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NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE

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Public Hearings Scheduled for November 5

On **Wednesday, November 5 at 7:30 p.m.**, the Town Council will hold public hearings on four contribution requests, as outlined below. In accordance with Town procedures, these requests were heard and discussed by the Council at its October meeting, at which time the Council determined that each request meets the Town's contribution eligibility requirements and should be scheduled for a public hearing and Council action.

The requests are as follows. A full copy of each request is posted on the Town's website for public review.

- The Chevy Chase Elementary School PTA requests a contribution of \$9,000 to purchase six computers for the 6th Grade Arts Program.
- The Friends of the Capital Crescent Trail requests a contribution of \$25,388 for studies related to the impacts of the proposed Purple Line project.
- The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad requests a contribution of \$132,000 towards the purchase of an ambulance and other emergency medical and fire/rescue equipment.
- The Writer's Center requests a contribution of \$100,000 towards improvements to the facility on Walsh Street to make the Center handicapped-accessible.

If you cannot attend the November 5 public hearings, which begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall, you may submit comments on any of the contribution requests to the Town Office at 4301 Willow Lane or townoffice@townofchevyCHASE.org prior to the meeting.

Work Session on Bethesda Downtown Plan

On **Wednesday, November 5 at 6 p.m.**, the Town Council will hold a work session to discuss issues related to the Bethesda Downtown Plan, a twenty year land use plan for the Bethesda district. At this meeting, the Town Council will have an opportunity to learn more about the status of the plan's development and to discuss how best to engage in the process to advocate for the Town's interests. While residents will not be able to comment during this meeting, they are welcome to attend and listen.

Following the work session, the Town will schedule a public meeting on the sector plan. At this meeting, residents can learn more about the plan and comment on the Town's involvement in the process.

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Mayor's Message

Kathy Strom

I am grateful to be part of a caring community in the Town of Chevy Chase where we are able to enjoy many community events and interests together in the Town and also be part of a larger community where we participate in many activities and programs within Montgomery County.

As we approach our Thanksgiving holiday, it is gratifying to see how many in our local community contribute to others and reach out to help neighbors celebrate the harvest season. This year's 6th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Basket event, organized by the Community Relations Committee in conjunction with local school communities and the Lawton Center, promises to be a great success. Residents along with local school students will gather on **Saturday, November 22** from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at our Town Hall to put together baskets of Thanksgiving meals for families in Montgomery County.

Also, the Town's annual Winter Outerwear Clothing Drive begins on November 1. The coats collected will be donated to the Betty Ann Krahnke Center and Bethesda Cares. Participating in the coat drive (see page 8) helps our neighbors in the County.

Please join your neighbors in contributing your time, or making a donation, to help our neighbors. Have a wonderful holiday of giving and thanks.

Council Approves RainScapes Rebate and Technical Assistance Program

At its October meeting, the Town Council approved the Rainscapes Rebate and Technical Assistance Program. This program, proposed by the Town's Climate and Environment Committee, supplements Montgomery County's RainScapes Rewards Rebate Program and helps Town residents solve stormwater problems on private property.

The Montgomery County RainScapes program provides County property owners with technical assistance and financial incentives to implement landscape projects that reduce stormwater runoff and improve water quality on private property. Projects completed in conformity with RainScapes requirements are eligible for County rebates, up to a maximum of \$2,500. Even with the technical assistance provided by the County, many residents find the process to be complex and cost-prohibitive.

In order to help as many Town residents as possible realize their RainScapes projects, the Town Council has approved a two-part program. The first part will provide reimbursement (up to a maximum of \$1,000) for technical assistance to the homeowner in designing eligible landscaping projects, while the second part will provide a rebate equal to that provided by the County's RainScapes Rewards Rebate Program.

Details of the program are still being finalized and will be published in the December edition of the FORECAST.

Permit Parking in the Town

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 residents 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.



November

Wednesday, November 5 - Work Session, 6 p.m. and Public Hearings, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 6 - Community Relations Committee, 7 p.m.

Friday, November 7 - Grown-Ups at the Movies, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 8 - What's a Town Tweet? 2 p.m.

Tuesday, November 11 - Veteran's Day Holiday, Office Closed

Tuesday, November 11 - Climate and Environment Committee, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, November 12 - Town Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Thursday, November 13 - Public Services Committee, 7 p.m.

Friday, November 14 - Movie Night for Families, 6 p.m.

Monday, November 17 - Long Range Planning, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, November 18 - Land Use Committee, 7 p.m.

Saturday, November 22 - Thanksgiving Food Baskets Event, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28 - Thanksgiving Holiday, Office Closed

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday Flicks are Back!

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. Town Hall doors open at 7:30 p.m. Space is limited, so please RSVP to the Town Office at townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or 301-654-7144.



