



# Forecast

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Happy Halloween!

## Consulting Water Management Program

Due to renewed interest among Town residents, the Town Council has reinstated the Consulting Water Management Program, which offers residents the opportunity to obtain professional recommendations on improving water management on their property. The program originally was offered by the Town between 2009 and 2011, during which time 42 residents participated.

Under the program, a resident may request a water drainage review by the Town's consulting engineer. After visiting the property, the engineer will provide a written report to the resident with recommendations on improving water drainage and runoff. The recommendations will not be mandatory for implementation by the resident, in whole or in part, and the Town will not be liable for any results, positive or negative, if implemented. This service is offered to residents one time each year and is not provided to assist with water management related to new construction, which is regulated by the Town's Water Drainage Ordinance. The service does not include developing engineering plans to address water drainage or runoff problems. Neither the engineer nor the Town will address issues relating to water coming from a neighboring property if such problems cannot be ameliorated within the requestor's property.

The Town Council has approved a budget of \$5,000 for this program for the remainder of this fiscal year. To sign up, residents should complete a registration form, available in the Town Office and on the Town website ([www.townofchevychase.org](http://www.townofchevychase.org)). Please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144 for more information.

## Public Hearing Scheduled on October 8

### CCES PTA Contribution Request

At its **October 8** meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on a request from the Chevy Chase Elementary School PTA for a \$1,195 contribution to subsidize the cost of children's activities at the school's fall festival on October 26. This request is being considered outside of normal Town procedures for contribution requests given the time-sensitivity of the request.

A copy of the PTA's request is posted on the Town's website for public review.

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# Mayor's Message

Kathy Strom

As many of you know, the Town has been working closely this year with the firm of Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, and its partners, to articulate and advance our concerns related to the proposed Purple Line light rail project. I want to take this opportunity to update you on the types of activities that we have engaged in with their assistance and strategic counsel.

Over the past six months, we have worked to educate decision makers on the flaws of the Purple Line project – including spiraling costs, weak ridership data, and potential environmental harms. Meeting with Congressional members and staff, we have sought to educate them on the local and regional impacts of the Purple Line, as well as overall project flaws. We also have met with federal agency officials to raise awareness of the issues that are relevant to the comparative evaluation of projects competing for scarce transportation dollars. And we have made our concerns known and understood by various media who are following the project.

We believe that these efforts have been both informative and productive, and we look forward to continuing this work with the firm and their partners over the coming months.



## October

Wednesday, October 8 – Town Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 9 - Flu Clinic, 4 - 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 9 - Community Relations Committee, 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 9 - Public Services Committee, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 14 - Climate and Environment Committee Event, 7 - 9 p.m.

Wednesday, October 15 - Leaf Vacuuming Begins

Saturday, October 18 - Breakfast and a Walk with the Town Arborist, 9 a.m.

Sunday, October 19 - Fall Fete, 5 - 7 p.m.

.Monday, October 20- Long Range Planning Committee, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 21 - Land Use Committee, 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 23 - Discussions and Desserts, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 25 - Play Date in the Park, 9 a.m.

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## Sign-Up for the Flu Clinic - MedStar Visiting Nurses

Thursday, October 9, 4 – 7 p.m., Town Hall

- Shots will be administered to anyone nine years of age and up.
- The cost without Medicare Part B is \$30.
- Pneumococcal vaccine (\$90) is recommended for all adults 65 years of age & older.
- There is no charge if you have Medicare Part B and are not part of a HMO.
- We accept cash and checks. Checks should be made payable to MedStar VNA.
- Mist (nasal spray) is available for healthy people ages 9 through 49 and not pregnant.
- A "high-dose" inactivated vaccine (\$55) is available for persons 65 years of age and older.

