



**SECTION THREE  
VILLAGE OF  
CHEVY CHASE**

# NEWS & VIEWS

DECEMBER 2017

## CALENDAR

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

No parking on Section streets: Street cleaning

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Last bulk trash pick-up until March 2018, Curbside

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Council Meeting, CCUMC Room 107, 7:45 p.m.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

TIP DAY FOR OUR TRASH COLLECTORS

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

Merry Christmas—NO Trash Pick-up  
Next trash pickup Thursday, December 28

### MONDAY, JANUARY 1

Happy New Year—NO Trash Pick-up Today  
Next Trash pickup Thursday, January 4

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

Christmas Tree Pick-up (you can leave your tree out any Monday but we designate the 10th so as many trees as possible can be collected then if not before. no plastic bags)  
Council Meeting, CCUMC Room 107, 7:45 p.m.

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## WARM CLOTHING DRIVE A BIG SUCCESS!

Congratulate yourselves Section 3... at the last minute you came through with two full carloads of warm clothing and blankets for the clients of Martha's Outfitters, a non-profit associated with Martha's Table serving the homeless and poor in Washington, D.C.



Donations left on the porches of **Kirsten Williams and John Dorsey** and **Ken and Andy Harney** will make a big difference to many less fortunate. We got some extra help from the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church whose Holiday bazaar was the same weekend as our donation due date. So whatever warm coats did not sell at the bazaar were donated. Kirsten Williams put a reminder on Facebook that stimulated a bunch of donations. **Liz Howard**, Kirsten Williams and **Carolyn Greis** all helped sort the clothing so that it can be out on racks at Martha's Outfitters within moments of being delivered.

We are truly grateful that we are in a position to help others. Thank you for your generosity.



## GAZEBO HAS NEW LIGHT

Thanks to a new timer and an LED light, the gazebo should always be lighted at night. The old photo electric cell was often overridden by people playing with the switch in the gazebo...from now on, the light will automatically turn on at dusk and off at dawn.

## DECEMBER 4 MARKS STREET CLEANING DAY

Plan on parking in your driveway on December 4. Weather permitting, our landscape contractors, Chapel Valley Landscaping, will be cleaning the streets of leaves and debris...so please park in driveways so we can do a great job for you!



*\*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, November 8 in room 107 of the CCUMC. The meeting began at 7:50 p.m. with all Council members in attendance.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

The Village Manager announced that a long-time resident was hit by a car while crossing in the crosswalk on Brookville Road on Tuesday evening, November 7 on her way to La Ferme to meet a friend for dinner. Despite the fact that the resident was wearing a red raincoat, the southbound driver failed to see her and hit her throwing her 10 feet. The driver, who was subsequently charged, stayed at the scene. The victim was transported to the hospital and treated for her injuries, which, while not insignificant, could have been much worse.

The Village Manager notified the community and also sent a note to the State Highway Administration urging them to move quickly to do the promised work to improve the intersection and the visibility of the that stop sign .

### BUILDINGS & ROADS

**Carolyn Greis**, our Buildings and Roads representative on the Council, reported that three permits were issued for the construction of new fences: one to the **Pivrotto** family of 3711 Bradley Lane; one to **7104 Delaware LLC (Laurence Cafritz Builders)**; and one to the **Weller** family at their newly acquired property at 6705 Connecticut Avenue. The Weller family of 3821 Bradley Lane also received a building permit for the construction of their temporary ice rink (See *October News & Views* for related variance information.)

The Village Manager is still waiting for the State Highway Administration to finish design revisions for the intersection improvement at Brookville Road and Taylor Street to take care of the lake that forms at the end of Taylor Street each time it rains.

The Council decided to give residents greater opportunity to voice their opinions about the possibility of opting out of the new Short Term Rental legislation by excluding our municipality from Chapter 54 of the County Code. To date, all the responses have been in support of Section 3 opting out of that legislation and barring short term rentals (under 30 days) in our community. The Village Council will vote on excluding Section 3 from the County legislation that regulates transient lodging facilities at its next meeting.

The Village Manager detailed the disastrous water-shut-off by WSSC so that water could be supplied to the home being constructed

on Connecticut Avenue. In addition to disrupting the lives of more than 47 Section 3 residents (some of whom were not even notified of the shut-off), the agency forced the last-minute closing of the CCUMC preschool, disrupting the lives of the parents of the 130 students who attend, many of whom are Section 3 residents. As if that wasn't enough of a problem, they then did not properly repair the incision they made in Connecticut Avenue, causing a large number of people to get flat tires because of the pothole that was created. The Village Manager has a claim form to collect from WSSC for any tire repairs because of the now repaired pothole in the easternmost lane of Connecticut Avenue between Wednesday, November 1 and Sunday, November 5. WSSC promises to provide more notice, inconvenience far fewer people and think a little more clearly before they ever do anything like that again.