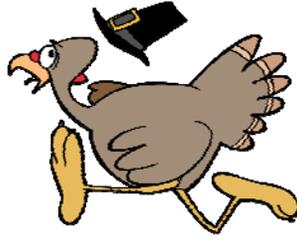
For kids, our pizza, popcorn and movies begin on **Friday, November 14** with *Free Bird*, a story about turkeys going back in time to rewrite the menu for Thanksgiving -- a seasonal theme for the November screening. Showtime is 6 p.m. Space is limited, so please RSVP to the Town Office at townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or 301-654-7144. Parents must accompany their children throughout the movie.

What's a Town Tweet?

Find out at the Town Hall on **Saturday, November 8** from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Have you been hearing about Tweets, hashtags, and selfies but not sure what the fuss is about? Pam Holland of Tech Moxie will give a practical demonstration and easy-to-understand explanation of the latest social media apps. Whether you are a newbie or looking for some helpful tips, learn how Twitter and Facebook are being used not only by the Town, but by family, friends and businesses to communicate. Find out how these popular technologies might be useful to you in day-to-day life and in emergencies. This hour-long presentation will be followed by ample time to have all your questions answered by Ms. Holland and to enjoy a seasonal cup of cider and ginger snaps.

Space is limited. Please RSVP to the Town Office by emailing townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or calling 301-654-7144.



6th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets

Sponsored by
Town of Chevy Chase
B-CC High School
Lawton Community Center

*Serving families in need
through the YMCA Linkages to Learning of Montgomery County*

Here's how you can help!

- **Drop off/mail a check payable to YMCA-YFS** starting November 1 through November 17 to the Town Hall (4301 Willow Lane, Chevy Chase, MD 20815), Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5 pm. All donations welcome!
 - \$25 purchases a turkey
 - \$50 purchases groceries
 - \$75 purchases an entire Thanksgiving dinner
- **Drop off/mail a gift food card** from Giant Food or Safeway to the Town Hall. All donations welcome!
- **Drop by the Town Hall on Saturday, November 22 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.** to decorate dinner baskets. All Town residents are welcome and will be put to work!
- **Can't get to the Town Hall or have questions?** Contact the Town's Committee Relations Committee, which is coordinating the Town efforts, by calling the Town Office at 301-654-7144 or Bridget Hartman (bridget@hartmanjr.net) or Georgia Guhin at gbguhin@gmail.com.

This year, Town residents will help 80 families in Montgomery County receive a bountiful Thanksgiving meal. Please support this community effort.



Town Updates

Holiday Trash Collection

Household and yard trash will be collected on **Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11**. Household trash will not be collected on **Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27**, but will be collected on your next regularly scheduled trash day.

Tree Plantings

In early November, the Town will plant 24 street trees in the right-of-way and 18 canopy trees on private property for residents who requested them.



Leaf Collection



Leaf collection has begun 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 website.

Lawn Fertilizer Blackout Dates

Remember to observe the new Maryland Lawn Fertilizer law, which took effect on October 1, 2013. The law prohibits the application of lawn fertilizer between November 15 and March 1 or when the ground is frozen. Lawn care professionals have until December 1 to apply fertilizer.

Follow the Town on Facebook and Twitter

Want to receive updates from the Town on Facebook and Twitter? “Like” the Town on Facebook at www.facebook.com/townofchevy Chase and follow the Town on Twitter @chevy chasetown. Links to the Town’s Facebook and Twitter pages can be found at the bottom of each page of the Town website (www.townofchevy Chase.org):



Sign-up To Receive Town Crier Alerts

Join the 950 residents who are receiving Town Crier alerts. Please visit the Town website and sign up today!

Town Teen List

We have received several additions to the Town Teen List. Please give us a call at 301-654-7144 or email townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org to request a copy of the updated list.

Dos and Don’ts

Once again, the Town Office has received calls from residents asking us to remind dog owners not to let their dogs defecate on private property other than their own. Please use the dogi-pots that are placed in various locations throughout the Town.



CRIMEWATCH

The following crimes were reported to the Town Office:

10/12/14

- In the 6700 block of Maple Avenue, a car was entered and ransacked.
- In the 7600 block of Lynn Drive, a car was entered and new license plates were stolen.

For emergencies or crimes in process, call 911. Please report all suspicious activity and crimes to the Montgomery County police at the non-emergency number 301-279-8000.

Committee Corner

Public Services Committee Street Lighting Improvements

In response to several complaints about dark areas in Town, the Public Services Committee (PSC) is undertaking a project to prioritize and recommend street lighting improvements throughout the Town.

In 2011, the Town Council approved a policy that outlines the process to be followed by the Town in considering requests for new street lights. Since that time, 23 new street lights have been requested and installed in Town, while three have been denied based on resident objections. Each request was subject to a public hearing before the Town Council.

In an effort to undertake a more comprehensive review of Town street lighting, the PSC is reviewing existing lighting data that was part of a street light evaluation performed in 2010. The PSC will identify the darkest areas in Town and submit requests for additional street lights to the Town Council. If the Council decides to move forward with considering these requests, it will notify residents of the proposed locations and schedule public hearings to allow residents to voice their support or disapproval of any request.

Residents may request street light additions or repairs at any time. Visit the “Make a Request” page of the Town website (you will be prompted to log in or create a username and password) or contact the Town office at 301-654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.