Please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144 by Friday, October 3 to sign up for the program.  
**You must sign up to receive a flu shot or pneumonia vaccine.**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Breakfast and a Walk with the Town Arborist

Saturday, October 18 - 9 a.m., Town Hall



Join residents of all ages at the Town Hall for breakfast with Dr. Tolbert Feather, the Town arborist, followed by his annual walk and talk through the Town. This event gives residents the opportunity to learn more about the Town's tree canopy. Come loaded with questions! Please RSVP to the Town Office at [townoffice@townofchevychase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevychase.org) or 301-654-7144.

## Fall Fete: Good Eats on Town Streets on October 19

Sunday, October 19, 5 - 7 p.m., Town Hall

Find the details of this event on page 8. We encourage you to join us for a fun afternoon!

## Discussion & Desserts: The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria

Thursday, October 23, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

Join Aki Peritz, Town resident and coauthor of "Find, Fix, Finish: Inside the Counterterrorism Campaigns that Killed bin Laden & Devastated al Qaeda" for a discussion and desserts in the Town Hall on **Thursday, October 23 at 7:30 p.m.** Since earlier this summer, the terrorist group "The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria" (ISIS) has made a lightning advance across much of Iraq and now controls an area the size of Great Britain. Where did ISIS come from, what does it wish to achieve -- and should we be concerned? Please RSVP to the Town Office at [townoffice@townofchevychase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevychase.org) or 301-654-7144.

## Play Date in the Park

Saturday, October 25, 9 a.m., Lawton Center Playground

Town toddlers, preschoolers and their families are welcome for a morning of play beginning at 9 a.m. at the Lawton Center playground. We will provide juice boxes, coffee and bagels. Families with infants and older siblings are welcome. Please RSVP to the Town Office at 301-654-7144 or by email at [townoffice@townofchevychase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevychase.org).

## Friday Flicks are Back!

November launches the return of movie nights in the Town Hall.

**For adults**, our wine, cheese and movies begin on **Friday, November 7** with *Harvard Beats Yale 29-29*, a documentary film of the November 23, 1968 game between these two undefeated Ivy League teams. Brian Dowling, Yale's starting quarterback in the film, served as the inspiration for B.D. in Gary Trudeau's Doonesbury cartoon. Cast includes a young Tommy Lee Jones who played football for Harvard. Documentaries will continue through March on the first Friday of each month. Town Hall doors open at 7:30 p.m.



**For kids**, our pizza, popcorn and movies begin on **Friday, November 14** with *Free Bird*, a story about turkeys going back in time to rewrite the menu for Thanksgiving -- a seasonal theme for the November screening. Movies for children will continue through March on the second Friday of each month. Showtime is 6 p.m.

## Nutcracker at Round House Theatre

Sunday, December 7 - 3 p.m., Round House Theatre

Round House Theatre is putting on an updated musical version of the Nutcracker. It is a charmingly heartfelt and amusing story, great for a family outing, and fun for all ages. The performance is **Sunday, December 7, 3 pm**. We'll gather in the patron's lounge at the theater before the show for distribution of the tickets. After the show, you are invited to a private reception with members of the theater's production team. The price of tickets is \$30. For seniors 65 and over and for those 30 and under, a discounted price of \$20 is available. Call the Town Office at 301-654-7144 for more details.

# Town Updates

## Crimewatch

The following crimes were reported to the Town Office in September:

9/1/2014

A resident in the 4300 block of Stanford Street reported that a bike was stolen from an unlocked garage.

### 2015-2016 Resident Directory Planned

The Town is preparing to update the Resident Directory for the 2015-2016 calendar years. We will mail authorization cards during the second week of October. These cards need to be returned by mail or dropped off at the Town Office by **Friday, November 28** in order for you to be included in the directory. Please feel free to include partial information if you are uncomfortable listing all of your contact information in the directory. The Resident Directory is only made available to Town residents. The Town does not sell or make the directory available to non-residents or any other third party.

