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Street Lighting Assessment Update

The Town's engineering contractor, Precision Systems, Inc. (PSI), continues to assess the Town's street lighting and develop options to improve this lighting. Thus far, PSI has surveyed the Town's street lights, developed an assessment of lighting needs, created a database of all Town street lights, and finished photometric analysis. PSI provided a database that details the location, type, and PEPCO pole number of every Town street light. This database will help the Town identify locations of lights and make it easier to report outages and problems to PEPCO. PSI also conducted a thorough photometric study in which the quality and brightness of the street lights were measured during an overnight study. Through the survey and photometric analysis, PSI discovered a number of dark spots within the Town. A map displaying these locations is available on the Town's website.

PSI has developed a number of options that the Town may consider in moving forward. One of the choices would be whether or not to purchase the street lights from PEPCO. Another option includes whether to add street lights to our current system. In addition, the Town would look into what type of lighting could be added. PSI has suggested installing more High Pressure Sodium lights (HPS), the type of lighting the Town currently has, or Induction lighting. LED lighting, or light-emitting diode, is not recommended by PSI because a national standard has not been developed for the manufacturing and testing of these lights. The details and pricing options of these alternatives will be outlined in the form of a Master Plan. A draft plan will be presented to the Town Council in December by representatives from PSI and the Public Services Committee. A final master plan will then be presented to the community early next year. The Town looks forward to receiving resident feedback on the plan.

The Town would like to thank the volunteers of the Public Services Committee, especially John D. Barnes and Don Sherk, who have worked closely with PSI over the course of their analysis. These volunteers continue to dedicate their time and hard work as the street lighting study is developed and submitted to the Town.



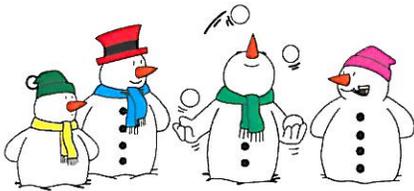
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Greetings from the Mayor

Kathy Strom

This fall our Town was recognized by the Montgomery County Executive for our generous gifts to families in need during last year's holiday season. This December the Town's Community Relations Committee is again sponsoring a gift drive and is working with the County to identify specific families in need this holiday season. We hope that once again many of you will participate in the program and share with other families in the County. Thank you to everyone who is able to give and thanks as well to those who have contributed to our Thanksgiving food drive and our coat drive this fall and throughout the year to the Town's ongoing Manna food project. While it has been a challenging year for many, it is gratifying to see that our Town and its residents are able to help out and make a difference for our community.

Wishing you warm holidays with family and friends.



December

Tuesday, December 8 - Public Services Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9 – Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Monday, December 14 – Land Use Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 16 – Community Relations Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

Thursday, December 17 – Luncheon for Seniors and Retirees, 12 noon

Thursday, December 17 – Environment Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

Monday, December 21 – Long Range Planning Committee, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 22 – Climate Protection Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

HOLIDAY TRASH PICKUP

Trash will not be picked up on Friday, December 25 or Friday, January 1. Pickups scheduled for those days will be picked up on Monday, December 28 and Monday, January 4.

Please check the Town website for up-to-date details about Town events and meetings.

www.townofchevychase.org

CRIMEWATCH

11/18/09

A resident in the 3900 block of Virgilia Street reported that a stack of pavers was stolen from her driveway. The crime was reported to the police.

Please report all crimes to the Montgomery County police at the non-emergency number 301-279-8000. For emergencies, call 911. Any information you can give to the police about criminal or suspicious activity in Town will help to make us safer. In addition, please report incidents to the Town Office at 301-654-7144 so that we can notify our off-duty Montgomery County police officers. Also, when you report crimes to the Town Office, you help us provide accurate crime information in Town Crier notices and the FORECAST. Crimes reported to the police are included in Montgomery County, Bethesda Station, Second District crime reports. We provide a link to those reports on our website.

