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CCES Feasibility Study Underway

As indicated in our February postcard, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) is conducting a feasibility study for an addition to Chevy Chase Elementary School (CCES), located at 4015 Rosemary Street, Chevy Chase, MD 20815. This study is preliminary; no decision has been made on whether or not to construct an addition to the school. The first work session to discuss the possible expansion was held on February 16. A schedule of remaining work sessions in the School Media Center is shown below.

Work Session #2	Tuesday, March 2	4:30 p.m.
Work Session #3	Tuesday, March 16	7:00 p.m.
Work Session #4	Tuesday, April 6	4:30 p.m.
PTA/Community Presentation	Tuesday, April 27	7:00 p.m.

The study is being conducted by a Feasibility Study Committee (FSC), chaired by the school's Principal, Ms. Jody Smith. The FSC includes representatives of the school, PTA, civic associations, neighbors, government agencies, the study architects, Muse Architects, and staff from MCPS Division of Construction.

At the first work session, the FSC presented three architectural renderings of an addition to the school, which are available for review on the CCES website. The next scheduled meetings, alternating between daytime and nighttime hours, will enable staff and community feedback on the options. The architect will take this feedback into consideration and may prepare alternative options, if possible. The feedback also will be valuable in assessing the actual feasibility of the options that the architect presents.

This study is being done in conjunction with three other capacity studies in the B-CC cluster at Rosemary Hills, North Chevy Chase and Bethesda elementary schools. It may be found that an addition, or additions, at these other schools are more feasible than one at CCES. Once all of these studies are completed, MCPS long-range planning staff will conduct a roundtable discussion with members of the PTAs and schools to discuss which of the location(s) are the most viable for additions.

Residents are welcome to attend and express their views at the FSC work sessions. They may also contact Dennis Cross, Project Manager for the MCPS Division of Construction, at 240-876-4586 or dennis_cross@mcpsmd.org for more information.

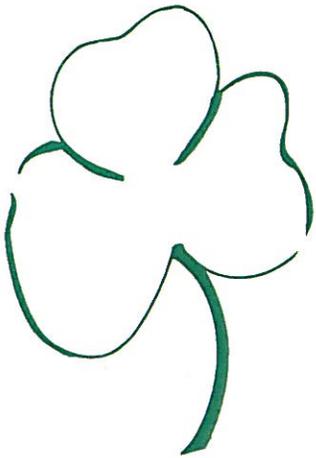
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Greetings from the Mayor Kathy Strom

What a winter we have had! We will all remember the Blizzards of 2010. Thanks to the Chevy Chase Historical Society and their work to capture stories at the Town's chili dinner on February 21, we will have a record of some of our memories. We also hope to receive photographs of the storm which we can share via the Town's website.

There are so many to thank for their efforts during this blizzard. Thanks to all for the help provided to neighbors in need of shoveling or shelter. Thank you to the Town's hard-working snow removal crews and those working to clear sidewalks as well as other Town staff who worked to ensure that timely communications reached residents and to address concerns as they arose during the storms.

The Town Council has started a discussion of the response to this historic storm, and we have asked our staff and one of our committees to assist with this process. We are grateful to all of you for your involvement, for letting us know of developments within different parts of Town, so that we could respond. Working together we were able to meet the wintry challenges of this February of 2010.



MARCH

Wednesday, March 3 – Public Meeting on Budget, 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 4 – Purple Line Mitigation, 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 7 – Town Recital, 2 p.m.

Monday, March 8 – Land Use Committee, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 9 – Public Services Committee, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 10 – Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Monday, March 15 – Long Range Planning Committee, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 16 – Neighborhood Watch, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 17 – Community Relations Committee, 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 18 – Environment Committee, 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 21 – Sunday Afternoon for Families, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, March 23 – Climate Protection Committee, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 24 – Council Budget Work Session, 7 p.m.

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

www.townofchevychase.org

Town Crier Keeps Residents Informed

During the snow storm, the Town used the Town listserv to keep residents informed of the street clearing and sidewalk snow removal operations. If you have not joined the listserv, we strongly encourage you to join the Town Crier, the Town's e-mail alert system. The Town uses the listserv to keep residents informed of timely Town news and information. To subscribe, please visit the Town's website, click on "About the Town" and follow the instructions.

CRIMEWATCH

2/11/10

Residents on Ridgewood Avenue, Hillcrest Place, Sycamore Street, Oak Lane and Elm Street reported that unlocked cars were entered and in some cases items were stolen.

