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Public Hearing on Land Conservation Program Rebate Proposal

At the February 11 meeting, the Council will hold a public hearing on a Land Conservation Program rebate proposal, recommended by the Town's Climate and Environment Committee. This proposal would offer financial assistance to residents who participate in the Town's Land Conservation Program.

Through the program, residents can place all or a portion of their undeveloped property under a conservation easement with the Town, thereby protecting that space from future development. The rebate proposal would help cover the cost of appraisals, surveys, title reports, legal advice, and other costs that may be incurred when establishing a conservation easement. The proposal is to provide \$31,500 in this fiscal year for financial rebates to approximately seven eligible participants, capped at \$4,500 per homeowner. Rebates would be paid only after a property is placed under a conservation easement approved by the Town.

In addition to proposing this rebate initiative, the Climate and Environment Committee has recommended a renewed effort to inform residents about the existence of the Land Conservation Program, which has been in place since 2004. The Committee hopes that educational outreach, together with new financial incentives, will result in easements that demonstrate the feasibility and benefits of the program. A complete copy of the Climate and Environment Committee proposal, and information on the Town's Land Conservation Program, are posted on the Town's website.

If you are unable attend the February 11 Council meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall, you may submit comments on this proposal to the Town Office at 4301 Willow Lane or townoffice@townofchevyCHASE.org prior to the meeting.

Council Discusses Tree Ordinance

At its January 12 work session, the Town Council continued discussion of recommendations regarding the Town's Urban Forest Ordinance set forth in a report prepared by the Tree Subcommittee. The subcommittee was formed last spring to review implementation of the Town's tree ordinance.

At this meeting, the Council unanimously agreed to 1) approve the addition of six trees to the Town's undesirable tree list; 2) not allow appeals of public tree removals and pruning; and 3) prepare written procedures for public and private tree review and removals.

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A Message from Mayor Kathy Strom

Our neighbors have contributed their time and talents in numerous ways, and many have been recognized for their accomplishments. While it would not be possible to identify all who deserve recognition, I want to let residents know about a former Town Mayor who was recently honored for his service as mayor of one of America's great cities, Indianapolis, from 1976 until 1992. Earlier this year, a green space in Indianapolis was named "Hudnut Commons" in honor of our own Bill Hudnut. We congratulate Bill on this honor and his achievement.

Getting to know the interesting, talented and good people in our Town is one great part of living here. Our Town events provide a great opportunity to spend time with neighbors and get to know them better. We hope that you will join us for one of our upcoming concerts this winter, at our annual Chili Dinner, or at one of the Climate and Environment events.



February



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

Sunday, February 8 - Concert, 3 p.m.

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

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

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

Friday, February 13 - Movie Night for Families, 6 p.m.

Monday, February 16 - Presidents' Day - Town Office closed

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

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

Sunday, February 22 - Chili Dinner, 5:30 p.m., CCES

Saturday, February 28 - Climate and Environment Committee Event, 3:30 p.m.

Town Solicits Feedback on "Greenway" Concepts

Town residents are encouraged to review and provide feedback on new concept plans proposed by the Town for an expanded "greenway" as part of the Bethesda Downtown Plan. These plans propose converting the two parking lots adjacent to the Town along 46th Street into public park areas and extending green space down to St. John's Church. The concepts, prepared by Town consultants, are posted on the Town's website.

At its January 12 work session, the Town Council reviewed and approved sharing these concept plans with the community and with County staff. Town representatives have met with Park and Planning officials who seem receptive to the proposals and have expressed interest in exploring these concepts in more depth.

We would like to hear what you think about the proposed plans and encourage you to submit your comments by February 12. Comments may be submitted to townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org. The staff draft of the Bethesda Downtown Plan is expected to be released in April 2015, followed by public hearings by the County Planning Board and County Council.

Town Events

Movie Night for Families

Friday, February 13, 6 p.m., Town Hall



Wreck-It Ralph is the film selected for **Movie Night for Families** on **Friday, February 13** at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall. Equally entertaining for both kids and parents, *Wreck-It Ralph* is a clever, colorful adventure built on familiar themes and joyful nostalgia. Please arrive right at 6 p.m. to get a slice of pizza and a bag of popcorn before the movie starts. Space is limited. Please RSVP to the Town Office at 301-654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org. Parents must accompany their children.

Sunday Concerts 2015

Please RSVP by email at townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or by phone at 301-654-7144 if you would like to attend one or more of the Town concerts.

Karin & Mike Kelleher - Jazz -- Classical Fusion

Sunday, February 8, 3 p.m. Town Hall

Town residents Karin and Mike Kelleher join fellow musicians to perform a unique mix of jazz and classical styles in the Town Hall. The ensemble includes a string quartet of violins, viola and cello along with an acoustic bass, drum, guitar and singer.

Simple Gifts - Learn to Play the Ukulele

Sunday, March 8, 3 p.m., Town Hall

Simple Gifts shares its musical talents and teaches Town residents (children 8 and up and adults) how to play the ukulele. Participants learn two to three cords and the basics of strumming and fingerpicking and will perform as the opening act for the concert that follows the workshop.

Simple Gifts - Traditional Folk Tunes

Sunday, March 8, 4 p.m., Town Hall

Two women plus twelve instruments equals one good time when Simple Gifts performs for Town residents. Playing fiddle, mandolin, banjo, recorders, bowed psaltery, hammered dulcimer, baritone fiddle, guitar and percussion, Simple Gifts puts its own distinctive stamp on traditional folk tunes.