Consulting Water Management Program: Spaces Filling Up

The Town continues to offer the Consulting Water Management Program to our residents. Many households have already taken advantage of this new program, and space is limited. In September the Town Council approved the program, which offers residents the opportunity to obtain professional recommendations on improving water management on their property. The program was proposed by the Town's Public Services Committee. To sign up, residents must complete a registration form, available in the Town Office and on the Town website, www.townofchevy Chase.org. The Town Council approved a budget of \$20,000 for this program in this fiscal year. This cost includes professional engineering services for 75 resident reviews at 3 hours per review. Sign up soon, as the Town continues to fill the limited openings for the program. Please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144 for more information.

Neighborhood Watch Open to All

The Town would like to thank all of the residents who volunteered their time and insight during the Neighborhood Watch training sessions and organizational meeting. Thank you to Alicia Delaune, Arthur Schatzkin, Betsy Hague, Bob Baskin, Catherine Cecere, Dennis Carroll, Douglas Murphy, Bill and Linda Glew, Eleanor Harris, Georgia Guhin, Hiroko McCamey, Jeff Kupfer, Jeffrey Berger, Kyle Kane, Linda Demlo, Maree Webster, Nancy Sera, Rich Brancato, Robert Lyford, Russ Morgan, Sharon Light, Shelley Lowenstein, Terry Eason, Toby Kutler, and Tom Brault. A special thanks as well to Scott Egloff, who serves as Town coordinator for the program.

The Town's Neighborhood Watch volunteers had their first organizational meeting last month to develop the details of the Town program. Since the Town completed its training requirements as outlined by the MCPD's 2nd District, residents are now coordinating a watch program that meets the Town's specific needs. Residents from all over Town came out to support the developing program, and more volunteers are encouraged to join. Dog walkers are especially encouraged to volunteer as their familiarity with the Town would be a valuable asset.

The Neighborhood Watch Program still seeks more residents to participate as block captains. There will be another meeting of Neighborhood Watch volunteers on **Tuesday, January 19** at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall. This program is open to all residents. At this meeting, we will discuss a written plan for the program and outline the responsibilities for block captains. Please bring potential block captains with you. If you would like to view the training sessions provided by representatives of the Montgomery County Police Department, the Town has the DVD recordings available in the Town office. For more information or to volunteer to become a block captain, please contact Scott Egloff, the Town coordinator for the program, at (301) 907-3263 or the Town office at (301) 654-7144.

Bethesda/Chevy Chase Future Growth Debated

About 100 residents from the Town, Friendship Heights, Chevy Chase West, Somerset and East Bethesda had a chance to learn more about future growth policy in the County on Monday, October 26 at the Town of Chevy Chase Town Hall. Royce Hanson, Chairman of the Montgomery County Planning Board; Patricia Harris of the Chamber of Commerce; Meredith Wellington, formerly on the Planning Board; and, Ilaya Hopkins a citizen of East Bethesda debated the Planning Board's proposed sweeping changes to the County's Growth and Zoning policies.

Each panelist agreed that there are challenges living in an area that is attracting 200,000 new residents every 20 years with only 4% of the County's land available for development, but differed on how best to address issues such as congested roads, crowded schools and suburban sprawl.

Every two years the Planning Board is required by law to review the Growth Policy to assure adequate infrastructure is in place to accommodate new development projects. In the latest review cycle, the Planning Board proposed one of the most dramatic changes to the Growth Policy in 25 years. In an effort to encourage growth in higher density areas closer to transit (such as Bethesda/Chevy Chase and Friendship Heights), it recommended allowing greater traffic congestion in high density areas and increased limits for school overcrowding before triggering mitigation costs from developers.

Several of the panelists agreed conceptually with the Planning Board's proposals, but raised concerns about the specifics of the approach. Meredith Wellington asked, "With Metro funding limited and a deteriorating system, can Metro handle more ridership? Does Montgomery County have a complete transit system that could handle the increased ridership?" One resident from Kensington asked: "With finite resources, how do you know when we've reached our limits of growth?"

On November 10, Montgomery County Council passed the 2009-2011 County Growth Policy, but rejected the Planning Board's recommendations on relaxing school overcrowding and traffic congestion standards. The County Council has yet to vote on proposed changes to the zoning policy which may affect the height and density of new building projects. The Town continues to monitor the County's proposals and to weigh in on these issues.

If you want to learn more, you can visit www.montgomeryplanningboard.org or borrow a DVD copy of the forum from the Town Office (301-654-7144).