2/4/10

Residents in the 7000 block of Maple Avenue, the 7400 block of Oak Lane and the 7600 block of Lynn Drive reported that unlocked cars were entered and in some cases items were stolen.

2/3/10

Officer John D'Albora reported that the police received a call from a resident in the 4000 block of Rosemary Street reporting that an unknown suspect forced open the front door of the house while the owners were away. The suspect removed jewelry from the bedroom area.

1/14/10

A resident in the 4000 block of Leland Street reported that her daughter and four students walking home from Chevy Chase Elementary School saw a man who tried to follow them home.

Please report all crimes to the Montgomery County police at the non-emergency number 301-279-8000. For emergencies, call 911. 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 for our records. 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.

Participate in the 2011 Budget Process

David Lublin, Treasurer

- March 3 Public Meeting on Budget
- March 24 Council Budget Work Session
- April 7 Approval of Proposed Budget and Tax Rates (Rescheduled Council Meeting)
- May 4 Public Hearing on Proposed Budget and Tax Rates (Annual Meeting)
- May 12 Adoption of Budget and Tax Rates (May Council Meeting)

As we announced in the February Forecast, the Town Council is holding a public meeting on **Wednesday, March 3**, to hear from residents regarding next year's budget. This meeting will allow residents to participate in the budget process from the very beginning. Following this meeting, the Council will hold a work session on **March 24** to review the proposed budget that the staff and treasurer have prepared and discuss additions to and subtractions from it. Another discussion of the budget will occur at the **April 7** Council meeting, at which time residents will again be able to speak during the public comment portion of the meeting. There will be a public hearing at the Annual Meeting on **Tuesday, May 4** on the final proposed budget, before the Council adopts the budget for the next fiscal year at either the May or June Council meeting.

As many residents know, the Town, like other governmental entities, has been affected by the downturn in the economy. Current projections indicate that revenues for this year will fall below the amount projected in the Town's budget, though the amount does not appear to be substantial in the context of the Town's healthy reserves. Next year's tax revenues will likely remain lower than in the past. However, even while maintaining a sizable rainy-day fund, the Town possesses sufficient funds to maintain current service levels as well as to fund necessary capital projects and other initiatives. The Council wants to hear suggestions from residents about what projects they would like to see funded. Residents can also recommend areas in which the Council might spend less.

In addition to comments on expenditures, the Council welcomes input on setting next year's tax rates. Last year, the Council cut Town property taxes by one-half and eliminated the dump fee. Residents can comment on whether the Council ought to restore taxes to previous levels, keep them at the current rates, or cut them further. We look forward to hearing from you at these meetings. If you are unable to attend in person, please e-mail comments to townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or submit written comments to the Town Office, 4301 Willow Lane.

COUNCIL ELECTION 2010

Town Elections are governed by the provisions in Chapter 8 of the Town of Chevy Chase Municipal Code, which state:

“...an election shall be held on the first Tuesday in May of each year to elect members of the Town Council. Three (3) members shall be elected in even numbered years and two (2) members in the odd numbered years.”

Town residents will select three candidates in the May 2010 election, each to serve on the Council for a two year term. The terms of Al Lang, David Lublin and Kathy Strom will expire in May. All three will be candidates in the May 4 election.

NOMINATIONS ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for nomination, a resident must have resided in the Town for at least one year immediately preceding the election and be a registered voter in the State of Maryland, Town of Chevy Chase.

NOMINATING PROCEDURES

Residents are encouraged to present by petition their names or those of Town residents who are willing to serve on the Town Council. Blank petitions are available in the Town Office, 4301 Willow Lane, 301-654-7144.

Petitions must contain the following information: name, address, occupation, length of residency in the Town, a short biographical sketch and a short candidate's statement (limit to 400 words or less), confirmation of his or her willingness to serve if elected, and the endorsing signatures, addresses and telephone numbers of at least five persons, other than the candidate, eligible to vote in the above election.

Petitions must be delivered to the Town Office before 5 p.m. on April 13, 2010, the third Tuesday preceding the election, in order for the candidate's name to appear on the printed ballot.

Petitions may be inspected at the Town Hall on **Tuesday, April 13** between the hours of 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Any challenges to the form of the petitions or the persons signing the petitions must be made in writing and delivered to the Election Board at the Town Office no later than 9 a.m. on **Wednesday, April 14**. The Election Board may make additional nominations and must do so if an insufficient number of candidates have been nominated by petition to insure that at least one candidate is nominated for each opening on the Town Council.