The Resident Directory is a great resource to connect with your neighbors and learn more about Town services. The Town cannot include residents in the directory without express authorization from them. We are hoping that this year's directory will be the most complete and comprehensive edition that we have ever published; however, without your authorization you cannot be included. It is very important that you return the card that authorizes your inclusion.

### Fall Tree Plantings

The Town is preparing its fall tree planting list. If you would like a street tree planted adjacent to your property, or if you would like a canopy tree planted on your property (as part of the Native Canopy Tree Planting Program), please contact the Town Office at [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org) by **Monday, October 10**.

### Leaf Collection

Leaf vacuuming will begin **Wednesday, October 15** and will continue through the second week of December. Please rake leaves to the edge of the curb to be vacuumed. Leaves must be free of debris such as sticks, bottles, cans and rocks. A map of the leaf collection schedule can be found on the Town's website.

### Street Repaving

The Town will be repaving the following streets as part of its street maintenance program: Ridge Street; Stanford Street, west of Maple; West Avenue; 44<sup>th</sup> Street; 45<sup>th</sup> Street, Willow Lane, east of 44<sup>th</sup> Street; and Leland Street, west of Curtis Road. "No Parking" signs will be posted in advance of the work.

### Zimmerman Park Improvements

This fall, drainage and landscaping improvements will be made to Zimmerman Park. This work includes installation of several rain gardens and drainage inlets.

### Permit Parking Renewal Reminder

For those residents living on streets with permit parking, this is a reminder that it is time to renew your permits. Please fill out the renewal form you received in the mail and return it to the Town Office.

## Doggie Do and Doggie Don't



The Town Office has received calls from residents requesting that we remind dog owners that when they are walking their pets through Town, they should not dispose of bags of dog waste in recycling bins or in bags of lawn debris. Also, please do not discard bags of dog waste behind the Lawton Center. The County will impose a fine on any person who litters the grounds of the Center. Thanks for your cooperation in addressing this issue.

# Committee Corner

## Land Use Committee Volunteer Writers Sought

The Land Use Committee is seeking volunteer writers to assist with editing informational flyers that will provide information about building topics in the Town. Please call the Town office or email [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org) if you would like to help out.

## Long Range Planning Committee Plan to Urbanize Bethesda Moves Ahead Rapidly

The county planning department is scheduled to present preliminary recommendations for a new Bethesda sector plan by mid-November. From all indications, developers are seeking a fast-track plan to expand development in downtown Bethesda and in areas adjacent to the Town than is permitted under the current plan.

The county's policy to locate growth and development near major transit stops makes sense, but the impact of this growth on infrastructure has not been adequately addressed. Excellent schools, parks, public transportation, pedestrian safety, and roadways have long been the foundation of Montgomery County's high quality of life.

*It is important that county planning officials and our elected representatives hear your views on what should and should not be included in the Bethesda sector plan.*

At risk in the new plan is the fate of one critical asset to the Town -- the buffer zone created by the parking lots separating our neighborhood from development along Wisconsin Avenue. County plans call for substantially diminishing these parking lots and replacing them with large "transitional" buildings. Only a narrow "Eastern Greenway" would remain.

A sense of how building development affects the adjacent neighborhood can be seen in the two large buildings nearing completion across from Barnes and Noble. Formerly, parking lots buffered the adjacent single-family homes of the Sacks community from this commercial area.

To increase county awareness of these concerns, the Town has joined a coalition of 18 residential communities surrounding Bethesda. That group has written to and met with county planning officials (see letter to Planning Board chair on the Town's website) and has asked, for example, that the new plan take into account the impact on schools, traffic and parks of the increased residential density proposed both in the plan and in nearby communities. Separately, the Town has retained legal counsel to work with us to help protect our buffer areas and is following, through the Long Range Planning Committee, developments related to the downtown plan.