The Village Manager will speak with construction personnel at PEPCO regarding our proposed street lighting plan to better understand what technical specifications and lighting wattage are required on Connecticut Avenue as it is a State highway

The Council spent a good deal of time discussing the status of 3602 Taylor Street which the County has now condemned because it is unfit for human habitation and a visual blight on the surrounding neighborhood; the exterior of the structure lacks a waterproof covering; and the structure is deemed a public nuisance in its current condition. The owner has until December 1 to repair, remove or restore the structure. After that date, the County can serve the owner with a citation. The Council has decided that, based on discussions with the County, the best path to resolution is to meet with all the concerned parties at the County level prior to Thanksgiving so that once the aforementioned deadline has passed, we can move forward with a plan that will resolve the problem for the community. (See Status Update next page.)

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council agreed that we would seek out a new auditor for next year, one with experience in QuickBooks. Having the same auditor year in and year out is not always a good idea, so they have decided to seek out a new firm with fresh eyes.

### COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

The Warm Clothing and Blanket drive has begun...both the Dorsey/Williams front porch and the Harney porch at 3808 Raymond Street are locations for drop-offs.

The **Halloween Parade and Pizza Party** went well but there was a significant drop-off in attendance at the pizza party. It was decided that next year we will try a new pizza vendor in hopes more folks will join us. The children had a great time and were off trick or treating early!

The Council decided that families in Section 3 are always so



## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Congratulations to **Shawn and Misha Chernousov** on the birth of their second son, **Kir**, on Sunday November 12. Big brother Sasha is delighted to welcome his little brother and so are we!

The owner of the property at 3612 Taylor Street has asked that we let folks know that her home at the corner of Fulton and Taylor Street. is available for rent. It has three bedrooms, 2.5 baths, renovated basement, refinished hardwood floors, ac, and a one car garage. Lawn maintenance is included in the \$3,550. monthly rent. If you know someone who would love to live in our neighborhood, have them contact the realtor at (301) 921-2665.

Did you pop a tire on the pothole on Connecticut Avenue near the newly built house at 6817 Connecticut Avenue? If you did this after Halloween but before Thanksgiving, The Village Manager has a claim form a resident can use to collect from WSSC for any repairs that had to be made to tires because of the now repaired. The pothole, which was created November 1 and patched badly, washed out in the subsequent rains and did a lot of damage to many tires. Just let the Village Manager know what happened when and she'll send you the appropriate form.

On Tuesday, December 19, Chevy Chase At Home is holding a **Holiday Party** at the Chevy Chase Village Hall from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. This year's event will feature a jolly sing-along with Roy Barber, musician-composer and leader of the Parkinson's Choir in Chevy Chase. There will be delicious festive refreshments as well. Seniors are invited to come and bring a friend!

## STATUS UPDATE

### BROOKVILLE ROAD RETAINING ITS STATUS AS A "PRIMARY RESIDENTIAL ROADWAY" RATHER THAN A "MINOR ARTERIAL"

Montgomery County Planning Staff has removed the recommendation for a change from their list of 128 proposed roadway reclassifications after hearing from the community. The Planning Board, however, will not get those recommendations until December 21 so while it appears that we have a victory, it remains uncertain.

### SHORT TERM RENTALS IN SECTION 3

The Council will vote at their December meeting on whether or not to adopt the Transient Housing Chapter of the Montgomery

County Code which governs the licensing of short term rentals (30 days or under) in the County. If we adopt the Chapter, then short term rentals would be legal. If we exclude ourselves from that Chapter, then short term rentals in Section 3 would be illegal.

### 3602 TAYLOR STREET

The lender on the property has foreclosed on the borrower and the courthouse auction is slated for November 30. The property has been condemned by the County. Council members and the Village Manager will be meeting with County officials in early December to determine the best course of action as they will know who controls the property following the sale.

