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NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE

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Al Lang, Kathy Strom and Vicky Taplin Elected to Serve on the Town Council

A record 889 residents voted in the 2014 Town Council election. Al Lang, Kathy Strom and Vicky Taplin were elected to serve on the Council for two year terms. At the May Council meeting, officers were selected for the coming year. Kathy Strom will serve as Mayor, Pat Burda as Vice Mayor, Al Lang as Secretary, Vicky Taplin as Treasurer and John Bickerman as Community Liaison.

We extend special thanks to Town Election Board members Ed Finn, Anthula Gross and Steve Lawton for overseeing the election, and to Town Ethics Commission members Scott Fosler, Barry Hager, Doug Lowenstein and for reviewing required financial disclosure forms.

Town and MCPS Discuss Plans For Portable Classroom at CCES

After learning of plans by Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) to install two portable classrooms at Chevy Chase Elementary School (CCES) this summer, the Town reached out to MCPS officials to offer feedback and work out a mutually-agreeable alternative. Recently, the Town and MCPS agreed to a plan to install one portable classroom at CCES and to remove it after three years.

In several meetings with MCPS representatives, the Town noted the impacts on recreational space and the playing field at CCES, and the existence of an agreement between the Town, the school and the state that ensures that this open space will not be converted to any other use. The Town also noted other concerns, including the common perception that portable classrooms often become permanent structures. MCPS officials were very receptive to the Town's concerns and explained the need for additional classroom space at CCES given projected enrollment numbers. They also explained that the portable classrooms were only necessary as a short-term solution while a new middle school is under construction.

Following these conversations, MCPS agreed to installation of only one portable classroom at CCES, along with confirmation of the plan to remove it after three years. MCPS also will continue to monitor student enrollment. The school system will now seek the appropriate approvals and permits to construct the portable classroom this summer.

The Town is very grateful for MCPS's willingness to work with us to develop a plan that addresses both the interests of the Town and the needs of the school, as well as our collective interest in preserving open space.

Mayor's Message

Kathy Strom

At the May Council meeting, I had the honor of being elected to serve as mayor of the Town for the coming year. I want to thank my colleagues for their trust and the opportunity to serve our community in this capacity again. And I want to thank everyone who participated in the recent election, including all the candidates, voters and volunteers, with a special thanks to the members of the Town's Election Board and Ethics Commission who ensured a smooth and successful electoral process.

This summer the Town will seek and appoint volunteers to its five standing citizen committees (my letter asking for your involvement is included in this issue of the Forecast). The Town Council joins me in encouraging you to share your time and talents to assist the Council in governing the Town. In addition to ensuring excellent public services, Town committees are critical in helping to protect the Town's natural environment, planning and organizing our many special events, enhancing communications and advocating for the Town regarding developments on our borders. Involvement and participation in Town affairs by so many of our neighbors play a critical role in making sure we can achieve our common goals for our community.

Thank you very much for your trust and the opportunity to work with you as your mayor this year. I look forward to seeing and hearing from you in the months ahead.



JUNE

Tuesday, June 3 - Mitigation Advisory Group, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 4 - Block Captains Meeting, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 5 - Community Relations Committee, 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 7 - Breakfast with the Arborist, 9 a.m.

Saturday, June 7 - Electric Cars and No Cars, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, June 10 - Climate and Environment Committee, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 11 - Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 12 - Public Services Committee, 7 p.m.

Monday, June 16 - Long Range Planning Committee, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 17 - Land Use Committee, 7 p.m.

Facebook and Twitter -- Coming Soon!

At the May 14 Council Meeting, the Community Relations Committee presented a proposal for the Town to use Facebook and Twitter. These two social media applications will provide the Town with additional ways to connect with residents with important notices, news items, meeting dates and special events. The Council has asked members of the Committee and Town staff to look into options concerning public postings and privacy settings before these communication tools are launched. These issues will be discussed by the Council at its June 11 meeting. Specific information on how to connect with the Town using Facebook and Twitter will be available in the July Forecast.

June 2014

Dear Neighbor:

Each year in June, the Town Council begins the process of seeking volunteers for the Town's committees and filling vacancies on Town boards and committees for the coming year. The Council encourages you to consider volunteering for a committee or board so we can involve as many residents as possible in Town affairs.

