

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

SEPTEMBER 2017

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Bulk Trash Pick-up, Curbside

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Council Meeting

CCUMC Room 107, 7:45 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

PARTY IN THE PARK

Gazebo Park, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

(rain date September 24, same time, same place)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Bulk Trash Pick-up, Curbside

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Food Truck Night (see story this issue)

Gazebo Park, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

Council Meeting

CCUMC Room 107, 7:45 p.m.

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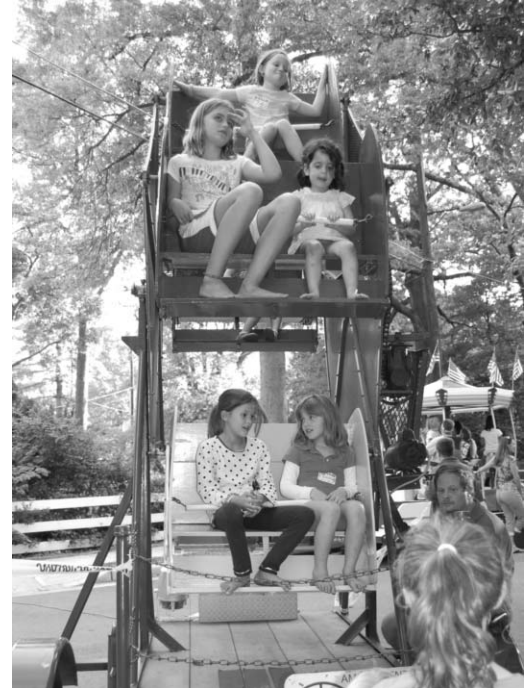
PARTY IN THE PARK SLATED FOR SEPTEMBER 17

It's here already! This year's Party in the Park should be fabulous! We have a new wide gate into the park so that we can offer a different large ride that the narrow gates precluded in the past. We have a delicious dinner planned, great rides, the ice cream man, our fabulous DJ Keith Robinson and the face paint lady and of course, the world-famous cake walk where almost everyone is a cake boss winner!

Plan on coming to see old friends and meet some of the many new people who have moved into the commu-

nity. You won't be disappointed. This tradition started many years ago as a modest pot-luck event where people brought food and a blanket and hoped others did the same. We would often have one performer entertain our children. Then one of our senior residents pointed out that they didn't really like to cook that much and that sitting on the grass was hard...so we got tables and chairs and set them up in the park at first, then we got a caterer, then we started offering rides...and a DJ, and a face painting master, and the cake walk! Now the tables take up a half a block on the street, the buffet tables take up a chunk of Shepherd Street. Fulton Street is the train route and the Barry's front lawn is taken over with liquid refreshments for adults and children. The Park is the place for a ride, a face painter, the DJ and of course, the cake walk.

Our largest event of the year, the Party in the Park is looked forward to by young and old alike... So join us. We'll be calling you to volunteer to keep our children safe on the big rides and on the train. You can jump the gun and volunteer with either Council Vice Chair **Susan Manning** or Secretary **Melissa Brown**. And if you want to bake a cake, our amazingly persuasive cake walk coordinator, **Jen Roberti** is waiting for your call!



**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 12 at CCUMC in room 107. All Council members were present and the meeting began at 7:55 p.m.

The minutes of the June meeting as published in the July newsletter were approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

The police continue to patrol and watch for those violating the stop sign at Brookville Road. We have not been able to find out any more information on the middle-of-the-night bell ringer on Taylor Street. Police have been called with every instance but for some reason, the visits have stopped.

BUILDINGS & ROADS

The Council took up four variance requests, printed in the June newsletter. The trash enclosure for the Grossblatt residence at 6711 Georgia Street was approved. The fencing to be installed at the Bradley home at 3815 Bradley Lane was approved. The Council did not approve the intrusion into the rear setback at 7109 Fulton Street and agreed to entertain a proposal for a much smaller footprint patio facing Florida Street. Because a new owner is moving in soon, the Council agreed that they would entertain a new variance request and meet in August to review it. **Scott Churilla**, the home builder, agreed to submit a revised, scaled down variance request.

Councilmember **Carolyn Greis** reported that she had met with County officials regarding 3602 Taylor Street and they were reviewing the revised plans submitted by the builder. The plans are their seventh revision since beginning construction.

The Airbnb hearing is slated for July 18 the Village Manager will be testifying against the new proposal (see story this issue).

Milling and paving will begin on Georgia Street between Bradley and Raymond Streets and then the contractor will start on Spring Street from Delaware to Fulton Street, then Fulton to Georgia Street. A.B. Viers Co. was selected to do the work. The Village Manager is working closely with them on the schedule. Bradley Lane will be milled and paved by the same contractor. We will be replacing deteriorated sections of the swale on the Section 3 side of the street the same time. We will also be building into the architecture of the street a swale which will direct some of the storm runoff to Georgia Street where it will be received by the catch basin at Raymond and Georgia Streets.