Space Available in the Town's Energy Assistance Program

Approximately thirty-five residents have signed up thus far for the Town's Energy Audit and Improvements Assistance Program. The Town Council approved \$30,000 for this program in this fiscal year. This amount could provide maximum reimbursements for up to 50 households or lesser reimbursements for a greater number of households. For additional details and to sign up for the program, please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144. A registration form is available online (www.townofchevyCHASE.org) or in the Town Office. The program is available to residents on a first-come, first-served basis.

College Students: Be Sure to Register to Vote

If you have a child who is attending a college out of the area and would like to vote in the Town Election in May 2010, be sure that they are registered to vote in the State of Maryland. To be eligible to vote in a Town election, the child's permanent address also must be in the Town. (This is true for everyone wishing to vote in a Town election.) Voter application forms are available online at www.election.state.md.us. We also have application forms in the Town office and will be happy to mail one to your child. The Town office telephone number is 301-654-7144.

Ten Things to Know Before Renovating or Building in the Town

- 1. Do I need both a Town and a County Permit?** You need a permit from both the Town of Chevy Chase and Montgomery County in order to undertake a building project that changes the three-dimensional shape of your house, for new fences, and for walls greater than 30" in height. You may need a Montgomery County permit (electrical, mechanical, or plumbing), but not a Town permit, for a project that does not change the exterior dimensions of your home. You need a Town permit, but not a Montgomery County permit, for replacement fences and for all walls 30" or less in height. For more information on Montgomery County permitting requirements, please call 240-777-6200.
- 2. What if my project can't comply with the Town's building regulations?** If your project cannot conform to Town building rules, you may request that the Town Council grant a variance. In evaluating a request, the Council looks at topographical hardship, comments from concerned residents, the impact on neighboring residents, and other exceptional conditions.
- 3. I've developed schematic plans, now what?** If your project increases the square footage of any single floor of your home by more than 500 square feet, the Town requires a Pre-PAC (Pre-Permit Application Consultation) meeting. Your immediate neighbors will be invited to this meeting. This is a great chance to meet your neighbors and address specific concerns they may have about your project.
- 4. What else does the Town look at when reviewing a building permit?** Before the Town issues a building permit, a project must pass the following review steps (the size threshold that triggers the requirement is in parenthesis): Pre-PAC (500+ s.f. on any floor), water drainage plan (700+ s.f. new impervious surface), zoning review including setbacks, height and floor area ratio (all), tree protection (all), site management meeting (500 + s.f on any floor), and site management conditions (all). Also, the Town will not issue a building permit without a copy of an approved Montgomery County permit. Details on each of the review requirements follows.
- 5. What is a Water Drainage Plan?** If you add more than 700 square feet of impervious surface to your lot, a civil engineer or land surveyor needs to develop a water mitigation plan to ensure that your project will not adversely impact your neighbors. Impervious surfaces include the footprint of a new house, new additions, patios, walkways or driveways.
- 6. What Tree Protection is required?** All trees on a property greater than 24" in circumference must be protected during construction. If a 24" tree cannot be protected or must be removed, you must apply for a removal permit. The Town Manager will issue a permit only if the tree is dead, hazardous, or on the Town's list of undesirable trees. In all other cases, you must file an appeal seeking to remove a tree based on the standards of the Town's Tree Ordinance. This appeal is decided by the Town's Tree Board.
- 7. What are important zoning requirements?** Lot coverage is regulated by Montgomery County. The Town's setbacks rules differ from those of the County. The side and rear building setbacks are determined by a formula – so each lot's setbacks are unique. There is a setback calculator on the Town's website. The front setback for a house is the "established building line," which is determined by the average setback of houses along a block, or 25 feet, whichever is greater. Buildings can be no higher than 33 feet to the highest point on the roof, or 28 feet to the midpoint between the eaves and ridge of a roof. Other zoning requirements include floor area ratio, maximum wall plane length, and maximum wall plane height.
- 8. What are Site Management Meeting Requirements/Conditions?** If your project increases the square footage of any single floor of your home by more than 500 square feet, the Town requires a Site Management meeting. Your immediate neighbors will be invited to this meeting to discuss the specific construction site conditions during construction. Additionally, the Town does a review of each building project and can add specific site management conditions as necessary.
- 9. What are the Town's fence and wall regulations?** The Town requires a permit for both new and replacement fences and walls. Fences and walls cannot be more than 6.5' tall. Front yard fences and walls are not allowed by right, but may be requested of the Council through the Town's variance process (see number 2 above). Structures 11" high or less are not considered to be walls unless two or more of them are terraced. Corner lots have two front yards, one along each street.
- 10. Our Town Staff Is Here to Assist You.** The process is less difficult than it seems, and the Town is prepared to help guide you through all of the steps to successful and compliant completion of your building project. If you have any questions, or need clarification any of the Town's building regulations, please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144 or refer to the Town Code which is available online.

