can expect in the future.

EXCITING & VARIED HOUSE TOUR, MAY 15, 2:00 TO 4:30

No matter what you paid for your home or how long you've lived there, somehow everyone has a wish list of things they would love to do to make it work better for their family. We are fortunate this year to have five homes and a garden to share with you where your neighbors have done just that—made it work better for their families. The price of admission to these houses is gently used towels, travel soaps, shampoos and lotions, all of which are donated to the nonprofit Shepherd's Table which provides showers for the homeless. Collection boxes will be at each home on the tour. You can start anywhere (a brochure will be sent out with more details) but to whet your appetite the homes (only first floors) include: a large addition at the **Chaturvedi/Clark** home on Florida Street; a brand new kitchen addition at the **Margolis** home on Connecticut Avenue; a totally renovated open plan renovation at the **Landau** home on Raymond Street; a re-sculpted rear addition and patio at the **Stephens** home on Delaware Street; a terrific new kitchen at the **Wilson** home on Taylor Street; and a tranquil small garden at the **Heller** home on Delaware Street.

The tour is only for Section 3 residents—a chance for neighbors to meet one another and enjoy a Sunday in May together. Special thanks to our hosts for opening their homes for us and for Shepherd's Table.

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**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 13. All Council members were in attendance. The meeting began at 7:55 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY

We expect to hire a new extra patrolman by May. We've alerted our current patrolman to cars speeding on Taylor Street and he continues to monitor the intersections of Taylor and Brookville.

BUILDINGS & ROADS

The **Hillsberg/Winkler** family of Brookville Road received a permit for an addition. The **Jaycox/Morral** family received a permit for a replacement fence.

The **Benhard** family has decided to put off their variance request that was published in the April newsletter.

Buildings and Roads Representative **Carolyn Greis** indicated a number of homeowners were planning additions, etc. but had not yet submitted plans.

The Village Manager and the Buildings and Roads Representative found many items in the proposals submitted for technical specs for our road construction work to be unnecessary and it was decided to meet with them to go over what we view as really necessary and items we feel are superfluous. It is our hope to get them to clarify their bids before making a decision.

The County promises work should start sometime in May on Shepherd Street, but as yet they haven't even issued a work order for the job for which the design phase should soon be completed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Village Manager has elicited some incomplete data from the State Comptroller's office to explain why our income tax revenues are significantly lower than last year. As soon as April 18 is over, our auditor will review their explanations and try and get more complete information from the state so that we can better plan for next year.

The Council reviewed the draft proposed budget for next year (see story this issue) and approved it for presentation in the May newsletter and at the Annual Meeting.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

The Village Manager asked for any critiques of either the Everybody's Irish Party or the Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon. Except for very cold weather, which put a damper on participation at the Easter Egg Hunt, things went well. The new volunteers helping with set up at the Easter Egg Hunt were terrific so next

year's event should go smoothly. After so many years of assistance, **Debbie and David Glynn** are turning over the reins of this event to **Elizabeth Dodson** and **Eli Nader**. We are grateful for all their help.

The options for the House Tour were discussed and the Village Manager is in the process of inviting families.

The Council expressed an interest in a speaker for the Annual Meeting who could discuss what is actually going to be developed at Chevy Chase Lake now that the Purple Line has been approved and funded and what is happening with the Bethesda Master Plan.

The Village Manager has refined a great deal of information to be posted on our new website and plans to send it to our web designer so it's up and running as soon as possible.

We're still trying to put together a Farmer's Market Day for June 11 but difficulty finding an available farmer who can supply fresh produce. The Village Manager is working with **Karen Jacobs** and some other neighbors to try and find someone who is available.

The Council agreed we should hold Food Truck night on the originally scheduled last day at school, June 17 since we don't know if they will extend the school year or get a waiver, in any event, the 17th will be the end of the last week of school (see story this issue).

The Council discussed the possibility of having a multiple house yard sale similar to the one held recently in the Town of Chevy Chase. The date selected was June 25 (see story this issue). It was decided to put it in the newsletter and see if we got enough interest to hold such a multi-site event.

