

SECTION THREE  
VILLAGE OF  
CHEVY CHASE

# NEWS & VIEWS

MARCH 2017

## CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1**

First Bulk Trash Pick-up of the new year, Curbside

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8**

Council Meeting

CCUMC Room 107, 7:45 p.m.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 17**

Everybody's Irish Party

Gazebo Park, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5**

Bulk Trash Pick-up, Curbside

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12**

Council meeting

CCUMC Room 107, 7:45 p.m.

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## EVERYBODY'S IRISH MARCH 17

We've cooled Irish adult beverages in the snow... we've huddled in the tent in the rain, but this is one event we never miss! Our annual "Everybody's Irish Party" just outside the Gazebo Park will be held on Friday, March 17 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. to kick off our social season. We offer adult beverages from the emerald isle, tasty mainly snacks--green bagels and cream cheese, delicious guacamole, miniature corned beef sandwiches and more and of course to cap it all off, the favorite, strawberries dipped in green "white" chocolate. There will be water, soda and juice boxes as well as adult beverages. A fine time will be had by all!



## CHEVY CHASE AT HOME CELEBRATES ST. PATTY'S DAY

If you are a Section 3 resident and like to party, you have at least two bites at the St. Patty's Day apple this year. Chevy Chase At Home is sponsoring a party on March 14 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Village Hall with tempting Irish treats, live music on the Irish pipes and a harp!

On a more serious note, Eric de Jonge, Director of Geriatrics at MedStar Washington Hospital Center, will be giving the first of a three part lecture series on March 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall on "Medical Care Issues for an Aging Population: Part 1, New Models of Care for Chronically Ill Seniors.

If you'd like information on any of these events, check out their website at [www.chevychaseathome.org](http://www.chevychaseathome.org) or call (301) 657-3115.

## CHEVY CHASE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TALK

Section 3 has many residents who have been long-time members of book clubs in the neighborhood. What you may not have known is that book clubs are part of the very fiber of our community, dating back to the earliest days of the settlement of our community. Historian Dr. Gail Sansbury, former director of the Chevy Chase Historical Society Archive and Research Center, will give an illustrated talk on Sunday, March 19 at 4:00 p.m. in the Chevy Chase Village Hall on the history of three important literary groups: The Chevy Chase Library Association, the Chevy Chase Reading Class, and the Literary Club of the Chevy Chase Association. Her talk will celebrate a new online exhibit, "Chevy Chase Reads" which will debut at [www.chevychasehistory.org](http://www.chevychasehistory.org) the week of March 20. The program, "Readers Build Community: The Literary Culture of Early Chevy Chase," is free and open to the public. No reservations are required.

*\*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 at CCUMC, room 107 on Wednesday, February 8. The meeting began at 7:55 p.m. with all Council members present.

The Council voted to approve the minutes of the January meeting as they appeared in the February newsletter.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

The Council discussed the forced entry break-ins that have occurred in neighboring communities. Our police have been alerted and so have residents via email. Residents are urged to keep their eyes open as they have very few leads. Our police continue to patrol to make sure motorists obey stop signs, including those at Brookville Road and Taylor Street.

We are still trying to work things out with the County signal control folks regarding the intersection of Raymond and Rosemary Streets. The most recent problem seems to be that the pedestrian button doesn't work.

### BUILDINGS & ROADS

The Council voted to approve the variance application of the Manning family of 7005 Florida Street to intrude into the side setback in order to place an air conditioning unit next to one that already exists in that area.

**Carolyn Greis**, the Council's Buildings and Roads representative, reported that a number of families are planning additions and changes to their homes and that the paperwork was not submitted as yet on them but they would be reported at the March meeting.

The Council heard reports from the Village Manager regarding the continuing challenges of the intersection of Raymond Street and Connecticut Avenue. The County office responsible for this has been advised.

The Council discussed the looming short term rental legislation and the Village Manager will be sending a letter reflecting the issues that the Council discussed and were covered in the February News & Views. She is also sharing this information with other local jurisdictions that may not be aware of the impact this proposed zoning text amendment would have on their communities.