Seven Residents Named to Purple Line Mitigation Advisory Group; All Residents' Ideas Will Be Sought

Seven Town residents representing a cross-section of the neighborhood, trail users, different views on the Purple Line and professional backgrounds have been named to the Purple Line Mitigation Advisory Group. The group will work over the next several years to relay to the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) the concerns of Town residents about Purple Line impacts that should be mitigated if the Federal Transit Administration approves funding for light rail on the Georgetown Branch of the Capital Crescent Trail.

While all Advisory Group meetings will be open, the group also will develop other means for getting resident input. The goal of this dialogue with the State is to assure the best possible mitigation if transit comes to the Town's northern border. It is essential that the Town have input during this next phase of the State's planning as important decisions regarding design will occur. Mayor Strom has made it clear to the MTA, however, that the Town's input at this stage in no way prejudices the Town's right to take any action in the future.

Here are the members of the new Purple Line Mitigation Advisory Group:

Jacob Bardin, 6905 Oakridge Avenue, regularly uses the Capital Crescent Trail for jogging and biking. As a supporter of the Governor's chosen preferred alignment, he wants to assure a good balance between transit and the needs of the community. Jacob's professional background is in mechanical engineering.

Rich Brancato, 4304 Leland Street, is a retired Federal program manager with experience in the construction and engineering of energy and transportation projects. He currently serves as Director of Transportation Programs for the Coalition of Northeastern Governors.

John Burnes, 4225 Oakridge Lane, lives adjacent to the trail, which he uses for walking into Bethesda and occasionally for biking to work in Georgetown. He is an attorney specializing in energy and conservation, including permitting and environmental compliance.

Andy Hill, 7602 Lynn Drive, grew up in the Town and now lives adjacent to the trail, where he frequently bikes and runs. A realtor with McEneaney Associates, he hopes to help the Town secure mitigation measures that will lessen the impact on property values.

Leslie Hill, 7007 Beechwood Drive, is a retired airline pilot accustomed to thinking about the safety and maintenance of transportation systems. She frequently walks and runs the Capital Crescent Trail.

Joan Rood, 4509 Elm Street, lives at the mouth of the Air Rights Building tunnel where the Woodmont East station will be located, so she and her immediate neighbors share special concerns about noise and privacy. She is an attorney and a member of the Town's Environment Committee.

David Salzman, 4407 Elm Street, also lives along the trail with his wife and two sons. A physicist by profession, he understands the technical aspects of noise, "visual flutter," and other potential environmental impacts if transit comes to the Trail.

Advisory Group Chair Mary Anne Hoffman was Director of Public Affairs for the Virginia Department of Transportation and later for Amtrak before her retirement. She is co-chair of the Town's Long-Range Planning Committee.

Advisory Group Council Liaison Pat Burda led the Long-Range Planning Committee for two years and managed the work of the Town's Purple Line consultant, Sam Schwartz Engineering. She was elected to the Town Council in May.

HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

County Executive Recognizes Town Effort In 2008 Drive



The Town's Community Relations Committee is again sponsoring a gift drive for victims and/or child witnesses of domestic violence. The Montgomery County Abused Persons Program will partner with the Town in this effort and furnish names, sizes and "wishes" of the children and their mothers. Residents can select a family or individual to assist from a list. If preferred, gift cards to a store such as Target, Marshall, Kohl's, Ross or Sears would be an option in lieu of specific articles.

