

SECTION THREE  
VILLAGE OF  
CHEVY CHASE

# NEWS & VIEWS

OCTOBER 2017

## CALENDAR

**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

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31**

Halloween Parade and Pizza Party

4:45 p.m. Gazebo Park followed by Pizza Party in  
Phillips Hall, CCUMC (details at right)

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Bulk Trash, Curbside Pick-up

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Council Meeting

CCUMC Room 107, 7:45 p.m

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## FOOD TRUCK NIGHT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Each fall since 2013, Section 3 has sponsored a fall Food Truck Night...a great evening for all our residents and those in Section 5 and Martins Additions to come together to enjoy good food and better company. Join us from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Gazebo Park and bring friends and family...and your wallets. Those who want to picnic in the park with its newly laid sod should

bring a blanket, adult beverages if they wish.

Our regulars, Go Fish, Hardy's BBQ and the Corned Beef King, will all be there along with a new dessert truck, Kona-Ice out of Silver Spring specializing in both ice cream and shaved ice!

Join us, too much fun to miss!



## HALLOWEEN PARADE AND PIZZA PARTY OCTOBER 31

Each year all the Section 3 ghosts and goblins first grade and under gather in the Gazebo Park to be led by a costumed parent up Shepherd Street in a heavily photographed parade to join their parents and siblings for a quick pizza party before going out to trick or treat. We ask you to join us, parents and grandparents, to cheer on our little folk as they joyously show off their Halloween costumes.

Gather at 4:45 sharp at the Gazebo Park, take photos with the costumed parade leader and then bring older siblings and parents/grandparents in and out of costume to join us for some hot Ledo's pizza...it's tons of fun and a great way to start off trick or treating in Section 3.

*\*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 12 in room 107 of the CCUMC. The meeting began at 8:00 p.m. with all Council members in attendance.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Police patrols continue. There was a stolen car left on the no outlet end of Fulton Street and a car of a resident on Fulton Street was taken, a Kia SUV, and another unlocked car was tossed. The missing Kia was recovered just over the DC line a few days later.

State Highway hopes to begin work on the intersection of Brookville Road and Taylor Street in October. All the permissions have been signed.

### BUILDINGS & ROADS

Building permits have been issued to the **Rippeon** family at 3807 Bradley Lane for a two story addition, porch, pool and patio, driveway and retaining walls and dumpster; to **ZB Connecticut LLC** for the demolition of the house at 6817 Connecticut Avenue and also for the construction of a new home and driveway at the same address; and to the **Thompson** family of 7108 Georgia Street for the construction of a new covered front porch.

Permits to use dumpsters were issued to the **Howard** family of 3611 Taylor Street and the **Edelen** family of 6705 Connecticut Avenue.

Permits to build fences were issued to the **Shuchart/Sebeok** family of 7108 Fulton Street, to the **Strand** family at 3701 Taylor Street, and to **Colette Kavanagh** of 5809 Connecticut Avenue.

The County Council held its first hearing on short term rentals on Tuesday, September 12. The Council will be sending a letter outlining their concerns.

The response to the Drive Slowly signs for the start of school has been good. The Council agreed we should collect most but not all of the signs so that they can be used effectively next year at the same time. Mr. Hogg, our mailman, liked the signs so much and

### VARIANCE REQUEST

**Eileen and Marc Weller** of 3721 Bradley Lane request a variance to temporarily install an ice rink in their back yard which will extend eight feet into their 20 foot rear setback.

was so concerned about children in his neighborhood that he asked for one of the signs. The Council agreed to give him a sign.

The community has been very responsive regarding the proposed reclassification of Brookville Road. The Council will also be sending a letter. We will get feedback from members of the community after tonight's meeting with the transportation planners. Nick Brand of Section 3 alerted the Village Manager to this proposed reclassification as they had not notified us at all. She in turn sent out info on it to Section 5, Martins Additions and Chevy Chase Village Managers. She then talked to the transportation planner to get a better understanding of the meaning of the reclassification and what we could do to alter their thinking and retain the primary residential classification. Having had those insights, she drafted a note to Section 3 Brookville Road residents, vetted by two members of the Council and sent it out to them. The plan is to send out a note to all residents next week as well.

The Council discussed the road renovation bill which was significantly higher than the \$188,000 budgeted. We knew at the time that we budgeted for the milling and paving of Spring Street, and Georgia Street from Bradley Lane to Raymond Street and the swale work on Bradley Lane that we might end up spending more if the roadbed itself needed extensive replacement. The Council agreed to take out the difference between the \$313,850.10 bill and the \$188,000 out of our Capital Improvement Fund. We had to replace almost 37 percent of the roadbed on Georgia Street, 40 percent of the roadbed on Spring Street between Delaware and Fulton Streets and only seven percent of the roadbed on the eastern portion of Spring Street from Fulton to Georgia Streets. We also re-did more handicapped ramps than originally anticipated because new ADA regulations made our old ramps out of compliance and the rule is that when you are doing work in the area, that you upgrade those spaces as well.