The Village Manager discussed legislation coming out of the FCC which would allow cell phone towers to be installed on municipal and county property wherever cell providers decided they were needed without local input or local decision makers. The status of this legislation is also at the County level where Council members say it's really meant for up-county subdivisions who don't have tele-

phone poles because the lines are all buried underground, but the Federal proposed rule doesn't specify but gives carte blanche to cell providers to put up towers on poles anywhere.

Delegate Al Carr is sponsoring legislation to disallow drivers from "blocking the box" at major intersections. Only two individuals testified before a committee hearing and it was not clear if it had widespread support within the House of Delegates.

The Village Manager briefed the Council on the issues before the PHED committee on the Bethesda Master Plan and the continuing concerns about the traffic issues and the documented growth of our school age population which would make some schools overcrowded before they even opened. The Council is eager to continue to follow the details of the plan as the PHED committee evaluates it so that we can represent concerns to the County Council if the PHED committee endorses the plan as it now stands. Councilmember Roger Berliner, while not on the Committee, has attended every hearing and has demonstrated his willingness to listen to community objections and in some instances has come out in support of the concerns of residents.

The Council discussed the need to better clarify the ordinance regarding setbacks (see story this issue for an updated version of the wording which will be voted on at the next Council meeting.)

The tenants at 6700 Brookville Road have stopped putting out their sign advertising their business. The landlord has been in touch with the tenants regarding the business use of his property.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council discussed basic budgetary priorities for the next fiscal year. It was decided that we would plan to do the following: 1) Mill and pave all of Spring Street; 2) Mill and pave Georgia Street from Bradley Lane to Raymond Street; 3) Develop signage announcing Section 3's borders at Bradley and Brookville and Bradley and Connecticut Avenue and smaller signs at the northernmost boundaries in the greenway and/or sidewalk if possible. The signage has to be approved by the State Highway Administration as they will all be located on state highways; and 4) Address public street lighting once again and try and get an agreement with Pepco to install new more attractive, properly spaced lighting.

### COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

The Council discussed the Everybody's Irish Party. We also have so many new neighbors that we will be working on a new directory to reflect all the changes in our community.

### OTHER

The Council has asked the Village Manager to write up the time she spends on Village work to give them a better idea of the tasks she performs on behalf of the Village. It's not clear how long this exercise will continue but it should give all the Council members a better idea of her activities.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



**NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

A special welcome on Spring Street to twin sisters to **Juliet Salotti**. The identical newborns, **Kate** and **Maggie**, arrived on January 25 weighed in at four pounds, 12 ounces and four pounds, seven ounces, respectively. Bad colds in the family forced the babies back to the pediatric unit of the hospital just to make certain their lungs were okay. But despite a rocky start, everyone is doing amazingly well. Parents **Kristen** and **Mark** are hoping the new addition to their home will be done soon to accommodate their newest residents.

**Karen Berenthal** and **Dan Greenspahn** welcomed a new member of the family. **Molly**, born February 8 at a healthy seven pounds, eight ounces, joins brothers **Teddy**, age 7 and **Sam**, age 3 to be the princess in the family. Welcome to the neighborhood Molly! We know of at least two little girls very close in age who also just arrived in the neighborhood!

Congrats to **Rebecca** and **Andrew Howard** on the birth of their third boy, **Davis**, born December 28 weighing in at seven pounds, two ounces. Davis joins brothers **Laws** and **Teddy** on Taylor Street.

A welcome to **Richard** and **Andrea Mojica** who moved into 3617 Spring Street in January from the District with their two year old, **Viviana**. In addition to the excitement of the move, Viviana is going to be a big sister this April, making their new home perfect for a family of four! Andrea works as a pesticide evaluation specialist at the EPA and Richard is an attorney at Miller and Chevalier, specializing in international trade and customs counseling.