Last year's drive was a huge success, thanks to the overwhelming generosity of many Town residents. The Town received a certificate from County Executive Isiah Leggett commending the Town's "many residents...who participated in the 2008 Holiday Gift Drive for domestic violence victims and their children. Town residents donated over 1,000 gifts, at times foregoing gift exchanges among their own families. (Thanks to) the Town for its active role in easing the difficulties faced by families in crisis. Their generosity brightened the holiday season for more than 100 needy County families".

To sign up, call the Town office at 301-654-7144 or e-mail to townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org with "holiday gift drive" as the subject. The deadline for gift collection is Tuesday, December 17.



Town Coffee - Invite A New Neighbor to Join You!

Please join us for the next Town coffee on **Tuesday, December 8**, at the home of Kyle Kane, 3909 Woodbine Street, from 9:30 until 11:00. Please reach out to new residents and invite them to come along with you and meet others in the neighborhood. All Town residents are welcome, but please RSVP to Kyle at 301-652-6477. If you have questions or would like to volunteer to host a coffee, please call Maria Olsen at 301-652-4370. We hope to see you on December 8!

HOLIDAY BUFFET FOR SENIORS AND RETIREES, DECEMBER 17



The Council will host the fifteenth annual Holiday Buffet for Town Seniors and Retirees on **Thursday, December 17** at 12 p.m. in the Town Hall. This event gives residents a great opportunity to enjoy a delicious lunch with friends and neighbors. If transportation is a problem for you, we will be happy to pick you up and deliver you back home. Just let us know when you RSVP. Please give us a call at 301-654-7144 by Friday, December 11 to RSVP. We look forward to seeing you!

Manna Monthly Weigh-In

Five hundred and twenty-nine Pounds To Date!

Community Relations Committee

We will continue to collect foods in the Town Office and at Town-sponsored events for the non-profit Manna Food Center. To date, residents have donated 529 pounds of food to Manna. Each time you shop, you may wish to simply buy one extra item for the food drive. When a grocery bag is full, drop it at the Town office (301-654-7144) or call (301) 785-0933 for a pick-up. If you are interested in assisting with this project, please contact the Town Office.

Leaf Vacuuming Continues until December 15

Please continue to rake your leaves to the right-of-way near the curb – not into the street. Please ask your landscape contractor not to place leaves in the street. Make sure that your leaves are not contaminated by cans, sticks, bottles, or rocks. Vacuum trucks pick up continuously Monday through Friday, street by street. We have a street map on the website that indicates the estimated day of the week the truck will be on your street. After **December 15**, leaves should be placed in paper lawn bags or placed in reusable containers for yard trash recycling.

LET IT SNOW – WE WILL BE READY

SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM

The Town will continue its sidewalk snow removal program this winter. This year we will assist with the clearing of public sidewalks when snow accumulates to 3 inches or more. This snow removal plan will assist residents with clearing sidewalks following significant snowstorms, when help is needed most. ***If the accumulated snowfall is under 3 inches, you will be responsible for clearing the sidewalk abutting your property.*** The snow removal will begin as soon as practically possible after the end of a snowstorm, and the Town's contractor will do all it can to limit excessive noise. This program includes snow removal from public sidewalks only, so clearing your driveways and walkways is still your responsibility. In icy conditions, the Town Manager will use his discretion in determining whether to salt and sand public sidewalks. The Town will continuously update information on the sidewalk snow removal program on its website and on the Town's telephone answering machine, so it will be accessible to you throughout the winter season.



CLEARING TOWN STREETS

In winter, making sure that Town streets are cleared of snow and ice is a Town priority. You can contribute to our efforts by following these instructions. When snow or ice is forecast for this area, cars must be parked either in driveways or on the ***even-numbered sides of the street, unless otherwise posted.*** Parking in a driveway will not only protect your cars from possible accidents or damage but assures that more of the roadway can be cleared. This practice also provides more parking spaces for residents without driveways. The odd-numbered sides of all streets, unless otherwise posted, should be left free of all vehicles so that we can plow the snow from them. To help avoid the frustration that occurs when a snow-plow covers your driveway with snow after you have shoveled, stand facing the street and shovel snow to the right into the yard instead of into the street. The Town begins plowing Town streets when two inches of snow has accumulated.