CANDIDATES' FORUM

Candidates will participate in a dialog with the community in the Town Hall on Monday, April 26. See more details in next month's Forecast.

FLOOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations from the floor cannot be considered at the Annual Meeting since voting will begin in advance of the meeting.

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

There will be appropriate blanks on the printed ballot for the purpose of adding write-in candidates at the time of the election.

NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS

The names, short biographical sketches and short statements of all nominees will be mailed to all residents two weeks preceding the election.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

There is no requirement for candidates in the Town of Chevy Chase to file a financial disclosure statement for these volunteer positions.

VOTING ELIGIBILITY

A resident must be a citizen of the United States, at least eighteen years of age, have resided within the corporate limits of the Town for thirty days preceding the Town election and be a registered, qualified voter of the State of Maryland, Town of Chevy Chase to be eligible to vote.

POLL LOCATION AND HOURS

The polls will be located in the Town Hall, 4301 Willow Lane. The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on **Election Day, May 4, 2010**.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Any qualified voter may vote by absentee ballot. Residents desiring an absentee ballot individually must apply in writing (by mail, fax, email or in person) to the Town Office. Absentee ballots will be available in the Town office on **Wednesday, April 14** after 12 p.m. The absentee ballot must be returned in the printed envelope provided by the Town. To be counted, any absentee ballot must be received in the Town Office by 8 p.m. on **Election Day, May 4, 2010**.

Residents with questions on any aspect of the Election are encouraged to contact a member of the Election Board: Brenda Lizzio, 301-656-8595; Hope Pinkerton, 301-657-4486 and Costis Toregas, 301-654-5074.

Council Adopts Noise Control Ordinance

At its February 18 meeting, the Town Council adopted a noise control ordinance, which will be effective March 20, that relies on “quiet hours” during which construction activities and the use of motorized equipment are prohibited in Town. Montgomery County’s noise regulations, which use decibel levels to control noise-producing activities, will continue to apply in Town, and the Town will rely on the County to enforce these regulations during “non-quiet hours,” which comprise the majority of day time. Over the next few months, the Town will undertake a public education campaign to inform residents and landscaping contractors of the new noise control law.

The major provisions of the ordinance appear below.

- a) No construction activities shall commence prior to 7:00 a.m. on weekdays, and 9:00 a.m. on weekends and all federal holidays. Construction activities shall end no later than 7:00 p.m. on all days. As used herein, “construction activities” means temporary activities directly associated with site preparation, assembly, erection, repair, alteration, renovation, construction, or demolition of improvements, or other similar activities, including but not limited to, moving heavy equipment, delivering materials, loading or unloading, operating equipment with audible “back-up” warning devices, and allowing engines to idle.
- b) Special Noise Limits: It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in, or permit another to engage in, the following conduct:
 1. Except in an emergency, operate more than one piece of outdoor power equipment on a property between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on weekdays; and
 2. Except in an emergency, operate outdoor landscaping power equipment after 8:00 p.m. or before 8:00 a.m. on weekdays or after 7:00 p.m. or before 9:00 a.m. on weekends and all federal holidays.
 3. As used herein, “outdoor landscaping power equipment” means motorized equipment such as a lawn mower, chainsaw, leaf blower or other similar equipment. “Outdoor landscaping power equipment” does not include motor vehicles or fixtures such as air conditioners, heat pumps, back- up generators and similar equipment attached to a building.
- c) Penalties. Violation of any provision of this chapter shall be a municipal infraction. Any person or persons guilty of a municipal infraction shall be subject to a fine in the amount specified below:

1. First violation	\$ 200.00
2. Second violation	\$ 400.00
3. Third violation	\$1,000.00

 4. Any person who violates this chapter or directs or allows another to commit an act that violates this chapter, the person’s employer if the person acted in the course of his or her employment, and any property owner who allows a violation of this chapter on his or her property shall be guilty of a violation and shall be jointly and severally subject to the penalties provided in paragraphs (1) through (3). If a violation occurs, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that all owners of the property allowed the violation.
- d) An enforcement officer may issue a municipal infraction citation for any violation of this Chapter if the enforcement officer:
 1. witnesses the violations; or
 2. receives written complaints from at least 2 witnesses, who are not residents at the same address, of a noise disturbance.Complaints by 2 witnesses are required to issue a citation under paragraph (2), but are not required to prove that a person violated this Chapter. The complainants must be willing to testify in court, if required.