In July, I will appoint, with the advice of the Town Council, residents to serve on each of the following Town committees for a period of one year beginning in September. Following is a list of the committees, including a short description of each:

- **Climate and Environment:** Inspires and facilitates energy conservation and environmental stewardship by the Town and its residents.
- **Community Relations:** Encourages a strong sense of neighborliness through community activities and communications.
- **Land Use:** Guides building and redevelopment within the Town through the use of available planning tools.
- **Long-Range Planning:** Identifies emerging issues that require longer-term planning and analysis.
- **Public Services:** Advocates high-quality Town services for our residents.

I also will appoint two residents to serve on the Town's Tree Ordinance Board, one resident to serve on the Town's Water Board and one resident to serve on the Town's Election Board. The Tree Ordinance Board hears requests by property owners who have had a tree permit denied by the Town. The Water Board hears requests by property owners who have had a water drainage plan denied by the Town. The Election Board oversees all Town elections, including, but not limited to, making appropriate provisions for nominations, printing ballots, appointing tellers and/or judges and supervising the polls.

If you are interested in volunteering, please submit a brief note expressing your interest to the Town Office by June 30, 2014. Your correspondence may be submitted in person, by mail or by e-mail to townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org and should include your name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and a few sentences about why you would like to serve on a specific committee or board. Please indicate if there are alternate committees on which you are interested in serving.

The Council would like to extend a special thanks to all of you who served on a committee or board during the past year. The dedication of your time and talents is an invaluable resource to the Town and continues to strengthen and improve our community.

Sincerely,



Kathy Strom
Mayor

Town Events

Breakfast with the Arborist Saturday, June 7, 9 a.m., Town Hall

You are invited to meet at the Town Office for breakfast followed by a walk through our neighborhood with Town arborist Tolbert Feather. Tolbert will offer some guidelines for pruning overgrown vegetation and trees, and he will be happy to answer your questions. Please RSVP to the Town Office at 301-654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org by June 5.

Electric Cars and No Cars: Options Here and Now Saturday, June 7, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Town Hall

Come listen to several neighbors discuss how they propel themselves with electrons instead of gas. How much do these cars cost? How much can you save on fuel? What are they really like to drive? At the Town Hall will be a Tesla, a Chevy Volt, a Ford C Max and a Nissan Leaf. We will also hear from NRG, a major provider of electricity, which is fast building up a series of fueling stations where owners can “fill” their battery when not at home. We will also have a presentation from Car2Go, which has a large number of Smart Cars in NW Washington, where residents can gain access to a car when they need one, but without the cost of ownership. And we will have information on the rapidly expanding Bikeshare program. A brief panel discussion will be followed by an informal gathering at the cars themselves, to let the owners explain their experiences, and to talk more with NRG and Car2Go. Please RSVP to the Town Office at townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or 301-654-7144. Light refreshments will be served.

Town Updates

CRIMEWATCH

5/1/2014

Resident at 4408 Walsh reported that her roommate’s car window was broken.

Resident at 4410 Stanford Street reported that her rear car window was broken last night.

Please report all crimes to the 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 we can include them in CRIMEWATCH. 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.

Public Health Reminder - Climate and Environment Committee

The Town continues to remind residents that children and pets and butterflies are so important to us that we do not want to harm them by the use of toxic chemicals on our lands. Please remind your landscapers-and even yourselves-that weed control products should not be used on our public rights of way. As a Town, we take this practice seriously. As a resident who hires landscapers you should be aware of your contract with them and the regulations of the state pertaining to the Pesticide Applicator’s Law. Please continue to enjoy our pesticide free public parks and rights of way as we also acknowledge the health of others.

Receive Weather Alerts and Timely Messages

To receive weather alerts and other timely messages from the Town, we encourage you to join the 970 residents who have signed up to receive Town Crier emails. Just visit the Town website (www.townofchevy Chase.org) and follow the prompts to sign up. For those who would like to be notified by voice messaging, please sign up for Alert TOCC on the website or call the Town Office at 301-654-7144.

Town of Chevy Chase Independence Day Picnic & Parade



Friday the 4th, 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

*Lawton Center Grounds

*Please note change of venue.

RSVP by June 27, 301-654-7144

townoffice@townofchevychase.org

[Please RSVP to attend this event!](#)



GET IN THE SPIRIT & DECORATE!

The Town will provide flags for residents to display in their yards. The flags will be available in the Town Office beginning June 15. If it's difficult for you to stop by the office during office hours, just give us a call at 301-654-7144 or e-mail townoffice@townofchevychase.org and we will deliver a flag to you.

CELEBRATE ON THE FOURTH

12 p.m. Parade

The parade will begin at 12 p.m. Come to the Lawton Center grounds at 11:30 a.m. to decorate your bikes, scooters, wagons, and baby carriages. The Town will provide decorating supplies.