Welcome too to **Noreen Muhib** and **Vijay Palaniswamy** and their three children, **Zaid** age 7, **Aliya** age 5 and **Isah** almost 2. They are moving from the District to Chevy Chase. Noreen is a consultant attorney specializing in human trafficking and Vijay is an attorney with Linklaters specializing in advising sponsors and lenders on the development, construction, operation and financing of energy and infrastructure projects in the Americas.

Welcome to the new family who will soon be moving into 3717 Bradley Lane. They are busy remodeling the historic home before the arrival of their twins in late June or early July. We're looking forward to meeting the whole family.

Congrats to our own Council Chairman **Bill Brownlee**, now a champion in his class at the World Indoor Rowing Championships called the Boston C.R.A.S.H.-Bs (Charles River All Star Has Beens), a name a bunch of rowers came up with about 35 plus years ago. The 2500 competitors from the U.S. and about 60 countries race on stationary rowing machines simulating 2000 meters in age groups from the 20's to the 90's. Bill, at age 89, was only one of the oldest competitors, having won his class in the regionals in Alexandria in early February. Brownlee raced to finish with a time of 8 minutes, 52 seconds against a spring chicken at age 85 who didn't do as well. In case you were wondering, Bill was not the oldest by a long-shot, there was a woman competing who was 95.

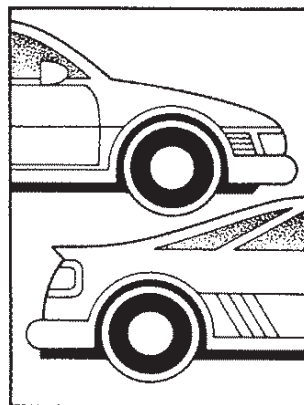
**LIKE WINE, CHEESE AND CHOCOLATE?**



Mark your calendar for the B-CC High School Educational Foundation's fundraiser on Thursday, March 9 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Women's Club of Chevy Chase. The event offers drinks, heavy hors d'oeuvres and an opportunity, for \$50 a ticket, to provide support for the Foundation's efforts to help B-CC students succeed and to help fund some of the special programs at B-CC.

**MVA ON WHEELS**

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) on March 20, April 24, May 22, and June 19.

## PROPOSED CHANGE IN ORDINANCE

Because so many Section 3 lots are not perfectly rectangular, the Council has decided to alter the language regarding our setbacks (which we control) to further clarify the restrictions on additions in Section 6-304.

The Council proposes the following language and will vote on it and send it to the County Council for approval. The areas underlined are new, the content with lines through it is what is being deleted. The Section will be renamed **Building Restriction Line** instead of **Building Lines**.

"(a) General Rule. Buildings (including additions to existing buildings) and any appurtenances and projections, including, but not limited to, cornices, eaves, vestibules, bay and bow windows, steps, stairways, decks, porches, terraces, chimneys, air-conditioning units, generators, and the like, shall not be built closer than thirty (30) feet from any front property line, twenty (20) feet from the rear property line and eight (8) feet from any side property line. The sum of the side setbacks shall be not less than eighteen (18) feet. ~~Structures including but not limited to decks, porches, chimneys, air conditioning units and similar installations or construction may not encroach into the setbacks. In determining compliance with the 18-foot combined side setback requirement, the sum of the setbacks is calculated based on the actual setbacks of each side of the building, measured from the point of the building that is closest to the respective side property line.~~

### SPRING TRANSIENT WORKER WARNING

Every spring residents report transient workers coming through the community offering their handyman services to fix a roof, coat a driveway or sell you a magazine subscription so they can study abroad, etc. Please do not be tempted by these folks! Magazine subscriptions are readily available for a fraction of the price from reputable known sources. Handyman services should be done by licensed contractors and these transient workers are rarely licensed and often do very little for large sums. Senior citizens are their favorite targets. Report any suspicious persons as some of these same folks use their time circulating in our community to case homes that appear to be vacant at the moment. Given the recent set of forced entry break-ins, it is better to report suspicious persons than to open your door to them.