Proposed Ordinance To Change the Definition of “Street”

At its **Wednesday, March 10** meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to change the definition of “street” in the Town Code. This change would conform the Town Code definition of street to the County Code definition. Specifically, the definition of “street” would be amended so that it includes only public or dedicated rights-of-way that are “for vehicular travel” and “thirty (30) feet or more in width.”

The Town Council proposed that the Code should be clarified to reflect that the yard of an interior lot abutting an alley is not to be considered a front yard for purposes of certain building regulations. Unlike streets, alleys do not act as major thoroughfares through Town and, as such, the yards of interior lots abutting alleys should not be subject to the same development standards as the yards of interior lots abutting streets.

Public Hearing

If the proposed ordinance is adopted, the definition of “street” would be amended to exclude alleys. Since a “front yard” is identified as adjacent to a street, the yards of interior lots abutting alleys would not be “front yards” and would not be subject to front setbacks. The proposed amendment would result in the following additional changes to Town regulations. First, fences, earth berms, hedges, and walls would no longer be prohibited in yards of interior lots adjoining alleys. In the past, residents have been required to obtain variances because the yards were deemed to be “front yards” under the Town Code. Under the new definition of “street,” variances would not be required because the yards would not be “front yards.” The 6-foot, 6-inch height limitation for these improvements would continue to apply. Second, the maximum nonvegetative surface area regulation in the Town Code would not apply to the yard of an interior lot adjoining an alley, as the yard would no longer be considered a “front yard.”

If you are unable to attend the March 10 Council meeting to testify in person, you may e-mail comments to townoffice@townofchevychase.org or submit written comments to Town Office, 4301 Willow Lane, prior to that date. For more information, please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144.

Public Hearing on Revised Water Ordinance

The Town Council will hold a public hearing at its **March 10** meeting on a revised Water Drainage Management Ordinance. The proposed ordinance was introduced at the February Town Council meeting following a Council work session with the Town’s Environment Committee. Residents are encouraged to attend this hearing to provide comments on the proposed changes to the ordinance. If you are unable to attend this meeting, you may submit comments to the Town Office at 4301 Willow Lane or to townoffice@townofchevychase.org.

Following is a synopsis of the proposed changes to the Water Drainage Management Ordinance:

- **Permeable Surfaces:** The current ordinance requires a water drainage plan to be submitted if a project adds 700 or more square feet of impervious surface to a property. The proposed ordinance would amend the definition of “impervious surface” to include surfaces that are semi-impervious but that interfere with the infiltration of water, because such surfaces significantly contribute to post-development runoff. The proposed ordinance would amend the definition of the term “impervious” to include these materials: “buildings, accessory structures, and concrete or asphalt sidewalks, walkways, stoops, stairways, patios, driveways, and parking pads, and other similar surfaces.” The new definition also calls for executive regulations to further identify what is “pervious.”
- **Posting Requirement:** The proposed ordinance would add a provision requiring applicants to post a public notice on the subject property indicating that a water drainage plan has been submitted to the Town. The posting would have to occur within seven days of submitting a plan.
- **Technical Amendment:** The proposed ordinance includes a change to the language related to the applicable engineering criteria to more accurately describe the review methodology used by the Town. The proposed ordinance also would add a provision to conform the ordinance to the Town’s engineering methodology by requiring a volumetric measurement to be included in the calculation for a ten-year storm event. The ordinance would be amended to require that the greater of the following be retained on site: (1) the volume of all stormwater runoff from all new impervious surfaces for a 3-month storm event, or (2) the volume by which post-construction runoff from new impervious surfaces exceeds pre-construction runoff for a 10-year storm event.
- **Other Clarifications:** The reference in the ordinance to the Town’s “supplementary guidelines” would be deleted to make evident that such guidelines are non-binding. Also, the ordinance would be amended to reflect that design criteria must be “consistent with” the Maryland Stormwater Design Manual, as approved by the Town Engineer, but need not be “set forth” in the Design Manual, as the ordinance currently states.

The full text of the ordinance is posted on the Town’s website. Please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144 for more information.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting and Public Safety Informational Session

Neighborhood Watch volunteers are organizing a Public Safety Informational Session for **Monday, May 24** in the Town Hall to provide useful information to help protect you and your neighbors. Representatives from MCPD and the District of Columbia Neighborhood Watch will provide valuable input on personal safety to help you keep your homes and vehicles safe in our residential community. The evening will be a great opportunity to learn more and to ask questions about how to make your family safer.