Pepco is getting back to us on the reasons for two recent power failures in our area.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Village Manager reported that she is contacting all the banks holding CDs in which Natasha Saifee was a signer as she is no longer on the Council. She is getting those accounts' authorized second signer changed to Susan Manning. We will also try and get as many of our accounts to send interest payments electronically to our checking account with M & T Bank.

The Council approved using Dennis Alexander, CPA, for our annual audit. The Village Manager provides him all the necessary information for the audit along with confirmations from our investments and from all the agencies that provide income to the community.

The State Comptroller finally provided us with a listing of all the addresses they have for our community. There were a puzzling number of duplicates, triplicates and quadruplicate addresses about which we have inquired but only one wrong address, about which we have informed them.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

The Welcome New Neighbors Event is slated for July 13. Councilmembers split up bartending duties for the evening. The Party in the Park is slated for September 17 with a rain date of September 24. The Village Manager has already reserved the rides and contracted with our regular vendors. (see story this issue).

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

COUNCIL ACTIONS FOR SPECIAL AUGUST MEETING

The Council met in the Wesley Room of CCUMC. All Council members with the exception of Council Chair Bill Brownlee were in attendance. The meeting began at 7:55 p.m. The minutes (above) of the July meeting were approved.

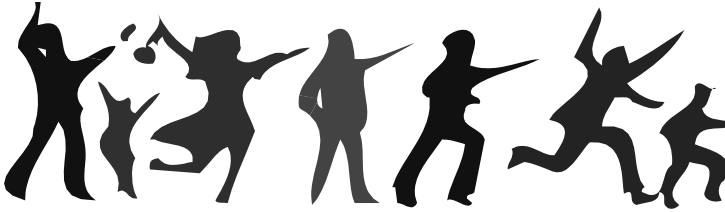
The Council met briefly on Monday, August 14 to take up the revised variance request for the home at 7108 Fulton Street. Notice of the meeting was sent to all Village residents via email two weeks in advance.

The builder requested a variance to construct a new 11' x 7.5' impervious patio with space for both a grill and a table on the Florida Street side of the property. This proposal represents a 60 percent reduction in size from the originally proposed patio which was denied at the July meeting.

The Council voted unanimously to approve the smaller encroachment into the setback.

The only other item of business taken up was a response to a request from the County to provide comment to a proposed bicycle route that would become part of the County's master bicycle plan to run a path from Rosemary Street in the town of Chevy

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Lots of new neighbors have joined our community in the past few months. Some were able to come to the Welcome New Neighbors BBQ even before they moved in. We want to take a moment to welcome them all:

Peter and Lane Fogarty Strand and their two children, **Sally** (1) and **Charlie** (2 1/2) have moved into 3701 Taylor Street, **Misha and Shawn Chernousov** and their 23 month-old son **Aleksander** have moved in next door at 3617 Taylor Street. Another little Chernousov is due later this year. **Scott Shuchart** and his wife **Jessica Sebeok** and their two children **Miranda** (5) and **Oliver** (8) moved into 7108 Fulton Street and **Mark and Amy Klug** moved into 7010 Georgia Street with their children **Mathis** (3) and **Caroline** (9 months). **Chad Stahl** has moved into 7011 Connecticut Avenue. It's been a busy month! Welcome to everyone, hope to see you and yours at the Party-in the Park September 17.

Neighbors are interested in what is going on at 3602 Taylor Street. Currently both Montgomery County and Section 3 have stop work orders on the property. Section 3 issued the stop work order when the builder started to build a third story that was not part of the original permit. In order to lift our stop work order, they have to submit county approved plans which they have not yet done. In the meantime, the County has decided that the house, after seven different revisions were submitted to them, is no longer a renovation and must be treated a new house construction, requiring a new permit application and a full review from zoning to permitting before any work can proceed. The timeline for the resumption of construction is therefore uncertain.

In the meantime, the Council is exploring ways in which we can have the job site fenced in to avoid the problem of the property becoming an attractive nuisance and a liability.

In the July newsletter, we trumpeted the exciting news about the Rosner/Trebach son **Adam** attending MIT for his Ph.D. and incorrectly listed his last name as Rosner. **Adam Trebach** begins his studies in Boston this fall. Sorry for the confusion!

COUNCIL REJECTS MASTER BICYCLE PLAN ROUTE

Montgomery County's Planning department is undertaking an effort to make the County more bike friendly. It's hard to argue with such a laudable goal, except that they have proposed a bike route that will bring bikers from Bethesda to the Rock Creek via Rosemary/Raymond Street. The Council met on August 14 and reiterated what they had already said to the Washington Area Bicyclists Association when they proposed the same route as a temporary route while the Purple Line is under construction. It's not safe and adds one more type of commuter to an already over-stressed intersection.