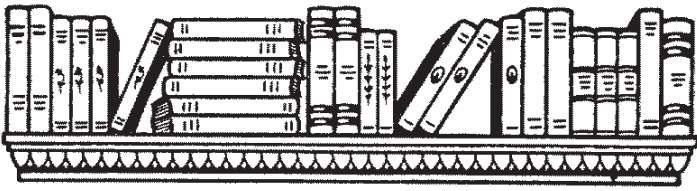
(b) ~~Rule~~ Exception for Certain Existing Buildings Not Conforming to the Required Side Setback. A building that is in existence as of April 14, 2004 and has been constructed five (5) feet or more from any side property line ~~shall not be considered a non-conforming building.~~ Such buildings may be maintained, repaired, altered, renovated, or enlarged provided that any expansion of the three-dimensional boundaries of such a building shall not be constructed any closer to the side property line than the existing wall of such building or eight (8) feet, whichever is less, and provided that the sum of the side setbacks equals at least eighteen (18) feet. This exception shall apply only if the wall plane of the portion of the building that is located five (5) feet or more from the side property line measures five (5) feet or more in length.

(c) Rule for Corner Lots. For a corner property, the terms front, rear and side property lines shall have the same meaning as front, rear and side lot lines as defined in the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance, except as modified by this Chapter. On a corner lot, no building (including an addition to an existing building) shall be erected any closer than thirty (30) feet from the front property lines, twenty (20) feet from the rear property line, or ten (10) feet from the side property line. A building that is in existence as of April 14, 2004 and that has been constructed five (5) feet or more from any side property line ~~shall not be considered a non-conforming building.~~ Any addition to such an existing building shall comply with the general rule for corner lots as set for in this subsection, may be maintained, repaired, altered, renovated, or enlarged provided that any expansion of the three-dimensional boundaries of such building shall not be constructed any ~~except that such an addition may be constructed~~ no closer to the side property line than the existing wall ~~plane~~ of such building or ten (10) feet, whichever is less, and provided that the rear setback of such building shall be at least twenty feet. This exception shall apply only if the wall plane of the portion of the building that is located five (5) feet or more from the side property line measures five (5) feet or more in length.

(d) Parking Facility. No parking space within an off-street parking facility containing six (6) or more parking spaces shall be constructed or maintained closer than thirty (30) feet from any front property line and twenty (20) feet from any abutting property that is improved with a single-family dwelling.

(e) Sheds. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a shed with a floor area of one hundred forty-four (144) square feet or less may be constructed only in a rear yard and may be erected no closer than five (5) feet from the rear and side property lines."

To be consistent, Section 6-101 item (iv) Building Lines would be changed to Building Restriction Lines.



## CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY MARCH ACTIVITIES

Many of these programs are supported by the Friends of the Library, Chevy Chase chapter. No registration needed unless specifically noted. For more information, call (240) 773-9590.

**Yoga for Younsters.** March, 4:30 pm. \*NOTE\* for your child's safety, we will restrict entry to children ages 5-10 and not allow admittance after 4:40. Only children (no parents) will be permitted in the room, but there will be a staff member present. Interested in learning yoga? Want some ways to relax or become more flexible? Come join instructor Linya Huang for this fun and gentle way to exercise. Learn poses, breathing techniques, and so much more! Registration required:

**RSVP/AARP Tax-Aide Program.** Thursdays, 10:00 am. Free income tax preparation by trained volunteers for low-to-moderate income Montgomery County taxpayers — especially seniors 60 and over. Call (240) 777-2577, Monday through Friday, 9:30 am-3:30 pm or go online to schedule by March 1 to guarantee an appointment. Changes or cancellations must be done by phone. If you cannot keep your appointment, please cancel so they can offer the appointment to someone else.

**Toddler Arts & Crafts.** March 2, 10:30 am. Drop by between 10:30 and 11:30 am for simple toddler crafts.

**Financial Planning for Alzheimer's.** March 3, 11:00 am. If you or someone you know is affected by Alzheimer's disease or dementia, the time for financial planning is now. This program is for anyone who would like to know more about financial issues to consider and how to put plans in place. Registration is required.