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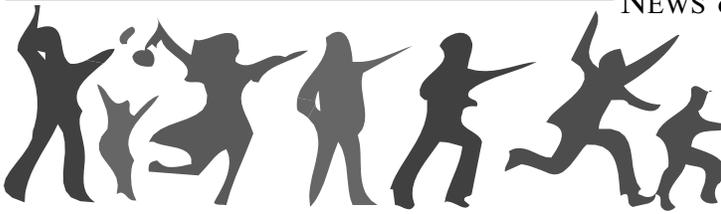
The Council voted to approve the Comcast franchise agreement.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

WINE TASTING JUNE 11

One of Section 3's more popular events is our annual wine tasting night. We taste 3 reds, 3 whites and 3 of something else special at the homes of three different generous hosts. Guests sign up in advance, pay \$15 per person to drink 9 different samples of wines...three at each home. All the wines to be sampled sell for about \$15 and under, so if you like them, they are affordable. Hosts provide hors d'oeuvres, guests bring their own glasses from house to house. It's lots of fun. The event is June 11th from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Hosts names and locations will be in the June newsletter.

Section 3's informal sommelier, **Ken Harney**, will be selecting the wines. So put the date on your calendar and fill out the form in next month's News & Views or sign up with the Village Manager. All checks should be made out to Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Alex Imbot, son of Susan Toffler, will be going to the University of Pennsylvania in the fall! He will be graduating from the Washington International School in May.

Congratulations to the Leon-Salans twins. Jonathan will be attending Tufts University in the fall and sister Emily will be at the University of Delaware. Marc and Larry will be spending a lot of time on I-95 no doubt!

Congrats to Jennifer Benson who is headed to grad school at University of Maryland for a Master's in Social Work with an eye towards working with refugees.

MUSIC FOR ALL

Do you have musical instruments gathering dust in a closet or an attic? Did you know you could donate them to the BCC High School Music Program? The school is happy to take donations and is particularly interested in brass, woodwind, and string instruments. When there is a young person without, your gift could make the difference and bring a personal love of music to another young person. So take a look and if you've found something, Contact BCC Music Boosters (musicboostersbcc@gmail.com) or the director of the school's music program, Marshall White to make arrangements to bring your donation in.

MULTI-HOME YARD SALE ANYONE?

Residents in the Town of Chevy Chase recently held a multi-home yard sale, complete with maps available at every one of the 24 participating homes. The event included free and for sale items and went from 9:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m. A number of Section 3 folks attended and thought it went well. One of our residents suggested we do the same in Section 3 and we decided it should be done before the summer IF there is enough interest. So, if you would be interested in participating in such an event on Saturday, June 25, let the Village Manager know as soon as possible. We won't have 24 different houses, but perhaps we can pull together enough to draw people to such an event. The times would be whatever makes sense for the most residents but at least a five hour period.

So please check your calendars and let the Village Manager know that you are interested in participating no later than May 15.

FOOD TRUCK NIGHT SLATED TO CELEBRATE THE END OF SCHOOL

We decided to celebrate the end of school with Food Truck Night. While Montgomery County schools will officially close for the summer on Monday, June 20, we've decided to celebrate the event on the original school closing date, June 17... so bring your friends, bring your wallets and plan on a fun evening starting at 5:30 and ending at 7:30 p.m. We will have three trucks: Go Fish, Corned Beef King and Hardy's BBQ in addition to delicious desserts from Carmen's Italian Ices. So plan on it, invite friends, bring picnic blankets, adult beverages for those old enough and have a wonderful time!

CHEVY CHASE AT HOME OFFERS TWO PROGRAMS

On May 10, Jim Resnick, Program Manager of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service Senior Outreach Program, will discuss the new home safety regulations and free in-home inspections provided by fire and rescue experts with assistance from CC@H volunteers.

On June 6, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Geraldine Brooks, author of *The Secret Chord*, in conversation with Guy Raz, host of NPR's "Ted Radio Hour" will speak in Phillips Hall at Chevy Chase United Methodist Church. Members and friends of Chevy Chase at Home will be charged \$10 to hear Ms. Brooks talk, the general public \$15 so please register in advance by going to their website, www.chevychaseathome.org or calling (301) 657-3115. In addition to being an amazing, talented writer, Ms. Brooks is the daughter in law of our own Section 3 resident, Elinor Horwitz.

SHREDDING EVENT JUNE 4

Mark your calendars and start collecting all those personal papers you don't want to put in recycling. Outdated tax info, credit card bills, credit card offers...anything with your social security number on it. From 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., cars will line up on Taylor Street in Section 3 in that first block between Georgia and Brookville Road and pull across the street to Brookville Market where they will take the items out of your car for you. You can then drive around the back of the shops and head home. Last year there was very little waiting...they will take pedestrian traffic as well. Try to limit your quantities to five or so boxes or large bags of paper...eliminate any metal clasps, no three ring binders please—that would jam up the machines and ruin the day for everyone. Normal household staples are fine, but nothing heavier.