Town Residents Invited to December 6 “Messiah” Sing-Along

The East Avenue Ensemble, directed by Town resident Bob Johnson, will join the NIH Community Orchestra and Chorus and the Bethesda Little Theatre to present a “Messiah” Sing-Along on Sunday, December 6, at 3 p.m. at Figge Theater, Georgetown Preparatory School, 10900 Rockville Pike, in North Bethesda.

Whether you sang George Frideric Handel’s beloved oratorio in college or can hardly carry a tune, you’re invited to join NIH’s 13th annual sing-along to benefit the charities of NIH. Bring that dog-eared score from college or church choir if you have one; a limited number of scores will be available for rent at performance time.

Donations will be accepted (\$10 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors, children under 12 admitted free), and refreshments will be served following the “Hallelujah Chorus,” the event’s finale. For more information, call 301/594-7657 or visit www.nihco.org.

Shades of Green

Give our Planet a Happy Holiday!

From the Environment Committee

We can all do our bit by making a few changes in how we observe the holiday season.

Switch to LED lights, now carried in local stores in lots of varieties.

- Brighter, but consume 1/10th the energy
- Last 25 times longer
- Guaranteed for five years and Energy Star rated
- Can be strung together continuously up to 50 strands
- Cost (\$10 for 50-lite string) is recouped in Savings!
- For your outdoor lights, use a timer. It will last a lifetime and pay for itself in a season or two. Hazzle-free, too.
- Do you REALLY need all that stuff? "The Story of Stuff", <http://www.storyofstuff.com/>, a quick animated film, will make you think again.
- "Stuff-less" gift ideas: experiences (show tickets), a promise (babysitting coupon), edibles (food in a reusable container), donation (to a worthy cause), subscription (Netflix).
- RE-Gifting is a form of recycling: no longer tacky, it's hip and it's "green!"
- Pay attention to packaging: choose gifts with less, and recycle it after the holidays.
- Choose wrapping products with recycled content or that can be re-used. Bags and bows can have nine lives. Save and reuse wrapping you receive.
- Make the switch to rechargeable batteries for holiday electronics. A charging station makes a great gift, too!
- Replacing electronics? E-cycle computer components, phones, cameras, games, etc..
- Minimize driving, avoid traffic, and save your sanity by shopping online. Lots of sites feature environmentally-friendly products.
- Reduce fuel use and pollution by sending small, lightweight gifts out of town. Saves on shipping too!
- Shop for durable and timeless gifts that won't soon end up in the trash.

Visit the TOCC Green Pages for more information (go to www.townofchevychase.org and click on "Community Links"). While there, you will also find tips on composting the last of your fall leaves! If you have relevant information to share, please post it on the Townneighbors listserv (to join, see "Quick Links" on the TOCC homepage).

Chevy Chase at Home

Joan Hoover, CC@H

Enthusiastic Seniors are enjoying getting together, getting acquainted, and discussing ways their new organization can provide those services most needed to assure independent living. An informal social event is planned, for fun and to continue the dialog. Do come on Tuesday, December 1, 2 p.m. to the Chevy Chase Village Hall for refreshments and conversation, a little Bridge or Scrabble, or to join those creating a new book discussion group. The Computer Coaches will be back to offer help if you need it. We'll see you there.

Farm Women's Market – A Community Landmark

Tina Coplan, Long Range Planning Committee

As new markets spring up around the area, holiday time is a great time to remember the oldest in the community and a mainstay for fresh flowers, produce, and more—Montgomery Farm Women's Cooperative Market. Bordering the Town on Wisconsin Avenue between Willow and Leland, the white-frame building with its green-and-white striped awnings is a neighborhood landmark and a Montgomery County historic site.

Its origins date back to the 1930s and Great Depression, when, its history relates, "a group of farm women plagued by declining prices, drought, threat of foreclosure, and equipment and repair necessities, launched a market to sell farm produce to residents of the District of Columbia and its growing suburbs." Today it is a treasured and popular resource with second, third and even fourth generation descendents selling their own and other produce and products.