**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 Legos and space, you provide imagination.

**English Conversation Group.** Every Tuesday and Saturday from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon. Open to all non-native English speakers interested in practicing English in a friendly, informal and fun setting. For more information, call (240) 773-9590.

**United States Colored Troops.** March 4, 2:00 pm. Join historical author Bob O'Connor as he brings history alive while telling the story of the United States Colored Troops, how they were recruited and trained to serve in the union army and navy, some

misconceptions about them, and Montgomery soldiers who served.

**Pages with P.A.L.S (People Animals Love).** March 6, 4:30 pm. Chevy Chase Library is partnering with P.A.L. for a read to a dog program the first Monday each month! Young readers will be able to share stories with a furry friend. Dogs never judge or correct them, which allows them to improve their reading skills.

**Toddler Time.** Tuesdays at 10:30 am. We'll read, sing, dance, explore and learn finger plays just right for two and three year olds. Please note March 7 Toddler Time has been cancelled.

**Non-fiction Book Group.** March 8, 2:00 pm. Join the group to discuss *The Botany of Desire: A Plant's Eye View of the World* by Michael Pollan. Copies of the book available one month in advance at the Information Desk.

**Great Books Discussion Group.** March 8, 7:30 pm. This month's selection is *Chanson de Roland*. 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 reading the material in advance.

**Play Date at the Library.** Come to the 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.

**Foreign Film Showings.** March 11, 2:00 pm. This month's film is *I Served the King of England* (2009), a Czech comedy film written and directed by Jiří Menzel, based on the novel *I Served the King of England* by Bohumil Hrabal. English subtitles.

**Pajama Storytime.** March 16. Please join us from 7:00-7:30 pm for fun learning activities. We'll read, sing, dance, explore and learn finger plays for the whole family.

**Jefferson Cafe.** March 17, 10:30 am. This month's article will be *The Truth about Trade* by Douglas A. Irwin. Copies of the articles to be discussed will be available without charge on the holds shelf at the library.

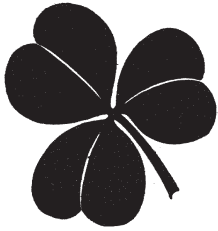
**Saturday Family Storytime.** March 18, 10:30 am. We'll read, sing, dance, explore and learn finger plays for the whole family. This is a repeat of the Thursday evening program.

**Board & Card Games Group.** March 18, 1:00 pm. Join us for board and card games. Games TBD. If you're experienced or a complete beginner, drop in and have some fun!

**Fiction, Memoir and Biography Book Group.** March 22, 2:00 pm. Join the group to discuss *Slaughterhouse Five* by Kurt Vonnegut. Copies are made available one month in advance.

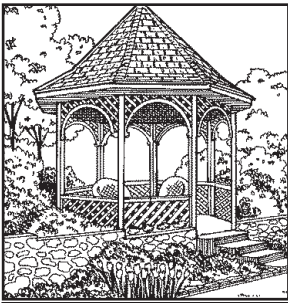
**Pokeclub.** March 27, 5:00 pm. At this fun monthly program, we will learn more about our favorite pocket monsters, their origins and more! Earn badges and meet friends! For ages 6 and up.

**Bilingual Storytime with Lupe Marks.** March 28, 10:30 am. Please join us for a bilingual (Spanish/English) storytime just right for toddlers and preschoolers.



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## **NEW DIRECTORY PLANNED... ANY CHANGES?**

Have you finally gotten rid of your land line in favor of just your cell phones? Have you changed phone numbers? Have we missed a baby, a grandmother who is now living with you? Is your listing correct? If not, let us know! We are in the midst of revising the directory because we have so many new neighbors and so many other changes... if you're one of those folks, email us and let us know!

Please remember, this directory is only for neighbor to neighbor communication, not for fundraising, political purposes, or business purposes. We don't publish it online because we want to make it easier for you to reach out to a neighbor, not the whole world!

## **SPEAKING OF NEW PHONE NUMBERS!**

The Village telephone is now a cell phone...so if you want to reach the village manager, this is the number you should use: (301) 656-9117. The 202 number you may have used in the past is her personal cell phone number.