FY 2016-2017 BUDGET

INCOME

This year's budget presents some challenges in terms of planning. Specifically, we are concerned that our estimates for income tax revenue, our largest source of income, may not be accurate because the state has had some severe difficulties properly crediting each of the 23 municipalities and special taxing districts with income tax revenue that properly belongs to them. We are still working through these issues with our auditor and the State Comptroller's office. As a result, we have budgeted extremely conservatively with the knowledge that we may have to dip into our reserves. We have no way to anticipate the impact of the Supreme Court Wynne decision which from this tax year on will allocate more money to many who file taxes in multiple states. And due to the still unresolved issues with the State Comptroller's office, we don't know how much we should be getting versus how much we have already received. The final accounting is yet to be resolved on that front. Happily, we have reserves so we have planned for that contingency. Back taxes owed multiple-state filers who made claims under the Wynne decision will be paid back to the state over a 10 year period, so the impact of the prior claims as a result of the decision will be minimal and not begin until tax year 2018.

Because interest rates are so low and we expect to dig into our assets, we have conservatively forecast interest income from our laddered CDs. We may be able to do better than that as we snag higher interest rate CDs but we would rather be certain than sorry by estimating too much interest rate income.

The State Highway Funds that we have budgeted for next year includes a "one time grant" which the Maryland Municipal League tells us is built into the budget. We received a similar grant this year, which is why there is such a disparity between our budgeted amount and the amount we have received year to date.

EXPENSES

On a more positive note, we are moving forward with phase 1 of the lighting plan for Section 3: moving some of our existing lights to nearby poles to compensate for "dark holes" in our lighting. We hope to accomplish this with the help of Pepco and should not take long to do. Once we have the old lights where we want them, the plan is then to replace all the lights with new, attractive, better quality lighting on better looking brackets and add an additional 14 lights for a comprehensive lighting plan that will provide us with safer streets at night with more even light coverage. It has been a long time coming, but it is hoped that this first step in concert with Pepco will make it easier for phase 2 to begin. We will be consulting with both electrical engineers and our lighting designer before proceeding. The impact of the Pepco/Exelon merg-

er is already evident in the 10 percent proposed hike in rates and the last time we attempted to purchase our own lights, Pepco put up some serious barriers which stopped us dead in our tracks. Now that our overall electrical service is improved, we need to get back to our original goal of better overall lighting for the community and execute our plans. This initial phase is not that costly and only a handful of lights need to be moved.

The other plan for the community is to continue to do road work... this fiscal year the County will be replacing our storm drain from Delaware Street to Florida Street as a result of last year's sinkhole. Section 3 will be milling and paving Raymond Street, the first block from Connecticut Avenue to Delaware Street and from Brookville Road to Georgia Street. After we mill down the first two inches of asphalt, if any portions of the foundation of the roadway need to be replaced, it will be done at that time. Then we will reconstruct the entire block of Delaware Street from Taylor Street to Shepherd Street as that street, according to the core samples we took, has no foundation at all...just asphalt over gravel! We have recently selected a consulting engineering firm who will be working with us to draft technical specifications to put out to bid and work will be over the summer.

Next year, we hope to reconstruct Georgia Street between Bradley and Raymond, which also lacks a proper foundation, and do some milling and paving of Spring Street. So the budget will cover those expenses. We have budgeted additional funds for engineering services for both the lighting and road projects.

Payroll items more accurately express both an increase in the Village Manager's salary as well as the payroll taxes we pay for both the manager and the police. Snow removal this year was of course extensive, however we have applied for FEMA reimbursement for some of our expenses. FEMA allows us to select a 48 hour period to ask for reimbursement, so while we now appear to be over budget, we will undoubtedly come out below budget once we are reimbursed. The big question is how much will they reimburse us for the sidewalks that we had shoveled. We have made a very good case for our safety needs and the need to shovel out the fire hydrants but they request is in the pipeline and we have no idea if we will prevail.

Street repairs have already been discussed and we have upcoming expenses, hopefully prior to the June 30 end of our fiscal year, which will affect the year-to-date expenses. Because we anticipate making some larger expenses on the lighting front, we have added from our reserves to our Capital Improvement Fund by another \$100,000.

Overall, we have budgeted conservatively, invested wisely and are confident that the uncertainties we face in income tax revenues will not adversely affect any of our future plans.