We worked with Chevy Chase Village on the milling and paving of Bradley Lane although all the funds for that work with the exception of the swale on Section 3 property and traffic maintenance charges associated with the swale work came from the Village. We planned for and worked with the contractor to create a swale in the roadway to divert some water gathering on Bradley lane during heavy rains to the gutter on Georgia Street. They also built in a small berm at Brookville Road to help divert more rain-water north on Brookville Road so that "Lake Bradley" will not be such a problem in the future.

In sum, we feel the funds expended were well spent. All the neighbors on both streets have wider driveway aprons making it possible for them to turn in their driveways as they get in and out of their driveways onto our narrow streets. The roadways had not been touched perhaps since the 1920s and needed to be improved.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Just like the children who live in Lake Woebegone, *all* our lawyers are smart and good looking. And we have lots! The 2018 edition of *Best Lawyers* is just out and of course, Section 3 is well represented. Congrats to all. The list includes **Ted Voorhees, Jr.** of Spring Street with Covington & Burling listed under antitrust law and product liability litigation, **Paul Kiernan** of Raymond Street with Holland & Knight listed under commercial litigation, **Alan Berkeley** of Raymond Street with K& L Gates listed under corporate law, mergers and acquisitions law and securities/capital markets law, **Marna Tucker** of Bradley Lane with Feldesman Tucker Leifer Fidell listed under family law, and **Natanya Allan** of Delaware Street with Cochran Allan listed under trusts and estates. Congratulations to all of you for this peer recognition. If we left anyone out, please let us know, the booklet listing everyone is in 6 pt. unreadable type!

## BROOKVILLE ROAD RECLASSIFICATION PROPOSED

In an effort to update the classification of roads within the County, the Planning Board staff has recommended that Brookville Road be reclassified from its current designation as a primary residential road to “minor arterial.” Despite the fact that it is a State Highway and already has a limitation prohibiting trucks over five tons on the street, the planners want to reclassify it as a road that is at least 50 percent used as a through roadway. Most minor arterial roads in the county are at least 70 feet wide, clearly Brookville Road is not.

What is the impact of this for Section 3, Martins Additions, Rollingwood, Section 5 and Chevy Chase Village residents? If reclassified, more trucks would use the roadway, planners would have an easier time suggesting Brookville Road as a bus route and local residents would lose control over the roadway as the pleasant residential roadway it is today. The planners maintain that we would be better maintained (a promise that is hard to understand they can even make as they do not represent the State Highway Department) and snow removal would be more efficient, another argument that is hard to make given the fact that there is only one way to plow snow

and the state does it fairly rapidly after every snowfall.

Needless to say, residents are distressed at the very prospect and attended a meeting on September 13 where they heard a presentation from the planners and had an opportunity to present their objections. Many Section 3 residents went to [mcatlas.org/mpoht-comments/](http://mcatlas.org/mpoht-comments/) to make comments in opposition. Now the planners tell us that it would be even better if residents would write letters. We urge you to do so. Please understand the only objection that the planners are interested at this point is to the reclassification...they have not proposed a bus route. They have, however, also ignored the existing limitation on trucks. We want them to understand this narrow road where are children walk to school, meet school buses, walk to the local market and to friends homes, as a purely residential roadway, NOT a “minor arterial” route. To whom do you write? [Stephen.aldrich@montgomeryplanning.org](mailto:Stephen.aldrich@montgomeryplanning.org) or [MCP-Chair@mncppc-mc.org](mailto:MCP-Chair@mncppc-mc.org). The Chairman of the planning board is Casey Anderson. For those who wish to mail letters rather than email, the address is Casey Anderson, Chair, Montgomery Panning, 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

The more letters, the better. The Section 3 Council has also written to emphasize its desire to retain the existing roadway classification.