### BROOKVILLE ROAD & TAYLOR STREET INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT

State Highway Administration officials cite delays in designing the roadway improvements necessary to fix the lake that now forms at the end of Taylor Street every time it rains as the reason why work on the project won't begin until early spring. We have asked whether any additional funding is required so that doesn't hold us up either and have yet to hear back from them. Needless to say, in light of the recent accident at that intersection, we are extremely disappointed in this additional delay. In the interim, police contracted by both Section 3 and Martin's Additions continue to ticket those who do not observe the stop signs at that intersection. Thanks to all who wrote comments online and letters to the Planning Board.

## FIRE SAFETY LAWS: PAY ATTENTION!

Everyone should know . . .

1. Maryland's new smoke alarm law requires the replacement of all BATTERY-ONLY operated smoke alarms with units powered by sealed-in, 10-year long-life batteries.
2. All smoke alarms have expiration dates. Both hardwired and battery-operated smoke alarms need to be replaced every 10 years. If your smoke alarm hasn't been replaced since 2006, it's time!
3. Location, location, location: smoke alarms are required to be located outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home including basements (finished or unfinished).
4. For homes constructed since 1994, smoke alarms have been required inside all sleeping rooms. For maximum protection, fire officials recommend installing smoke alarms in sleeping rooms regardless of the year of construction.
5. Homeowners have until January 1, 2018 to comply with the new law. Any resident requiring information or assistance can call 311.

For more information at [www.mcfers.org/mcsafe](http://www.mcfers.org/mcsafe) It's the law!

## HOLIDAY SHOPPING SAFETY TIPS

This holiday season, don't let the spirit of giving lull you into giving burglars, robbers, thieves and pickpockets a better chance to do their dirty work. Criminals love the holidays just as much as everyone else, but mostly because it's an opportune time for crime!

Homes jam-packed with glittering gifts, stores, malls and streets filled with unsuspecting shoppers. People rushing around, stressed out and careless, looking for gifts, trying to get everything done. It's enough to make a criminal giddy with holiday joy.

Here are some tips on how to celebrate safely this holiday season from Community Services Officer Dana Stroman:

If You're traveling...

- Get an automatic timer for your lights.
- Ask a trusted neighbor to watch your home, shovel snow, and park in your driveway from time to time.
- Don't forget to have mail and newspaper delivery stopped. If it piles up, it's a sure sign you're gone.
- Use your alarm system
- Install cameras around home or door bell

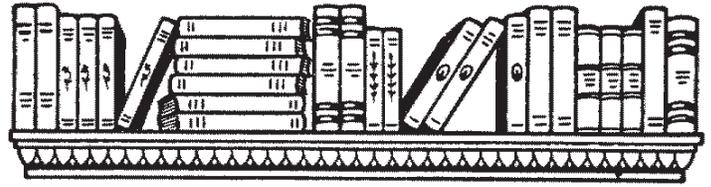
### IF YOU'RE OUT FOR THE EVENING....

- Turn on lights and a radio or TV so it looks like someone is home.
- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few minutes.
- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside (near windows).

### IF YOU'RE SHOPPING....

- Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you.
- Park in a well lighted space, and be sure to lock your vehicle, close the windows, and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a check or credit card whenever possible.
- Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Don't overburden yourself with packages. Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps or on your back. Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket.
- Shopping with kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.
- Carry cell phone in a case clipped on your belt or waist area, not in a purse.

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING, CALL POLICE  
(301) 279-8000 non-emergency



## CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY DECEMBER 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. Here are a few offerings:

**ELIBRARY HELP.** December 7, 12:00 noon. 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 all logins and passwords for your devices. You will need your Amazon account information if you plan to use a Kindle or Kindle app.

**AUTHOR TALK WITH KAREN LEVI.** Saturday, December 9, 3:00 PM. Meet local author Karen Levi and hear her discuss her memoir, *Love and Luck, A Young Woman's Journey from Berlin to Shanghai to San Francisco*.

**BALANCE TRAINING FOR FALL PREVENTION.** December 16, 10:30 AM. Every year 25% of people age 65+ fall. (Source: NCOA) This isn't a normal part of aging, however. The proper tools and training can help prevent these dangerous, and sometimes fatal, events. Join Anna Harriger, ACE certified personal trainer, as she teaches you techniques to increase your balance and prevent falls. You will learn about contributing factors to falling, environmental hazards to look out for, ways to strengthen yourself, and walk away with easy movements that you can practice at home. Registration required.

**WINTER BREAK FAMILY AFTERNOON MOVIE.** Tuesday, December 26, 1:30 PM. Join us for a cozy afternoon movie at the library. Drop in.

**BOOK BINGO.** Wednesday, December 27, 10:30 AM. Play Bingo featuring some of your favorite children's book characters, and maybe win a prize! Free tickets will be distributed 30 minutes before the program; space is limited. For children ages 5-10. A School Vacation program.