Climate and Environment Committee

Turn Your Leaves into Mulch

Do you know that every autumn most of us discard one of the best soil conditioners and fertilizers available? No need to blow away the most valuable source of nutrients for your lawn: keep them and turn them into mulch!

Fortunately, for more than ten years, almost all new lawnmowers sold are capable of mulching leaves. Blades on new mowers can easily shred leaves into small pieces, approximately one-tenth their original size. A once daunting layer of leaves will disappear into small pieces that worms and bacteria will help to decompose back to the soil.

If you don't want to mow on your own, ask a landscaper to “mulch-in-place” your leaves. You also can rake your leaves into ground cover or shrubbery, or into a pile in the back of your yard, where over time they will decompose into a rich compost on their own.

For more information and specific mowing instructions, read the guidelines from the MC Department of Environmental Protection's “Green Man,” available at <http://conversari.com/greenman.pdf>.

Join Your Neighbors on the Clean Energy Bandwagon Saturday, December 6 from 3 to 4:30 PM.

Our Town probably has more residential solar energy systems than any other community in Maryland! We also have several houses that are cooled and heated with geothermal energy. Those clean energy systems are saving their owners significant amounts of energy and money, while they quietly make the world a greener place. Come find out from a panel of your neighbors why they took the plunge, how it's working for them, and what the latest information is about renewable energy technologies and economics. Join the discussion on **Saturday, December 6 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.** in the Town Hall. After the discussion, we will answer your questions over cookies and cider, and help you determine whether your house might be a good candidate for solar or geothermal.

Around Chevy Chase

November News from Chevy Chase @ Home

Our **Mini-Mingle** this month will take place on **Friday, November 7** (not our usual Tuesday due to Election Day), at the Chevy Chase Village Hall from 2 to 4 pm. Since offerings may vary from month to month, it's best to check the website to learn about the latest additions to this smorgasbord of activities.

Brunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, November 13, at the Olympia Cafe on Brookville Road. All are welcome--buy a cup of coffee, pull up a chair, and join right in. It's lively and fun, and there's plenty of free parking.

The **Tuesday, November 18** M&M will feature a talk by Occupational Therapist Janet Platt on **Caring for Arthritic Hands**. She will discuss the challenges of coping with arthritis when hands are involved, and will share some of the proven ways of dealing with those challenges. Ms. Platt was Chief of Occupational Therapy at Georgetown University Hospital for 25 years before joining Sibley Memorial Hospital 18 years ago. Important information and refreshments will be provided at the CC Village Hall from 2 to 4 pm.

Chevy Chase Historical Society Fall Lecture

Town Resident Is Featured Speaker for November 23 Program "Rock Creek Park, Chevy Chase's Wild, Wooded Neighbor"

Town resident and naturalist Melanie Choukas-Bradley will share photographs and stories from her newest book, *A Year in Rock Creek Park: The Wild, Wooded Park of Washington, DC*, at the Chevy Chase Historical Society's fall lecture on **Sunday, November 23**, at 4 p.m. in the Jane E. Lawton Community Center. The community is invited to this free program.

Choukas-Bradley will describe the year she spent in Rock Creek Park, walking and skiing its trails, observing and recording natural events in all seasons and weather conditions. The Historical Society will set the stage for her presentation with the story of how influential Members of Congress in the late 1800s worked to establish Rock Creek Park at the same time they were dreaming up a new suburb called "Chevy Chase" outside Washington, DC.

Choukas-Bradley is the author of *City of Trees: The Complete Field Guide to the Trees of Washington, DC* and two natural history books about Sugarloaf Mountain. Copies of her newest book -- a coffee-table tome with evocative photographs by Susan Austin Roth -- will be available for sale and signing after the talk, in time for holiday gift-giving.

No reservations are necessary for the **Sunday, November 23** program, and refreshments will be served.

Reminder: Directory Authorization Forms Due by November 28

If you have not yet returned your authorization form to the Town Office to be included in the Resident Directory, there's still time. If you would like to be included in the Directory, please return the completed authorization form (mailed to all Town residents) to the Town Office by **Friday, November 28**. The Resident Directory is a helpful tool for residents to connect with their neighbors. The Directory will only be distributed to Town residents and will not be made available to the general public. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Eric Glidden at 301-654-7144, or email him at eglidden@townofchevyCHASE.org.

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Winter Outerwear Clothing Drive

November 1 -- January 31

The Town's Community Relations Committee and the Lawton Community Center are collecting clean, gently-used warm coats, gloves, mittens, scarves, sweaters, pants and socks to benefit the Betty Ann Krahnke Center and Bethesda Cares. The Betty Ann Krahnke Center is the only emergency domestic violence shelter for women and children in Montgomery County. Bethesda Cares is a community outreach program offering daily meals and a drop-in center for people without a home or those at severe risk of losing their home.

Clothing boxes are in the Town Hall (Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and the Lawton Community Center (Monday thru Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday until 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.)

For the Latest News and Information, Visit the Town's Website
www.townofchevychase.org