## PARTY IN THE PARK A WELL ATTENDED SUCCESS!

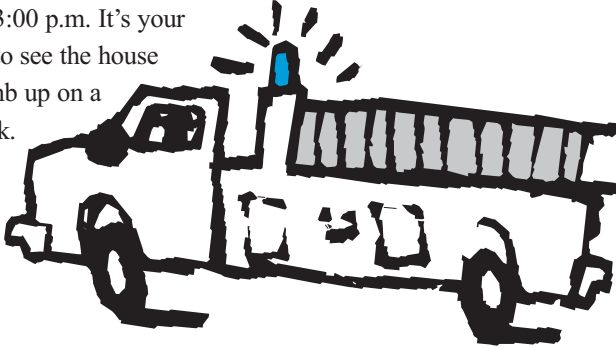
Were you one of the 37 people who baked cakes for the cake-walk? Or one of the dozen folks who helped set up and clean up? Did you help put out the cones to block traffic from driving into our party? Or were you one of the many parents and grandparents who monitored the rides to make certain our children enjoyed them safely? We owe everyone who participated a big thank you! It’s because of the extensive involvement of Council members and residents that our Party in the Park is such a success. Special thanks goes to all the Council members who were involved in virtually every phase of the event; to **Kirsten Williams and John Dorsey** for use of their garage to store supplies; to **Jen Roberti** who organizes and runs the cake-walk with such efficiency it’s staggering; to **Ellen McKinney** who welcomed everyone and made nametags for all...and to all of you.

This year, because we now have a large enough gate on Spring Street for them to set up a larger inflatable ride, we had a two story giant slide in the park that was a big hit. The pirate ship gave many would-be pirates a great “ride” at the intersection of Spring and Fulton Streets. The food, from Mindy’s Catering was delicious...the few leftovers went to the Bethesda Cares luncheon program feeding the homeless. The weather could not have been better, the company—the best! Hope all those who came had a chance to catch up with old friends and meet some of our newest neighbors.

## CHEVY CHASE FIRE HOUSE OPEN HOUSE

Bring out the family to the Chevy Chase Fire House on Saturday, October 14 from 11:00

a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It's your chance to see the house and climb up on a fire truck.

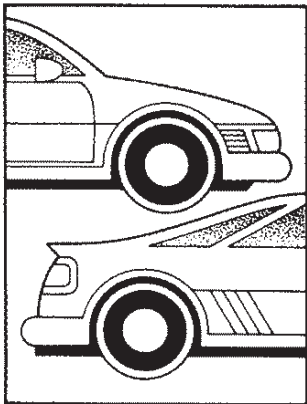


### FIRE BOARD SEAT AVAILABLE

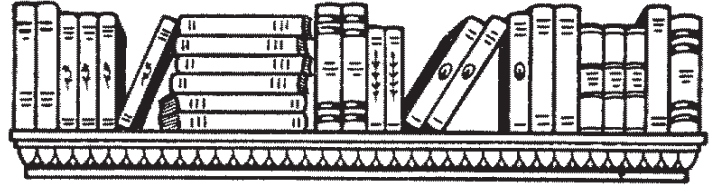
The Fire Board, serving Section 3 and our neighbors, needs a third representative from Section 3. We are ably represented by **Tim Healy** and **Russell Weil** but are in need of a third person to be fully represented on the Board. The Fire Board meets the first evening Wednesday of every month at the Fire Station on Connecticut Avenue. Contact the Village Manager if you are interested.

## 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 monthly at 4433 South Park Avenue (the Village of Friendship Heights Town Hall) from 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. If you need any express services, they will be there October 30, November 20, and December 18.



## CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY OCTOBER 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. A few special events for children include:

**Global Cardboard Challenge.** Saturday, October 7, 10:30 am: Children and adults of all ages are invited to take the Global Cardboard Challenge and make something amazing out of cardboard. Make a crown, dog house, car, bridge, arcade game or anything else you can imagine! People all over the world will also be creating with cardboard on October 7. Go to the Global Cardboard Challenge website <http://imagination.org/our-projects/cardboard-challenge/> for more information and to see the short documentary 'Caine's Arcade' that inspired this world-wide phenomenon. Free!

**Kaydee Puppets presents...** Saturday, October 14, 10:30 am. Come enjoy two puppet shows: "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" and "Stone Soup."

**Harp Happy! performs.** Saturday, October 28, 2:30 pm. Please join us for a one-hour harp concert entitled, "Girls, Girls, Girls" performed by Harp Happy! ensemble.

## CHEVY CHASE AT HOME

On Sunday, October 15, Chevy Chase At Home is honored to present author Alexandra Zapruder as a guest speaker. She will speak primarily about her new book, *Twenty-Six Seconds*, a personal and family history of the Zapruder film of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, recorded by her grandfather (Abraham Zapruder). This event will take place at Chevy Chase Village Hall from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Please register at [www.chevychaseathome.org](http://www.chevychaseathome.org) as seating is limited.