For the holidays, fresh greens, plants, and centerpieces abound. Marilyn Rooze, "The Flower Lady," located beside the rear barn doors, has prepared flowers for weddings and watched the couples' children grow up and get married too. Raised on a farm in upstate New York, she arrived 44 years ago, at age 25. Finding an earlier bank job boring, she took adult education classes in floral design and worked at several florist shops before opening her own stand. She has been making the trips from Mt. Airy on Wednesdays and Saturdays ever since. Selling seasonal and dried flowers year round, she focuses in December on English boxwood topiary trees, wreaths of mixed greens, mistletoe balls, and beautiful centerpieces using people's own or new containers, plus special arrangements to order. "I do anything people come up with," she says. "It's a very nice community. People come back and back, and tell me when they like something. They show their appreciation."

On the market's opposite side, Ray Renn continues what his mother started in 1942. "It wasn't until the 1960s when men were allowed to sell inside," he remembers. "We had to wear white shirts and white aprons." On market days—Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays—he rises at 2 a.m., loads the truck with products from his coolers and greenhouses in Burtonsville, and often arrives at the market between 4-4:30 a.m. In season, he grows all the vegetables and herbs. Those are followed by

cauliflower, broccoli and root vegetables—parsnips, turnips, carrots, beets—typically cut the day before. As winter sets in, he fills in with produce from other parts of the Mid-Atlantic region, along with wreaths, cyclamen, primroses and other flowers from his greenhouses. As fall takes hold, he often hears people say, "Tomatoes are over. See you next year." He points out, "We're here all year."

Located on an inside corner, Harry and Rachel Easton follow in the footsteps of his grandmother, who arrived in 1935. Age 17 when he started, Easton took a break and returned 25 years ago. His son, the fourth generation, helps out on Saturdays. While Easton once farmed the family land, he now gathers and sells regional products: apples from Catoclin Mountain Orchard in Thurmont, McCutcheon's jams from Frederick, broccoli, cabbage, pears as long as it lasts. "I do my best to keep it local," he says. "Pretty soon everything runs out." He expands down the East Coast as far as Georgia and Florida for produce and citrus. Seasonal decorated wreaths are the couple's own.

Other third and fourth-generation family members appear on Saturdays only. Barbara Watkins and her son sell eggs, produce and chickens, plus turkeys to order for the holidays. Tim Mullinix carries on the family business of fresh meats and poultry since 1949. Additional longstanding sellers include John Paul, a former farm manager, presenting his own herbs, raspberries, tomatoes, wreaths and more, supplemented by other produce, for 27 years. The Carriers at Plant Masters have provided fresh and dried flowers, annuals, perennials and floral arrangements for 30 years.

Among more recent arrivals to the vintage wooden stands are Saint Michel French breads; Stonyman Gourmet Farmer's artisan cheeses, eggs, milk and more; and Velatis, a name in the region for caramels since 1866, and now chocolates, all made with natural fresh ingredients.

Ethnic cuisine, teas and spices number among the 75 weekly vendors. The outdoor flea market, was brought in a while back, as president Barbara Johnson says, "to help with the upkeep of the market." The outdoor sellers also signal that the market is open on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the flea market only on Sundays.

Town History: 89 Years Ago in Our Town

In 1920, builder-brothers Monroe and Bates Warren bought 57 acres of land east of Wisconsin Avenue and west of Chevy Chase Section 4 to develop a new community they would name "Leland." The Leland development specialized in economical two-story, three-bedroom houses that were not as large as those in Section 4, but were designed to "meet the needs and desires of the average salaried man." Leland houses then sold for \$8,000 to \$13,000.

In the late 1920s, the Warren brothers constructed 12 stores in the Tudor style on Wisconsin Avenue between Walsh and Leland Streets to serve the homes in their Leland development. The stores, now housing popular eateries Moby Dick, Stromboli and Persimmon, were Bethesda's first shopping center.

Fourth in a series of Town of Chevy Chase historical vignettes to be published during 2009-2010.



Recycle Your Christmas Tree!

The Town offers curbside pickup of Christmas trees. All wire, ornaments and tinsel must be removed. The deadline for pickup is January 15.

Town Sponsors Holiday Gift Drive for Needy Families (details on page 7)



Town of Chevy Chase

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