In addition, the Neighborhood Watch group will meet on **Tuesday, March 16**. We encourage residents to attend the meeting and volunteer as block captains in order to better assist their neighbors and the greater community. A formal working plan to officially implement the program will be presented to the Town Council at its March meeting.

Currently, block captains represent the following blocks: 7000 and 7100 Beechwood Drive, 7700 Connecticut Avenue, 6900 East Avenue, 4300 and 4500 Leland Street, 7500 and 7600 Lynn Drive, 7000 and 7100 Meadow Lane, 4400 Ridge Street, 7200 and 7400 Ridgewood Avenue, 3900, 4000, and 4200 Rosemary Street, 4200 and 4400 Stanford Street, 4000 Thornapple Street, 3900 Woodbine Street, and 6900 Woodside Place. If you don't see your block listed above or do and would still like to participate, sign up to serve as a block captain! Please email the Town office at townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or call (301) 654-7144 to find out more and to volunteer.

Purple Line Mitigation Advisory Group Tackles First Issue: State's Proposed Northern Trail Alignment

Mary Anne Hoffman, Mitigation Advisory Group Chair

The Town group that is working with State transit officials to minimize negative impacts on our community if Purple Line light rail comes to the Capital Crescent Trail has weighed in on its first mitigation issue --where the tracks and Trail will be located in relation to our Town. Current plans call for locating the tracks alongside the Town's northern border, with the Trail to the north of the tracks, further away from the Town.

State transit officials have made it clear that they will keep the northern Trail alignment unless there is "a compelling reason" to reconsider it. So the Town's Mitigation Advisory Group (MAG) has analyzed the likely impacts of the proposed alignment and has submitted **six** reasons it believes the State should reconsider the alignment. Those reasons relate to how the proposed Trail location could impact: (1) the Trail experience; (2) crossing safety; (3) views from the Town; (4) noise and vibration; (5) terrain and water runoff; and (6) access to the Trail.

MAG members closely studied the proposed Trail alignment as well as the State's Alternatives Analysis and Draft Environmental Statement (AA/DESI) and concluded that the State should conduct a more careful analysis of the relative benefits of a north-of-rail Trail alignment versus a south-of-rail Trail alignment along the right-of-way adjacent to the Town before finalizing the alignment. Trail access and crossing safety were the most frequently cited resident concerns about a Trail north of the tracks.

Residents can follow the work of the Mitigation Advisory Group at www.townofchevy Chase.org under "Committees." Agendas, minutes, as well as MAG's research and official communications are all posted there. Resident comments and concerns can be sent to mag@townofchevy Chase.org.

February 2010



Photo by Wayne C. Fowler

Town History: 82 Years Ago in Our Town

Today we think of the Jane E. Lawton Center as a busy hub of community activity. But how many residents know that in 1928 this 3.7-acre parcel in the new "Leland" subdivision of developers Monroe and R.B. Warren was the first home of Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School? The two-story red brick building fronted 44th Street and included a gym and auditorium. In 1936, when the high school moved to its present location on East-West Highway, the school was re-named Leland Junior High and welcomed 7th - 9th graders from Bethesda, Chevy Chase and Kensington. By 1963 a surging Baby Boomer enrollment required a five-story replacement building. In 1981, after years of declining down-county enrollment, Leland Junior High became one of 40 county public schools eventually to close. The Leland Bumble Bees became the Westland Wildcats.

The notion of re-using the closed junior high school for a multi-service community center and park gathered early Town support. An eight-year journey of meetings, memos and moxie on the part of our Town and many of its residents turned the idea into an approved County project. The Leland Community Recreation Center, a complex which includes our Town offices, a County recreation center, a child care facility and outdoor park and tennis courts opened in June 1989.

In June 2009, the Leland Center was renamed the Jane E. Lawton Community Recreation Center to honor the Town resident and Maryland Delegate following her death. Jane ran for Town Council in 1982 pledging to be a voice for the community in the planning for the re-use of the site. Once elected, she played a significant role in giving our neighborhood this vibrant community asset.

Sixth in a series of historical vignettes published during 2009-2010.