*Our elected representatives need to hear from you.* Every voice counts as the sector plan takes shape. Write to:

County Planning Board Chair Casey Anderson	<a href="mailto:MCP-Chair@mncppc-mc.org">MCP-Chair@mncppc-mc.org</a>
County Council President Craig Rice	<a href="mailto:Councilmember.Rice@montgomerycountymd.gov">Councilmember.Rice@montgomerycountymd.gov</a>
County Council Representative Roger Berliner	<a href="mailto:Councilmember.Berliner@montgomerycountymd.gov">Councilmember.Berliner@montgomerycountymd.gov</a>

## Committees and Boards

In an effort to provide timely information about the work of the committees and boards, the Town posts the agendas and minutes of all of the Town's standing committees and boards on the Town website.

In addition to the Town's standing committees and boards, Town resident volunteers serve on the Purple Line Mitigation Advisory Group, the Power Reliability Task Force and the Tree Subcommittee and act as block captains for the Town's Neighborhood Watch Program. Town resident Rose Gutfeld lends her professional editorial talents to the Town by assisting with the newsletter each month. We are grateful for the hard work and contributions of all of our volunteers.

# Committee and Board Members 2014 - 2015

## Climate and Environment Committee

Vicky Taplin, Council Liaison

- Julia Craighill, Co-Chair
- Christine Real de Azua, Co-Chair
- Matilde Farren
- Dr. Francis Kline
- John Kolakowski
- Harry Marshall
- Judy McGuire
- Marcie Meditch
- Julia Randall
- Kirk Renaud
- Barney Rush
- Stu Sessions
- Debbie Vollmer

## Community Relations Committee

John Bickerman, Council Liaison

- Bridget Hartman, Co-Chair
- Ann Wild, Co-Chair
- Jean Carlson
- Erin Kopelman
- Bob Lyford
- Aki Peritz
- Lorraine Rendleman
- Barbara Rose
- Loretta Sevier
- Julie Stanish

## Land Use Committee

Kathy Strom, Council Liaison

- Craig Brooks, Co-Chair
- Dedun Ingram, Co-Chair
- Tom Collins
- Dima Fayyad
- Kathy Flaxman
- Adam Goozh
- Sid Narang
- Cathy Wolf

## Long Range Planning Committee

Pat Burda, Council Liaison

- Tina Coplan, Co-Chair
- Steve Seidel, Co-Chair
- Linna Barnes
- John Beale
- Grant Davies
- Lou Evangelista
- Donald Farren
- Leslie Hill
- Mary Anne Hoffman
- Kathie Legg
- John Midlen
- John Murtagh
- Henry Smith
- David Valenstein

## Public Services Committee

Al Lang, Council Liaison

- David Eason, Chair
  - Michael Coplan
  - Dan Ericson
  - Mary Flynn
  - Mark Grannis
  - Sue Hill
  - Abigail Marshall
  - Ken Sager
  - Donna Worsham
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## Bethesda Fire Board

- Grant Davies

## Chevy Chase Fire Board

- John Barnes
- John Bird
- Haig Ellian

## Election Board

- Anthula Gross
- Steve Lawton
- Gloria Tristani

## Ethics Commission

- Scott Fosler
- Barry Hager
- Doug Lowenstein

## Police Advisory Board

- Dave Eason

## Tree Ordinance Board

- Melanie Choukas-Bradley
- Miriam Daniel
- Lees Hartman
- Coralee Hoffman
- Chris Wright

## Water Board

- Michael Guhin
- Douglas Lohmeyer, Civil Engineer
- Don MacGlashan

# Around Chevy Chase

## CC@ H To Hold Fourth Annual Open House Caroline Michaelis

Please join us on **Sunday, October 26** from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Woman's Club of Chevy Chase, for our fourth Annual Open House. This year's featured speaker will be Mark Kennedy Shriver, Senior Vice President of Strategic Initiatives for Save the Children and author of a recent memoir about his father, *A Good Man: Rediscovering My Father, Sargent Shriver*. Sargent Shriver was the first director of the Peace Corps and subsequently went on to a long and illustrious career in public service. After his presentation, "A Good Man: Faith, Hope and Love in Action," Mr. Shriver will autograph copies of the book, which will be on sale. The event is free, but space is limited, so registration is required at [www.chevyCHASEathome.org](http://www.chevyCHASEathome.org) or by calling 301-657-3115.