We further pointed out that we would oppose any street marking for a designated bike lane as that would force cars to avoid that space and drive into oncoming traffic as Raymond Street barely has enough room for two cars to pass one another. With a bus stop for Rosemary Hills Primary at Raymond and Brookville and children walking to Chevy Chase Elementary and on-street parking on one side, we already have sufficient public safety challenges without adding Raymond Street as a designated bike path.

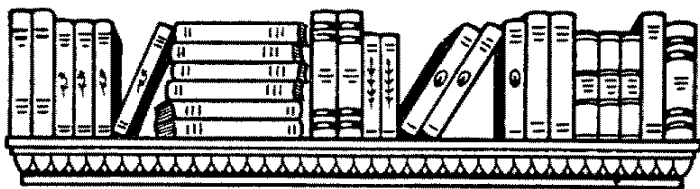
The Council instead suggested that using the right of way that belongs to State Highway on the Chevy Chase Club side of Bradley Boulevard between Wisconsin and Connecticut Avenues would allow for a separate bike path to make the link between Wisconsin and Connecticut safer for bicycles and cars. The route would then take bicyclists across Connecticut Avenue at Bradley and continue down Bradley to Brookville Road. Making Bradley wider between Connecticut and Wisconsin Avenues would be better for emergency vehicles as well since there is no real shoulder.

Failing that, perhaps the County can get the State Highway Department to add a pedestrian/bicyclist activated light at Leland Street so that bicyclists could go from Bethesda via Leland Street. Both routes would not create as much chaos as adding bicyclists commuting to work as our children cross Connecticut Avenue at an intersection often blocked by cars not heeding the lights on that busy road.

We look forward to hearing from County planners.

PROPERTY TAXES DUE SEPTEMBER 30

If you pay your own property taxes and you are a resident owner, remember to exclude the \$30.16 sanitary landfill charge as Section 3 pays that for all resident owners. If your bank pays for you, the second half of your bill that goes to the bank will show a credit on your account and bill for that much less. If you have any questions, contact the Village Manager.



CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY SEPTEMBER 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—Chevy Chase.

Lego Play: Drop in for an open session of Lego play on Fridays between 3:30 and 5:00 pm. Elementary age with an adult. We will provide the Legos and space, you provide the imagination.

English Conversation Group: 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.

Foreign Film Series: *Rust and Bone* (2012) France. A homeless father and street boxer struggling to support his son and a horribly injured killer whale trainer's lives intersect and form an intensifying bond that fractures the considerable defensive armor each is accustomed to wearing. Join us on September 2 at for screenings of a variety of films from around the world. All movies have English subtitles.

Toddler Storytime: Get up and get moving at storytime! Every Tuesday at 10:30 am, these 20-30 minute programs are full of a diverse collection of books, songs and fun activities. Children are encouraged to engage with the stories and activities, and their grownups to participate in the program along with the children.

Toddler Arts and Crafts: Drop by between 10:30 am and 11:30 am on 09/07/17 for simple toddler crafts.

Elibrary Help: Confused about accessing the library's eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines? Want to know more about the apps we offer? Call (240) 773-9590 to register for a 30 minute one-on-one session with a staff member on 9/7 at noon. Please bring your device, library card and Amazon account information if you have a Kindle.



On September 9 at 2:00 pm, **the Martha Doyle Trio**, consisting of Tom Scullen (bass, vocals), Dennis Doyle (guitar, vocals), and Martha Doyle (flute, penny whistle, vocals) will perform.

Read to a Dog: Chevy Chase Library is partnering with P.A.L.

for a read to a dog program the first Monday of every month! Young readers will be able to share stories with a furry friend. Dogs will never judge or correct them, which allows them to really improve their reading skills. Drop in.

Non-Fiction Book Group: Join the group on September 13 at 2:00 pm to discuss *The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat* by Oliver Sacks. Copies of the book available one month before the session at the Information Desk.

On Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 pm, meet **author Mike Lupica**, the bestselling author of the middle grade novels *Heat*, *Travel Team*, and *Fantasy League*. He will discuss his newest book, *Lone Stars*, an uplifting story about role models, football, and tackling fear. Copies of his books will be available for purchase and signing through a special arrangement with Politics and Prose Bookstore with a percentage of the proceeds benefiting the Friends of the Library, Bethesda Chapter.

Great Books Group: This month's selection is *Personal Memoirs* by Grant. Join us for an intellectually stimulating exploration of some of the greatest fiction and non-fiction works published through the ages. Registration is not required. Attendees are responsible for obtaining the material to read in advance of the discussion. Group meets the second Wednesday each month at 7:30 pm

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. No registration needed.