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Picnic

Town residents will be treated to barbeque catered by *Red, Hot & Blue* and the famous *Ben and Jerry's* ice cream truck. Vegetarian options available upon request. Bring your appetite and picnic blanket!

12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m. Music and Games

We will have music and games for young and old alike!

READING THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

The reading of the Declaration of Independence at this event has become a tradition. We encourage readers of all ages to take part. If you would like to volunteer to read a few lines, please contact Beth Kevles at bethkevles@gmail.com or 301-654-3388.

A Red, White, Blue, (& Green) Independence Day!

The Town will recycle and compost as much as we can. All picnic tableware and utensils will be compostable, so look out for the specially marked bins.



Who Represents You?

County Executive Candidates Debate
Sunday, June 8, 2 p.m., at 4-H Center

The future of Montgomery County and down-county...Priorities for the county's nearly \$5 billion budget...Bringing business to the county and increasing revenues from development. Hear what all the candidates for Montgomery County's chief executive office have to say about where the county has been and where it's headed in the hotly contested County Executive race. Incumbent Ike Leggett, Democratic primary challengers Phil Andrews and Doug Duncan, along with Republican candidate Jim Shalleck will be there.

Decide which candidate 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.

County Executive Candidates Speak Out

Phil Andrews

Not only do I have 16 years of experience on the County Council, including serving as president, I have the independence from special interest groups that others lack. I don't accept campaign funds from PACs, developers, unions or corporations because the County Executive negotiates with those groups on taxpayers' behalf.

Doug Duncan

Doug Duncan is running to ensure our future is brighter than our past. Bringing stronger, hands-on leadership to get things done, he has a plan to grow jobs, growing the tax base and lessening your tax burden. If you want responsible, effective leadership, vote Doug Duncan for Montgomery County Executive.

Ike Leggett

I made difficult choices when the County faced economic hardship. Today, those decisions are paying off; I will continue to make substantial investments in schools, attract jobs and move transportation forward enhancing our quality of life. I will continue to work tirelessly to ensure a better County in the future.

Jim Shalleck

My first priority is public safety. Keeping our children safe in school and residents safe from violence. As a former state and federal prosecutor who prosecuted the "Son of Sam" killer for three murders, I have seen what evil can do. Nothing is more important than a safe county.

Around and About Chevy Chase

ENJOY JUNE WITH CHEVY CHASE AT HOME

On **Tuesday, June 3** from 2 to 4 p.m. at Chevy Chase Village Hall, CC@ H's Meet & Mingle will feature a talk by **Mary Kate Cary**, a former White House speechwriter for President George H. W. Bush and contributing editor at U.S. News & World Report.

Babby Landon, a Licensed Loan Officer (and daughter of a CC@ H Member) will be at the Chevy Chase Village Hall on **Tuesday, June 17**, from 2 to 4 p.m. to discuss "**Reverse Mortgages: What You Need to Know**". Refreshments will be served at both M&M programs.

Brunch Bunch holds its monthly get-together on **Thursday, June 12**, at the Olympia Cafe on Brookville Road from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Drop by, order a cup of coffee, and join the conversation.

Pilates classes continue on Wednesday mornings (10:30 to 11:30) and Friday afternoons (2:30 to 3:30) at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church, 7001 Connecticut Avenue. And the Walking Club for Members, Friends of CC@ H, and Volunteers meets at 10 a.m. on Friday mornings in front of the Brookville Market.

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Al Lang, Secretary

Vicky Taplin, Treasurer

John Bickerman, Community Liaison

A Message from Pat Burda

Serving as your mayor for the past two years has been an honor. It was a challenging time, no doubt, but we accomplished a great deal, for which we can all be proud.

I want to express my thanks to all of the residents who have served on the Town's boards, committees and commissions. You have had a tremendous impact on the governance of the Town and, without you, we would not be able to offer so many new and innovative programs and services. I also want to thank David Lublin for his service on the Town Council. David was a dedicated and hard-working Councilmember, and he contributed a great deal to improving the Town during his 6 years of public service, including as Mayor and Treasurer.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your mayor. I look forward to continuing to serve on the Council in the coming year.

Volunteer 2014 - 2015

The Council encourages you to consider volunteering to serve on a Town committee in 2014-2015. Included in this issue is a letter from Mayor Kathy Strom to each Town resident that includes a short description of each of the committees and an explanation about how to submit your name for consideration. If you would like additional information, please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144.

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