Be Ready to Vote in the Town Election

To be eligible to vote, a resident must be a citizen of the United States, at least eighteen years of age, have resided within the corporate limits of the Town for thirty days preceding any Town election and be a registered, qualified voter of the State of Maryland, Town of Chevy Chase. If you have recently moved to the Town of Chevy Chase or are doubtful whether your name is on the list of registered, qualified voters of the State of Maryland, Town of Chevy Chase, check with the Montgomery County Election Board at 240-777-VOTE. Please do this as soon as possible so your name will appear on the updated list of registered voters sent to our office one week prior to the Town election, which will be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2010.

New Office Development Proposed on Pearl Street

Steve Seidel, Long Range Planning Committee Member

Members of the Town's Long-Range Planning (LRP) Committee recently met with developers who are planning a new office building at 7300 Pearl Street, at the end of Pearl Street adjacent to the Capital Crescent Trail. The project would replace a small commercial building that now takes up most of the site. The building also would extend out and over one of the parking lots of the Air Rights Complex. The initial project proposal calls for 150,000 square feet of office space with a maximum height of 97 feet (about 8 stories), stepping down to 73 feet on the side of the building adjacent to the Trail and our Town. Because the development will directly overlook several homes located on Elm Street (those closest to Elm Street Park),

Long Range Planning Committee the LRP Committee will be looking closely at the specifics of the project plan and working with neighbors to make sure impacts are minimized to the extent possible. The committee pledges to keep residents informed as the project proceeds through the review process and encourages others interested in this project to also get involved by contacting the Long-Range Planning Committee at townoffice@townofchevychase.org. The developer will make a presentation to the Town Council at its meeting on Wednesday, March 10.

BCC Foundation To Host "Wine, Chocolate, and Cheese" Event

Please join the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School community -- alumni, parents, neighbors, community members -- on **Thursday, March 11, 7-9 pm**, for the fourth annual "Wine, Chocolate, and Cheese" event at the Woman's Club of Chevy Chase, 7931 Connecticut Avenue. Come enjoy great food and wine, and music by the B-CC HS Jazz Combo, catch up with friends, and help us honor Bruce Adams, Founder and Director of the Lazarus Leadership Fellows Program and Founder, Bethesda Big Train. More importantly, your contribution will be used to benefit the important programs sponsored by the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Educational Foundation, including after-school academic support, the Summer Academy, CollegeTracks, our college access program, mentoring, staff development, grants and other academic support programs. For ticket information, and to learn more about the Foundation, go to www.bccedfoundation.org or if you do not have a computer, please call 301-657-2547.

Chevy Chase at Home

Joan Hoover, ChevyChase@Home

Blustery March is blowing in some grand fun for the golden oldies who plan to "Meet and Mingle" at the Chevy Chase Village Hall on **Tuesday, March 2**. The book club anticipates a wealth of new material from those who read their way through the Big Snow. Games of Bridge, Scrabble and puzzles also await you and, as always, there will be the usual good conversation among those gathered around the refreshment table. On **March 16** we'll wear some green and get the jump on St. Patrick's Day. Gaelic folk tales and music will brighten our party, as well as remembrance of the Emerald Isles. A four leaf shamrock awaits the lucky guest. We'll gather at the same old location, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Chevy Chase at Home, a non-profit organization which helps older adults continue to live in their homes with various support services, seeks an Executive Director, half time or more, to help the organization become fully operational and to administer day-to-day assistance through a network of volunteers. May progress to a paid position. Previous relevant experience helpful. Please send resume and letter of interest to nb7106@gmail.com, with Exec. Director in the subject line.

Shades of Green

From the Environment Committee

“Your Greener Renovation: Local Experts Weigh In”

We consulted local TOCC architects and green builders and asked: If you had to choose just 10 ways to build greener, which ones give homeowners the most “bang for the buck” or have greatest positive environmental impact? Here’s what they said:

1. Start from the very beginning. “Green” isn’t an add-on. Concepts designed with proper solar orientation, shade, daylight and natural ventilation don’t need as much energy for heating, cooling, and lighting.
2. Think “Not So Big”: get more from the space you already have, and then don’t build more than you need. Porches (especially screened ones) yield expanded living space at low cost.
3. A good “envelope” is essential: For floors, crawl spaces, walls, attic, roof install the highest R-value insulation you can afford in the most appropriate type for the location. Consider exterior board insulation in addition to in-wall types. Doors and windows don’t insulate as well as walls: select them carefully, especially the glass.
4. Seal it tight! Stop air movement through the envelope with specialty air barriers, spray foam insulation, caulk.
5. Then ventilate it right. Insure all equipment and duct work is inside the insulated enclosure. Be sure your heating/air conditioning system is designed only after wall, roof R-value, air exchange rates and glass type and location have been determined.
6. Choose Energy Star. (EPA-rated) energy efficient appliances, heating/air conditioning equipment, light fixtures, and light bulbs.
7. Install WaterSense (EPA-rated) water conserving plumbing fixtures.
8. Use the sun! Daylight from properly located, shaded, and installed windows, skylights, and light tubes decreases energy needs, while improving health and productivity. Collect sunshine for electricity and hot water.
9. Consider exchanging green grass for drought-tolerant plants, or with drought-tolerant grasses that require less mowing and watering.

