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NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE

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Town Election and Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

Voting:	8 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Town Hall
Reception:	7 p.m.	Social Hall
Meeting:	7:30 p.m.	Social Hall

The Town Election and Annual Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 6**. Town residents will elect three Councilmembers, each to serve on the Council for a two year term.

Beginning at 7 p.m., the Council will host a reception, during which residents will have the opportunity to talk with the chairs of the Town's five standing committees, which include Climate and Environment, Community Relations, Land Use, Long Range Planning and Public Services. You will learn that the committees are working on a wide range of issues that affect the Town. If you find a topic of interest, we encourage you to consider volunteering to serve on a committee in the coming year.

At 7:30 p.m., Mayor Pat Burda will begin the business meeting with an overview of the Town's accomplishments over the past year. Town Treasurer David Lublin will then present the proposed budget for the 2015 fiscal year, followed by a public hearing on the budget.

We look forward to seeing you on May 6.

FY15 Budget Process Continues

On **Wednesday, March 26**, the Town Council held a work session to review the proposed FY15 budget that the staff and Town Treasurer prepared. The Town Council is scheduled to approve the proposed budget and tax rates at its **April 9** meeting, at which time residents will be able to speak during the public comment portion of the meeting. **The Council will then hold a public hearing on the proposed budget at the Town's Annual Meeting on May 6.** The Council will adopt a final budget for the next fiscal year at the June 11 Council meeting. The proposed budget will be published in the Election issue of the **FORECAST** so that residents may review it prior to the May 6 public hearing. If you are unable to attend any of the budget meetings, you may submit written comments to the Town Office by mail to 4301 Willow Lane, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815 or by e-mail to townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.

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A Message from Mayor Pat Burda

I hope that as you are reading this issue of the FORECAST, the forsythia and tulips are in full bloom and the snow is behind us. We can all agree this was a long, tough winter. I want to thank our staff and contractors for a commendable job with snow removal. And, I want to thank all of you who called or emailed to let us know of missed streets or sidewalks and made suggestions about ways to make our winter preparedness plan work better. We appreciate your feedback.

We have a busy spring ahead of us . . . County election debates, our own Town elections, FY 15 budget preparations and more community functions. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at these events . . . preferably in sweaters instead of parkas!



April

Tuesday, April 1 - Purple Line Mitigation Advisory Group, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 3 - Community Relations Committee, 7 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, April 5 and 6 - Trash and Treasures Weekend

Saturday, April 5 - Alternatives to Trash and Treasures

Tuesday, April 8 - Climate and Environment Committee, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 9 - Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 10 - Public Services Committee, 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 13 - Green Social, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15 - Nominating Petitions Deadline, 5 p.m.

Monday, April 21 - Long Range Planning Committee, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 22 - Land Use Committee, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 22 - Absentee Ballots Available, 12 p.m.

Thursday, April 24 - Candidates' Night, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 26 - Play Date in the Park, 9 a.m.

Sunday, April 27 - Bake-Off, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 30 - County Council Candidates' Forums

For more information about Town events, please visit the Town website.

Trash and Treasures

Saturday, April 5 and Sunday, April 6

For details, visit the Town website.

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COUNCIL ELECTION 2014

Residents with questions on any aspect of the Election are encouraged to contact a member of the Election Board: Ed Finn, Chair, 301-657-4607; Anthula Gross, 301-652-3017; and Steve Lawton, 301-654-5904.

Town Elections

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 2014 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.

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: the candidate's name, address, occupation, length of residency in the Town, a short biographical sketch and a short statement (limit to 400 words or less), confirmation of 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 15, 2014, 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 15** between the hours of 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. Any challenges to 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 16**. The Election Board may make additional nominations and must do so if an insufficient number of candidates have been nominated by petition to ensure that at least one candidate is nominated for each opening on the Town Council.

CANDIDATES' FORUM or MEET AND GREET

If the election is contested, the candidates will be invited to participate in a moderated forum and dialogue with the community on **Thursday, April 24** at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall.

The Election Board will accept questions in advance from Town residents. If the election is uncontested, the candidates will be invited to participate in a meet and greet event.

FLOOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations from the floor cannot be considered at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 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 name, a short biographical sketch and short statement (not to exceed 400 words) of all candidates will be mailed to all residents two weeks preceding the election.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Council members and candidates for office are required to submit an annual financial disclosure statement. The financial disclosure statement is posted on the Town website and available in the Town Office.