Jefferson Café: This month's article is "Liberalism" by Daniel T. Rodgers; *Democracy Journal*, Winter 2017. We hope everyone will feel comfortable participating on Friday, September 15 at 10:30 am. 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.

Patrick Ness, the author of nine novels including the New York Times bestselling *The Rest of Us Just Live Here* and *A Monster Calls*, will discuss his newest book, *Release*. on Thursday, September 21 at 6:30 pm. *Release* is a new classic about teenage relationships, self-acceptance, and what happens when the walls we build start to come down.

Bilingual Storytime with Senora Lupe Marks: Please join us on September 26 at 10:30 am for a bilingual storytime just right for toddlers and preschoolers. Stories in English and Spanish, songs and rhymes, too! These 25-30 minute programs, designed to delight children of all ages, are filled with diverse stories and activities that promote and develop language skills and imagination.

Fiction Memoir and Biography Book Group: Join the group on September 27 at 2:00 pm to discuss *The Lowland* by Jhumpa Lahiri. Copies of the book are made available one month before the session.

FOOD TRUCK NIGHT OCTOBER 8

Our Fall Food Truck Night will take place around the Gazebo Park on Sunday, Oct 8th. Start asking friends and family to come now! The more the merrier. We will have our usual favorites...Go Fish, Corned Beef King, Hardy's BBQ and Carmen's Italian Ices. Bring friends, blankets to picnic in the park, adult beverages and plan on a wonderful fall evening. All this is of course, weather permitting!

ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORK COMPLETE ON GEORGIA, SPRING STREETS

Thanks to the cooperation of all the neighbors, A.B. Viers was able to complete the milling and paving of Georgia Street from Bradley to Raymond Street and Spring Street from Georgia Street to Delaware Street in a timely manner. With the exception of a brief hiatus for a week and a few weather delays, work proceeded fairly rapidly. About 37 percent of the roadbed on Georgia Street had to be replaced due to deteriorated concrete. All the neighbors got new wider driveway aprons with the exception of the Murphy family who had already received a new apron.

On the western portion of Spring Street, all the neighbors received new wider driveway aprons to make turning in the driveway easier and about 40 percent of the roadbed was replaced due to deteriorated concrete. On the eastern portion of Spring Street, neighbors received new wider driveway aprons as well but only eight percent of the roadbed had to be replaced. Miscellaneous curb and gutters in all locations were replaced and handicapped ramps were upgraded to be in compliance with revisions to the Americans with Disabilities Act.

AUGUST COUNCIL MTG, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

Chase across Connecticut Avenue to Raymond Street. The Council voted unanimously to object to the route as this is an already crowded intersection where our children cross to go to Chevy Chase Elementary School or wait at the Brookville end of the street to go by bus to Rosemary Hills (see story this issue).

The Council discussed having special signs to alert drivers to our children walking to school this fall and the Village Manager agreed to have signs made.

The Party in the Park is Sunday, September 17 and Food Truck Night is Sunday, October 8.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

SHORT TERM RENTALS PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO BE TAKEN UP BY COUNTY COUNCIL

Originally slated for July 18, the controversial proposal to allow Airbnb type rentals in single family residential units throughout the county will be taken up by the County Council on September 12 and then by the Council's subcommittee later in September.

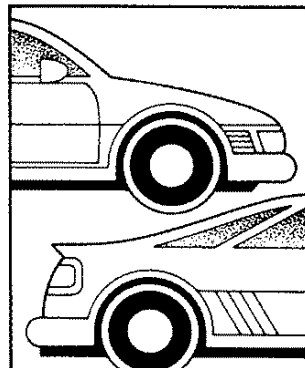
As it now stands the County Planning Board has eliminated the 90 day restriction and made it possible for residents to have guests all year long, but an owner of a property can only rent it out without being there for 90 days. How this comports with the idea that we have single family zoning has yet to be explained.

CHEVY CHASE AT HOME FOCUSES ON HEALTH CARE ISSUES FOR AN AGING POPULATION

A special evening program on Wednesday, September 6 at Chevy Chase Village Hall will feature a talk by Howard Gleckman discussing Aging in an Era of Disruption and Opportunity. He'll talk about how we deliver and receive aging services in a rapidly changing political, financial and demographic environment. The talk begins at 7:00 p.m. Space is limited. You can register online by going to www.chevychaseathome.org or by calling (301) 657-3115.

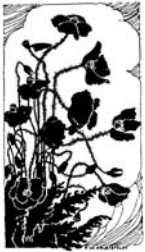
MVA ON WHEELS SCHEDULE CHANGE

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). It will be there

September 25, October 30, November 20, and December 18.



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