CHEVY CHASE SECTION 3 BUDGET

	Actual FY 13-14	Actual FY 14-15	YTD FY 14-15*	Budget FY 15-16	Proposed budget FY 16-17
INCOME					
Building Permits	\$1,000.00	\$3,950.00	\$1,025.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,600.00
Cable TV	\$8,526.12	\$9,007.42	\$8,688.67	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
CCUMC Trash	\$1,850.00	\$1,837.08		\$1,851.00	\$1,850.00
Corporate Taxes	\$165.99	\$193.48	\$415.81	\$0.00	\$0.00
County Duplication	\$30,796.00	\$30,796.00	\$30,796.00	\$30,796.00	\$30,796.00
Court & Misc Fees	\$37.60	\$0.00	\$14.10	\$0.00	\$0.00
Income Taxes	\$486,615.03	\$557,135.86	\$316,534.07	\$400,000.00	\$390,000.00
Wynne Claims		-\$81,915.00			
Catch up Reimbursement					
Interest	\$18,338.92	\$17,253.87	\$15,211.44	\$8,000.00	\$10,000.00
Interest Income from Taxes	\$196.39	\$145.74	\$57.01	\$0.00	\$0.00
Parking Fines	\$45.00	\$382.50	\$45.00	\$200.00	\$50.00
Personal Property Taxes	\$353.91		\$6.05	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property Taxes	\$51,321.22	\$51,842.02	\$59,543.35	\$51,617.00	\$55,000.00
State Highway Taxes	\$17,271.82	\$17,909.84	\$17,374.05	\$5,426.00	\$15,000.00
Total Income	\$616,518.00	\$608,538.81	\$449,710.55	\$507,890.00	\$512,796.00
EXPENSES					
Accounting Fees	\$9,683.52	\$8,888.60	\$9,302.80	\$10,500.00	\$11,000.00
Bank Service Charges	\$102.16	\$180.21	\$283.76	\$75.00	\$75.00
Community Promotion	\$19,331.18	\$20,789.23	\$20,854.56	\$22,000.00	\$24,000.00
County Landfill Charges	\$9,951.06	\$10,099.15	\$8,130.20	\$15,000.00	\$11,000.00
Dues & Dinner	\$3,237.62	\$3,868.80	\$3,852.71	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Engineering Services	\$1,350.00	\$2,210.46	\$5,040.00	\$12,000.00	\$20,000.00
Equipment	\$182.74	\$367.94	\$526.33	\$800.00	\$850.00
Grass & Trees	\$18,248.99	\$34,062.01	\$27,630.34	\$48,000.00	\$37,000.00
Insurance	\$9,445.69	\$9,859.58	\$5,615.24	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Legal Fees	\$2,950.00	\$7,687.20	\$3,628.50	\$12,500.00	\$7,000.00
Misc	\$277.39	\$139.17	\$16.10	\$250.00	\$250.00
Newsletter	\$7,598.55	\$8,430.44	\$6,187.38	\$16,500.00	\$11,000.00
Office Supplies	\$632.38	\$1,178.40	\$624.73	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Party-in-the-Park	\$12,755.58	\$9,211.86	\$15,745.27	\$16,000.00	\$17,000.00
Payroll & Taxes	\$69,810.98	\$75,927.60	\$73,222.42	\$87,000.00	\$95,000.00
Police Payroll & Taxes	\$9,259.18	\$10,284.21	\$6,730.32	\$10,200.00	\$8,800.00
Postage & Delivery	\$1,903.11	\$2,349.53	\$2,185.62	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
Recycling	\$3,513.55	\$1,911.05	\$1,932.68	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Rent (storage unit)	\$2,244.00	\$2,102.00	\$1,992.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Snow Removal	\$25,391.50	\$21,628.20	\$25,951.24	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Street Lighting	\$6,280.96	\$6,293.64	\$4,711.69	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
Street Repairs	\$9,523.44	\$15,972.70	\$5,407.53	\$110,000.00	\$130,000.00
Street Signs	\$5,007.00	\$4,624.16	\$610.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Telephone & On-Line	\$2,022.70	\$4,973.60	\$1,911.86	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00
Waste Collection	\$74,024.28	\$74,159.80	\$55,518.21	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
Water (Gazebo Park)	\$310.94	\$328.57	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
Total Expenses	\$305,038.50	\$337,528.11	\$287,611.49	\$498,575.00	\$510,725.00
Capital Improvement Fund**	\$800,000.00	\$997,675.00	\$1,200,000.00	\$1,200,000.00	\$1,300,000.00

Our fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. * as of April 12, 2016

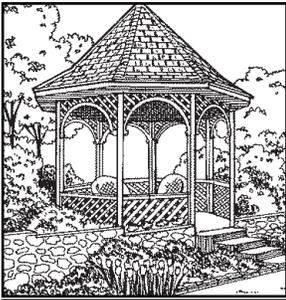
** Only a portion of this will be spent in FY 16-17.



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