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 poll will be located in the Town Hall, 4301 Willow Lane. The poll will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on **Election Day, Tuesday, May 6, 2014**.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee ballots will be available in the Town Office on **Tuesday, April 22** at 12 p.m. Any qualified voter may vote by absentee ballot. Residents desiring an absentee ballot must apply individually in writing (by mail, fax, email or in person) to the Town Office. Once an absentee ballot request has been received, the Town will mail or hand deliver a ballot and return envelope to the requestor in a sealed envelope. 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, Tuesday, May 6, 2014**.

Town Updates

Town Ethics Committee Report

Last November, the Town Council adopted a new ordinance to govern the ethics of Town officials relating to conflicts of interest, financial disclosure, and lobbying. This new law was mandated by changes to State law.

Pursuant to the ordinance, the Town has created an Ethics Commission, consisting of three members, to oversee implementation of the new ethics law. In February, Mayor Pat Burda appointed Barry Hager, chair, Scott Fosler, and Doug Lowenstein to serve on the Commission. The Commission recently finalized the financial disclosure forms required to be completed by all Council members, Town employees, and candidates for office. The deadline for completing the forms is April 30. The Commission will review all forms to certify that they have been properly completed. Candidates for office will not be placed on the ballot until their forms have been certified.

Once an individual covered by the law completes a disclosure form, the form will be available in the Town Office for inspection upon request from any member of the public, including the media. The Commission determined that filers may ask, and the Town must provide, the names of those who have reviewed their disclosure documents. Individuals with questions about the ordinance or the filing requirements should contact the Town Ethics Commission.

Town Reserve Forum Results

At the March 12 Council Meeting, the Long-Range Planning Committee presented its final report of residents' views on the use of Town reserves. This report provides a summary of the preferences submitted by Town residents at the two public forums held in February. According to the report, which is available on the Town's website, the three most preferred uses of the Town's reserves are for: 1) open space acquisition and associated recreational uses; 2) assistance in responding to the proposed Purple Line project; and 3) a rainy day fund to respond to future emergencies or special contingencies. The Town Council will consider the results of the forums to help guide development of the FY15 budget.

Public Tree Plantings

In late March, the Town arborist inspected and flagged various locations throughout Town for public tree planting. In addition to planting new street trees at the request of residents, the Town also inspects all rights-of-way and public spaces to determine where the planting of trees will enhance the Town's tree canopy and beautification efforts. Planting will occur in mid-April. The Town assumes responsibility for watering, mulching, pruning, and pest management services. Residents are reminded not to disturb the trees once they have been planted, as they will remain fragile for several months.

CRIMEWATCH

3/20/14 Two men attempted to enter a home in the 4200 block of East West Highway. One of the suspects was apprehended and the other fled into downtown Bethesda.

Please report all suspicious activity and crimes to the Montgomery County police at the non-emergency number 301-279-8000. For emergencies or crimes in process, call 911. Also, report incidents to the Town staff at 301-654-7144 so that we can post the incidents on the Town website.

Protect Our Pets and Children and Butterflies Too

Any weed control products (unless specified otherwise) are pesticides and are often hidden in fertilizers. The Town has asked that these products not be used on public rights of way in our town. Public rights of way are the strips between sidewalks and the street and up to four feet on the house side of the sidewalk. Remember that EPA terms all pesticides as poisons, most of which are not approved but only registered by the government. The Town does not use pesticides and herbicides on our parks; please help us continue this practice by abstaining from their use on public rights of way as well.

Town Events

Our Town, Our Water

Sunday, April 13, 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the Town Hall

Are you concerned about what is in our tap water? Do you want to learn how you can help protect this precious resource? Then join us for a film and expert panel discussion on how water and our Potomac River impact our lives and how we can be better stewards of our Earth.

A short film on the Potomac River will introduce facts, along with beautiful photography, of this dynamic and life giving source of our town's drinking water. Town residents *Stephanie Flack*, the Potomac River Project Director for The Nature Conservancy; *Sandy Burk*, the Outreach Director for Potomac Riverkeepers; and *Jerry Martin*, an international agricultural specialist with Development Alternatives Inc., will participate in a panel discussion following the film

This presentation is part of the continuing series of **Green Socials** presented by the **Climate and Environment Committee**. The program will start promptly at 7pm, but come by a half-hour earlier for refreshments and a chance to meet neighbors. Please RSVP to the Town Office (301-654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org) so we will know how many to expect.