Your renovation or addition is one of your biggest investments both for now and the future. Get more information and “how to’s” by going to www.townofchevy Chase.org, and selecting “Shades of Green” under “Quick Links”.

MARYLAND RESIDENT TAX RETURN 2009 - FORM 502

FORM 502 MARYLAND RESIDENT INCOME TAX RETURN

OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 2009, ENDING

SOCIAL SECURITY #		SPOUSE'S SOCIAL SECURITY #	
Your First Name	Initial	Last Name	
Spouse's First Name	Initial	Last Name	
PRESENT ADDRESS (No. and street)			
City or Town	State	Zip Code	
Name of county and incorporated city, town or special taxing area in which you were a resident on the last day of the taxable period. (See instruction 6)	Maryland County	City, town or taxing area TOWN OF CH CH	

A major source of revenue that the Town receives each year is the Town’s share of income taxes, which each resident pays to the State of Maryland. Remember to write *Town of Chevy Chase* in the box marked city, town or taxing area. If you use a tax form online, please type **TOWN OF CH CH** in the box (there are not enough spaces for the complete spelling). Also, please use your street address not a post office box in the box marked present address. This will insure that a portion of your tax dollars will return to the Town so that the Town is able to provide you with municipal services. Do not assume that people at the state level understand the different municipalities that share the 20815 zip code.

Town Events and Outreach Projects

March Collection of Household Items for A Wider Circle

March is Spring Cleaning Month! The Town's Community Relations Committee is asking residents to donate basic household items to A Wider Circle to create Welcome Home Baskets for families moving out of shelters and into permanent housing. Drop off any of the following items weekdays at the Town Hall or call or e-mail Town Resident Bridget Hartman at 301-654-4938 or bridget@speakeasy.net to arrange for weekend or evening drop off.

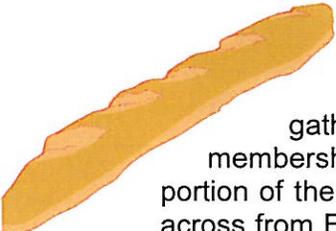
Household items must be unused and in unopened containers and include the following: toilet paper, tissues, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, laundry detergent, diapers, wet wipes, baby lotions, soaps and shampoos, diaper rash cream, soap, shampoo and conditioner, lotion, band aids, antibiotic ointments and other first aid items, dish soap, sponges, and general household cleaning supplies.

Together with its highly successful furniture collections program, A Wider Circle provides basic furnishing and household necessities to families in need throughout the Washington Metro Area. Look for details in the April issue of the *Forecast* on how to donate your gently used furniture to A Wider Circle during Trash and Treasures Weekend.

Town Recital, March 7, 2 p.m., Town Hall

Call Jean Lauderdale at 301-656-9029 for details.

Chevy Chase Dinner Out Club



Join us for a taste of Malaysia on **Thursday, March 11, 7 p.m.** at Penang Restaurant in Bethesda. The Dinner Out Club is not exactly a "club" but a gathering of Chevy Chase neighbors who visit restaurants in the nearby area. No membership required other than a healthy appetite, some good conversation, and your portion of the check! Penang Restaurant is located at 4933 Bethesda Ave. (Behind Giant and across from EuroMotors). They have an extensive menu of 124 items at reasonable prices and favorable ratings on Yelp! Check out the website at www.penangmd.com. We will meet at 7 p.m. at the restaurant. Please RSVP to the Town Office by calling 301-654-7144 or emailing townoffice@townofchevychase.org.

Sunday Afternoon for Families

March 21, 4 p.m., Town Hall

John Henry England will be our guest performer. He will entertain the children with a variety of songs. Not only does he sing, but he also plays the guitar. He is accompanied by a drummer. Please RSVP by calling the Town Office at 301-654-7144 by Friday, March 19.