On **Tuesday, October 7** from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Village Hall, another in our new series of "Mini-Mingles" will offer a whole array of diverse activities, from tech help to discussing past or planned travel (a great opportunity to pick up tips from others). Come sample this exciting new concept!

Join the Brunch Bunch at the Olympia Cafe on Brookville Road on **Thursday, October 9** from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Just drop in, buy a cup of coffee, and join the CC@ H table -- it's fun, and there's plenty of free parking.

The renowned Brazilian acoustic guitarist Carlos Barbosa-Lima will conduct a Master Class with advanced students pre-selected by the International Conservatory of Music on **Sunday, October 19**. Watch this Master at work anytime from 1 to 4 p.m. at the CC Village Hall. The event is co-sponsored by the ICM, CC@ H, and Chevy Chase Village.

Attend the Fall Volunteer Training Session on **Thursday, October 16** from 4 to 6 p.m. Consider becoming one of CC@ H's award-winning volunteers now! For more information, go to [www.chevyCHASEathome.org](http://www.chevyCHASEathome.org) or call 301657-3115.

## General Election Early Voting

October 23 - 30, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Lawton Community Center

[www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org)

## October Events in Bethesda

**Taste of Bethesda, Saturday, October 11, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Woodmont Triangle**

Bethesda's famous food and music festival brings 60 restaurants and five stages of entertainment to Bethesda's Woodmont Triangle. Each year, more than 40,000 attendees sample the delicious restaurants, enjoy the live entertainment and visit the kid's corner for face painting and arts & crafts.

The annual Taste of Bethesda is held in conjunction with Best of Bethesda Day, which also features Come Back to Bethesda classic car show and Rescue Day.

**Bethesda Art Walk Takes Place on the Second Friday of Every Month from 6 to 9 p.m.**

Bethesda galleries showcase artwork created locally, nationally and internationally including painting, photography, sculpture and mixed media. Enjoy several galleries by walking throughout downtown Bethesda to learn more about the Bethesda arts scene and featured artists. The free Bethesda Circulator stops within a few blocks of each Bethesda Art Walk gallery, and runs continuously throughout the duration of the Art Walk.

## Town of Chevy Chase

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### TOWN COUNCIL

*Kathy Strom, Mayor*

*Patricia Burda, Mayor*

*Al Lang, Secretary*

*Vicky Taplin, Treasurer*

*John Bickerman, Community Liaison*

## Fall Fete: Good Eats on Town Streets on October 19

Sunday, October 19, 5 - 7 p.m., Town Hall

After an afternoon of Redskins football, post-season Nats/O's baseball or a stroll through the Bethesda Arts Festival, stop by the Lawton Center parking lot area for the Town's Fall Fete. On **Sunday, October 19** from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., come and purchase food from three of Montgomery County's most popular food trucks which will be parked on streets near the Town Hall. Residents can dine al fresco in the Leland Neighborhood Park, in the Town Hall or can carry out from Go Fish (crab cakes, lobster rolls and fish tacos and other delicious seafood fair), Cap Mac Classic (mac 'n' cheese and other gourmet pastas) or Los Lobos Burritos (authentic Northern Mexican burritos.) Drinks and desserts are compliments of the Town with the ever-popular Ben & Jerry's dishing up delicious ice cream for Town residents. The Grammy Foundation award-winning B-CC Jazz Band will provide lively background sounds.

RSVPs are important to ensure the vendors have enough good eats for all to enjoy. Please RSVP to the Town Office at [townoffice@townofchevychase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevychase.org) or 301-654-7144.

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## Upcoming Town Events Featured in This Issue

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