**FICTION, MEMOIR AND BIOGRAPHY BOOK GROUP.** Wednesday, December 27, 2:00 PM. Join the group to discuss *Clever Girl* by Tessa Hadley. Copies of the book are made available one month before the session, at the Information Desk.



## SNOW SHOVELING FOR SENIORS

When there is a heavy snow (more than two inches) Section 3 will have our

snow removal contractors shovel the public sidewalk in front of your home if you are 65 or older. If you are already on our list, you don't have to sign up again. If you have not yet signed up and would like that service, just let the Village Manager know. We do not do private sidewalks leading from the street to the house or driveways, but you can contact the Village Manager who will try and connect you with a teenager eager to earn some extra money in Section 3. If you are a teenager who would like to earn some extra funds, let the village manager know as she keeps a list for interested parties. Parents are free to volunteer their children!

Seniors should know that this service is done AFTER roads have been cleared and does not absolve the resident from responsibility for ice or clearing the sidewalk if it's less than two inches. We just want to help you with the heavy lifting!

## TIP DAY FOR TRASH COLLECTORS: DECEMBER 21

We are fortunate that two men handle ALL our trash collection and recycling...on Mondays they come once for household trash and once for yard waste, on the first Wednesday of the month they come once for regular bulk trash and then come back for metals which must be collected separately. On Thursdays, they come three times: once for household trash collection and once for paper recycling and then again for bottles and cans.

If you are not home and/or awake when they arrive at your home, on this day, you can either tape a note to the inside lid of your trash cans asking them to come to your door if you want to give them a tip, or failing that, tape an envelope with a tip to Nelson and Raul. We will alert them as to the day so that they will be sure to check.

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booked for holiday events that this year we would not hold one but instead explore with LaFerme a special Section 3 cocktail night at the bar there in early January.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

## STOLEN PACKAGES DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Unless you've had a package stolen from your doorstep, you probably don't give much thought to where it is being delivered. But maybe you should. Montgomery County Police are alerting people about package theft by criminals who snatch packages from your doorsteps.

Fortunately, there are some steps from Community Services Officer Dana Stroman of the Montgomery County Police you can take to make sure your packages stay out of the grasp of criminals.

**U.S. POSTAL SERVICE** You can authorize the USPS to have certain deliveries left at a back or side door, on the porch, in the garage, or with a neighbor (to do so, you'll first need to create an account at USPS.com and enter the package tracking number to see whether it's eligible). Deliveries can also be held for pickup at a post office or be delivered to a GoPost location. Gopost is a new, convenient way to receive and ship packages. They're automated, secured, self-service parcel lockers placed near certain post offices, grocery stores, pharmacies, shopping centers.

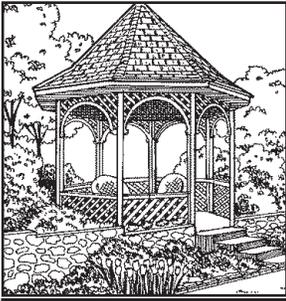
**FEDEX AND UPS** With FedEx Delivery Manager, you can customize delivery times and addresses, have your packages held at a FedEx location, sign for your delivery in advance, and provide specific delivery location instructions. You can sign up for free but FedEx charges a fee for certain services, such as scheduling a delivery. UPS offers a service called My Choice (the basic program is free) that gives you advance notice of delivery times and allows you to reroute packages to another address or reschedule deliveries for a future date. You can also activate a vacation setting to have packages held and delivered when you return home. UPS has a service, Access Point, that allows you to drop off and pick up packages at designated neighborhood businesses.

**AMAZON** Amazon.com offers Amazon Locker—a self service kiosk located in shopping centers, retail stores, and elsewhere. Once you select an Amazon Locker, you receive a pick up code when the package is delivered. You can then collect your package up to three business days. After that, it will be returned to Amazon.

**IF A STRANGER COMES TO THE DOOR, BEWARE...** Criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts or home repair workers. And it's not uncommon for people to try to take advantage of other's generosity during the holidays by going door to door for charitable donations when there's no charity involved. Or offering to do repairs around your residence. **DO NOT OPEN YOUR DOOR FOR STRANGERS**, speak through the door! If you want to make a donation to a charity, please contact the charity of your choice. If you need repairs done, contact a reputable company. If they act suspicious, call POLICE immediately. (301) 279-8000 Police Non-emergency



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