## INLET SEAMS TO BE TREATED

Many of Section 3's inlets have large gaps between the sidewalk and the top of a storm drain inlet. When it rains or snows, these gaps bring unwanted water to the back and side walls of the inlet. We have contracted to have the inlets with large gaps to be cleaned out and refilled with a latex kind of caulk to prevent that kind of damage and remove unwanted weeds that have been growing in some of those cracks.



## BROOKVILLE ROAD, TAYLOR STREET SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO START THIS MONTH

After four years of heavy lobbying and design work the State Highway Administration is finally going to begin construction at the intersection of Brookville Road and Taylor Street to improve the intersection so that the stop sign, which so many blow through, will be more visible. Because the intersection is an "offset" junction of two streets, and because the stop sign is not that visible, many fail to stop despite the fact that we have our police regularly giving out tickets as does Martins Additions.

The new intersection will "choke" the intersection a little more on the Brookville Market side of the street (the handicapped parking space will be moved to the rear where wheelchair users can actually get out of their cars safely). Crosswalks should be shorter and safer, handicapped ramps will be rebuilt. We will coordinate with school bus stops so that children are not being forced to straddle construction. At the same time, SHA is going to try and eliminate "Lake Taylor" which forms every time it rains since they milled and paved Brookville Road. We are awaiting a start date which is supposed to be this month, October.

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#### FINANCIAL REPORT

The Audit is coming along well. We may have a draft by the next Council meeting.

A CD came due at the end of August and rolled over at 1.04% with Revere Bank. We have another CD coming due in early October. The Village Manager will find out if we need to take funds out of the bank or allow it to roll over.

#### COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

The Party in the Park is slated for September 17. All Council members are heavily involved in the preparation for the event this year as the Village Manager may not be able to attend. Detailed sheets with contact numbers and timing have been prepared and lots of volunteers are ready to help. Kirsten Williams and John Dorsey have graciously donated their garage to store items prior to the event. Council members worked out bartending responsibilities.

#### OTHER

Food Truck Night is slated for October 8. We will need to find another dessert vendor as our regular vendor has a conflict that day. Both Section 5 and Martins Additions residents have been invited.

The meeting adjourned at around 9:00 p.m.

## SHORT TERM RENTALS

Two years after the County Council created a tax for short term rentals which were and are still illegal in Montgomery County, they have finally settled on both a zoning text amendment to legalize short term rentals (like air b and b rooms for rent) and a licensing bill that accompanies it. The final proposed bill will be brought before the full Council for a vote on October 10.

The zoning text amendment (ZTA 17-03) allows for short term rentals in almost all areas of the County but only in homes where it is the primary residence of the occupant. It also requires off street parking for any tenants unless the online offering prohibits any parking. It allows homeowners to rent out rooms every night all year long for up to 6 individuals a night if they are present. If the homeowner is not present, then they can only rent out rooms for 90 days without being on premises.

The licensing requirements which will be included in Chapter 54 of the County code require no inspections, a renter can rent out rooms to others as long as they certify that it's okay by the landlord and all the health and safety questions about the facilities are "self certified"...in short, the County is not going to devote resources to inspections and the only way a County inspector would be allowed in is if there were a complaint and a warrant issued to search the premises. Most often complaints will be to the police first, the Council acknowledges.

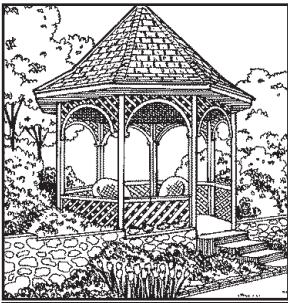
Section 3 objected to the legislation because not only it was from the outset "regulation light" but it would add undue burden to our already difficult parking issues and narrow streets. Despite the requirement that a parking space be provided, since no one is checking, how is that going to work? We already have problems with unknown cars being parked on our streets and have had to have some towed as they were abandoned in Section 3. Strangers coming and going from homes also destroys our sense of community in ways that can be concerning. Friends and relatives is one thing, strangers may be another. Legally, condo associations with bylaws that prohibit short term rentals and homeowners associations that prohibit the same use are exempt—despite the passage of the law, they can prevent short term rentals in their buildings and communities.

But because it is a zoning law, municipalities like Section 3 could not legally "opt out". There is much greater pressure on close-in communities for these uses as we are near public transportation to all the museums and other attractions in DC. There may be one way that we can "opt out" provided in the legislation, by simply exempting ourselves from the County's Chapter 54 ordinances regulating transient housing. Without a license (required by the ZTA), you cannot operate a short term rental and if you can't get a license from the County if we as a community exclude ourselves from Chapter 54.

The Council will be taking up this issue at its October meeting.



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