Play Date in the Park

Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m., Lawton Center Playgrounds

Town toddlers, preschoolers and their families are welcome for a morning of play. We will provide juice boxes, coffee and bagels. Families with infants and all older siblings are welcome. Please RSVP to the Town Office at townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or 301-654-7144.

Town Bake Off

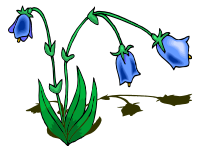
Sunday, April 27, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Town Hall



Join us to meet your neighbors at the Fifth Annual Town of Chevy Chase Bake-Off. All are welcome! This year the bake-off will be for **Sweets Made With Fruit** and will be judged by **The Fresh Baguette** (www.freshbaguette.net). Bakers should bring enough for at least 8 servings. Eaters should be ready to sample the delicious entries. Whether you will be a baker or an eater, you will need to RSVP to the Town Office at 301-654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org. If you have questions, contact Erin Kopelman at ekopelman@gmail.com.

Calling all Gardeners!

With the arrival of Spring, we know you are eager to get back in your gardens. Hopefully, you find that your plantings not only survived the long cold winter, but have benefited from all the moisture from the melting snow and ice. This just might be the year that you will decide to include your garden on the Town garden tour "Through the Garden Gate." If you have questions or would like your garden to be considered for the tour on Sunday, May 18, just email the Town Office at townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or call 301-654-7144.



Throw a Block Party!

As the weather gets warmer, the Town would like to encourage residents to meet and socialize, and a great way to do this is to hold a block party. Many blocks in the neighborhood already organize annual parties—some for many years now—and report great turnouts and lots of fun. The Town will help with your party. We will provide and deliver road closure equipment and several folding tables, and we will reimburse up to \$150 to offset some of the cost. All you need to do is get 60% of the residents on the block to approve the road closure (gathering signatures is another great way to chat with the neighbors) and organize the food, drink and entertainment.

Who Represents You?

Come Find Out At County Candidates' Forums, Starting April 30 in Town



The 2014 primary elections for Montgomery County offices may not seem of primary concern to you—right now. But winners in contested party primaries often go on to win in the general elections. And elected County officials go on to enact legislation that strikes very close to home: zoning, building development, master plans, as well as funding for schools, libraries, parks and transportation.

Become informed at three nonpartisan forums cosponsored by a dozen neighboring communities. Decide which candidates for County Council and County Executive would represent you best, then vote in the primaries on June 24 before choices are narrowed in the fall general elections. Early primary voting takes place June 12 to 19.

Save the dates:

- **Wednesday, April 30, 7 p.m.** **Roger Berliner**, District 1 County Councilmember and a Bethesda resident running for a third term, will face Democratic primary challenger **Duchy Trachtenberg**, a North Bethesda resident and former At-Large County Councilmember. Republican **Jim Kirkland**, running in the general election, will join them at this first forum in the Town Hall.
- **Wednesday, May 21, 7 p.m.** All candidates for the **County Council's four at-large seats**, representing our district and the entire county, have been invited to participate in this forum in the auditorium at the National 4-H Center.
- **Sunday, June 8, 2 p.m.** All **County Executive** candidates will come together for a debate in the Jane E. Lawton Community Center Social Hall.

Town resident Charles Duffy, host of "Political Pulse" on Montgomery Municipal Cable TV, will moderate, focusing on issues of primary concern to our communities.

Cosponsors include Chevy Chase View, Chevy Chase Village, Chevy Chase West, Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights, East Bethesda, Edgemoor Citizens Association, Garrett Park, Rollingwood Citizens Association, Somerset, Town of Chevy Chase, Village of Chevy Chase Section 3, Village of Chevy Chase Section 5, Village of Martin's Additions, Village of North Chevy Chase.

District 1 Candidates Speak Out

District 1 County Council contenders were asked why residents should vote for them. Here's what they said. Hear more when they appear in Town on April 30.