Town Artists Create Small Works for Haiti

The Town will be holding an exhibition of art, titled Small Works for Haiti, opening on **Friday evening May 21** with a reception, and continuing through the weekend with a second reception on **Sunday afternoon May 23**. The show will be a charity event to raise money for Partners in Health, an organization doing work in Haiti. Each artist is invited to contribute one or more works. All pieces must be under 12 inches in height, width and depth, and must be submitted, suitable for hanging. Each piece will be for sale for \$100. It will be a great opportunity for residents and others to buy art at a bargain price and to contribute to a good cause. "Artists" include architects, film makers, photographers, graphic designers, sculptors, potters, fiber artists, jewelry makers, as well as art students (high school, college and beyond). Town artists are encouraged to invite a guest artist from outside the Town to donate a work. To participate, contact the Town Office at 301-654-7144.

Town Events and Outreach Projects

Meet Your Neighbors at the Town Bake-Off Event

Calling All Sweet Tooths



Join us for the annual Meet Your Neighbors gathering and participate in the first Chevy Chase Town Bake-Off (tasters and bakers wanted) on **Sunday, April 11, 3 – 5 p.m.** in the Town Hall. The Bake-Off is being judged by the owners of Georgetown Cupcake and is for cake and cupcake enthusiasts. Interested bakers and tasters should RSVP to the event, by e-mailing townoffice@townofchevychase.org or by calling the Town Office at 301-654-7144. Please indicate if you are a baker or a taster. Each baker will need to bring 1 cake or 24 cupcakes to the event. Tasters should come hungry.

Red Cross Offers Babysitters' Training Course

For Kids Ages 11 and Up - Are you interested in attending?

Baby-sitting is not just about watching children, but being responsible for their safety and well-being, as well as your own! The course includes water and fire safety, how to avoid dangerous situations and what to do in an emergency. The course will be taught by an instructor from the Red Cross. The fee for the course is \$60 per person (lunch will be provided). The instructor requires a minimum of eight students in order to hold the class. Before scheduling the course in the Town, we would like to know how many Town teens are interested in taking the course. Please call the Town office at 301-654-7144 or e-mail townoffice@townofchevychase.org if you are interested in taking the course, so that we can be sure that there is enough interest before scheduling the training with the Red Cross.

Capital Bookshare Needs New and Gently Used Children's Books



Town resident Melissa Fox and seven other volunteers run **Capital BookShare**, a small non-profit organization that organizes book drives to collect books for kindergarten through 6th grade children in the metro area. Teachers from the seven under-resourced schools in the District are invited to two **BookShare** events. At these events the teachers can choose as many books as they want to take back to their classrooms. If you have children's books (only new books and books in good condition can be accepted) to donate (NO textbooks), you can drop them at the Town office during the month of March or at Melissa's house at 4123 Aspen Street. There is a specific need for PreK- grade 3 books, but Bookshares will take books for children in all elementary grades.

Manna Monthly Weigh-In

Thanks to all of you who continue to contribute food to the non-profit Manna Food Center by dropping it by the Town Office and to those who brought food to the Sunday Afternoon for Families Event in January. We increased our contribution by 76 pounds bringing our grand total to 807 pounds. We will continue to collect food in the Town Office and at Town-sponsored events. 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 or call 301-785-0933 for a pick-up. If you are interested in assisting with this project, please contact the Town Office.

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Tree Triage after the Blizzards of 2010

Thursday, March 4, 7 p.m. in the Town Hall



The first storm had heavy wet snow, the second storm was windy. This one-two punch as well as the depth of snowfall did some significant damage to our trees and shrubs, especially the evergreens. There is hope in reviving your landscape after the Blizzards of 2010. Join Town arborist Tolbert Feather on Thursday, March 4 for a talk on how to trim and take care of storm damaged trees and shrubs. The principles of proper pruning will be discussed as well as the types of trees that may not develop into the specimens they once were. Bring photos of your injured trees and shrubs and we can give specific advice. Learn how to get your damaged plants in shape for the new growing season.

Permit Parking Program

Parking permits are issued to all residents who live on streets included in the permit parking program and are ***intended for vehicles parked within the vicinity of that address only***. We remind you that the Town's parking permit program is designed to make sure that residents can find convenient parking in front of or close to their homes, especially those living adjacent to the Bethesda Urban District. Thanks for your cooperation to ensure that these residents enjoy the same benefits of the permit parking program as residents on other streets.

MARYLAND RESIDENT TAX RETURN 2009 - FORM 502

See details on page 10.

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