Democrats running in the June primaries for a place on the fall ballot:

Roger Berliner

"I produce positive results – making Pepco better, passing landmark environmental legislation; I bring a balanced approach to development – protecting the environment in Clarksburg, creating a vibrant urban node in White Flint, honoring the character of Chevy Chase; leading our county to expand transit options. Civil. Thoughtful. Consensus Builder."

Duchy Trachtenberg

"The people I've met in District 1 believe deeply in Montgomery County's promise but understand a leader is needed in Rockville – a fighter who protects our quality of life and helps plan for our future. They are tired of back-room deals and want a councilmember with integrity and a heart."

Republican candidate in the fall election:

Jim Kirkland

"Montgomery County is becoming a Sterile Nerd-Zone where an intolerant class of upscale elitists is demanding that everybody else become just like them. The charm and variety of vintage neighborhoods is being eroded by the white concrete glare of new McMansions sitting on denuded lots."

Around and About Chevy Chase

Lawton Center Spring Fest - Please Save the Date!

Come enjoy light refreshments, carnival games, inflatables, an egg hunt, music and more at [Spring Fest 2014!](#) The event will take place at the Jane E. Lawton Community Center, [Saturday, May 17](#) from 1 to 3 p.m. Bring the family for FREE fun.

CHEVY CHASE AT HOME CELEBRATES SPRING WITH APRIL PROGRAMS

"More Than Pampering, More Than Relaxation: Therapeutic Massage as Medicine" will be the topic of our [Meet & Mingle](#) program on [Tuesday, April 1](#) from 2 to 4 p.m. in the [Chevy Chase Village Hall](#). Mitch Markowitz, of Family & Nursing Care, and a massage therapist will be on hand to provide a demonstration and discuss the many benefits of therapeutic massage.

On [Tuesday, April 22](#) at 7:30 p.m. in the Chevy Chase Village Hall, there will be an evening Program on "Long Distance Care Giving and Other Dilemmas for Families." Our speaker, Barbara Kane, LCSW-C, Co-Founder and Director of Aging Network Services, is a pioneer in the field of Geriatric Care Management.

This month's [Brunch Bunch](#) will be held on [Thursday, April 10](#), from 10 to 11:30 a.m., at the Olympia Coffee Shoppe in the Brookville Road Shopping Center. Drop in, buy a cup of coffee or even breakfast, and join the CC@ H table for some lively conversation.

On Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., and Fridays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., we offer [Gentle Seated Pilates](#) classes for a modest fee at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church, 7001 Connecticut Avenue. Call the CC@ H office at 301-657-3115 to register.

We also sponsor [Walking Groups](#) on Friday mornings at 10 a.m., for CC@ H Members, Volunteers, and Friends of CC@ H. Registration is required (301-657-3115). And [Knitting Circles](#) are now meeting on alternate Monday and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. Contact info@chevyCHASEathome.org for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: [Saturday, May 17](#) from 1 to 5 p.m. Experts from Sloans & Kenyon will give verbal appraisals of three of your treasured objects at "What's It Worth?", CC@ H's first fund-raising event. Register now online at www.chevyCHASEathome.org to join the fun!

Events at the Chevy Chase Library

8005 Connecticut Avenue

*Sponsored by the Friends of the Library Chevy Chase

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| Children's Events | Saturday, April 5, 10:30 a.m.
Let's Play Some Music with Miss Julie |
| Adult Events | Saturday, April 5, 1 p.m.
Foreign Film - The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel |
| Non-Fiction Book Discussion | Wednesday, April 9, 2 p.m.
The Road Less Traveled: A New Psychology of Love, Traditional Values and Spiritual Growth by M. Scott Peck |
| Teen Book Club | Saturday, April 12, 12 p.m.
Looking for Alaska by John Green |
| Jefferson Café | Friday, April 18, 10:30 a.m.
This month's articles are on death. |
| Fiction Book Discussion | Wednesday, April 23, 2:30 p.m.
Digging to America: A novel by Anne Tyler |

For a complete listing, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/libraries.

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Al Lang, Secretary

David Lublin, Treasurer

John Bickerman, Community Liaison

Maryland Resident Tax Return 2013 - Form 502

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). This will ensure that a portion of your tax dollars will return to the Town so that the Town can continue to provide exceptional municipal services. Do not assume that people at the state level understand the different municipalities that share the 20815 zip code.

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