Annual Chili Dinner plus Ice Cream Sundae Bar

Sunday, February 22, 5:30 - 7 p.m., CCES

The Community Relations Committee is pleased to continue the tradition of hosting the Town's 21st Annual Chili Dinner at Chevy Chase Elementary School. There will be a special table for our senior residents, basketball for teens, and a magician to entertain our youngest residents. **Chili** (meat and vegetarian) will be provided by Hard Times. The **Ice Cream Sundaes** were such a good addition to the menu last year that we will be scooping them again this year. To continue the Town's support of Manna Food Center, residents may make a cash donation or write a check payable to Manna Food Center to help needy individuals and families in Montgomery County, which you can drop in the box we will provide at the dinner. This event is very popular, so please RSVP to 301-654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org by Wednesday, February 18.

An event for all ages!

The Six O'Clock Scramble

Save the Date - Sunday, March 22, Town Hall

Aviva Goldfarb, author of *The Six O'Clock Scramble*, will demonstrate recipes for preparing healthy and quick no-cook dinners for busy families and strategies for making family dinners happen more often. Tasting samples will be shared during the demonstration at the Town Hall, so plan to return home reenergized about tackling dinner challenges. More details in the March **FORECAST**.

Town Updates

CRIMEWATCH

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. Any information you can give to the police about criminal or suspicious activity in Town will help to make us safer. After you have contacted the police, please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144 with the information so we can update our records.

Tot Lot at the Lawton Center Playground

The Town Council recently approved \$25,000 to purchase and install a “tot lot” at the Lawton Center playground in response to resident interest in play equipment designed for 2-5 year olds. Town staff is working with the Community Relations Committee and Land Use Committee to research equipment options and costs. The playground improvements are anticipated to be completed by late spring.

Native Canopy & Street Tree Plantings

The Town is in the process of preparing the spring tree planting list. If you have a spot in your yard suitable for a canopy tree, you may want to take advantage of the Town’s Native Canopy Tree Planting Program. Under this program, the Town will purchase and install a canopy tree on your property at no cost to you. Residents are responsible for the long-term care of the tree once installed. You also may request a tree to be planted along the street in front of your home. If you would like to request a tree, please contact the Town Office at townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or 301-654-7144, or visit the Town website.

Committee Corner

Climate and Environment Committee

Hot Stuff! Forum on Home Heating

Saturday, February 28, Town Hall, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Amidst this winter's snow and ice, are you dreaming of escaping to warmer weather? How about instead staying warm and cozy in your home in Chevy Chase, while improving your home's energy efficiency, reducing your utility bills, and lowering your greenhouse gas emissions?

The **Climate and Environment Committee** will present a program on **Hot Stuff: Cost-Effective Options for Improving Your Home's Heating Systems**. We'll discuss both low-cost, immediate steps that any homeowner could pursue, and other more significant actions that might be worthwhile in some circumstances, such as when a major component of your heating or cooling system needs replacement.

Come join your neighbors at this discussion. Beverages and cookies will be provided. RSVP by Thursday, February 26 to the Town office at 301-654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org so that we'll know roughly how many attendees to expect.

Sustainable Living Lecture Series

Thursday, February 26 7:30 p.m., Chevy Chase Village Hall

Congressman Chris Van Hollen inaugurates the **Sustainable Living Lecture Series**. He will be speaking on new initiatives at the state and federal levels to cut back on CO2 emissions and what communities can do to lower their carbon footprint. The Climate and Environment Committee encourages Town residents to attend the lecture. Come a bit early for coffee. RSVP to Melissa Wyak (ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov) or 301-654-7300, if you plan to attend.

Around and About Chevy Chase

CC@ H Invites You To Come In From The Cold!

As the old song goes, “baby it’s cold outside”, but Chevy Chase At Home has just what you need to warm up. You’re invited to **Take Tea with the Ambassador** on **Tuesday, February 17** from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Village Hall. William Bodde, Jr. is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service who served in various diplomatic posts in Austria, Sweden and Germany, as well as several different posts within the State Department. He was appointed United States Ambassador to Fiji, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Kiribati in 1980 and Ambassador to the Marshall Islands in 1990. Join Mr. Bodde for tea and an informal chat about the day-to-day realities of an ambassador’s life -- traveling, adjusting to new cultures, entertaining, forging friendships and engaging trust.

On **Thursday, February 12** from 10 to 11:30 a.m. come in from the cold and join the **Brunch Bunch** at the Olympia Cafe on Brookville Road. CC@ H has a table -- sometimes several -- and you just drop in, buy a cup of something warm, and pull up a chair. It’s always fun and a great way to get together with old friends and make new ones!

You might also like to warm up with one of our fitness classes. **Zumba Gold**, jointly sponsored by CC@ H and Chevy Chase Village, meets Wednesdays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the CC Village Hall. The eight-week session started January 21, but drop-ins are welcome if space is available. The drop-in fee is \$14 for CC@ H Members, Friends and Chevy Chase Village residents and \$16 for the general public.

Gentle Seated Pilates & Balance classes meet on Wednesday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. or on Friday afternoons from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church. These eight-week sessions also started in January and fill up fast, so if you are interested in joining one of them or Zumba Gold, call the CC@ H office at 301-657-3115 or visit our website at www.chevychaseathome.org.

Discussion of Urban Forest Ordinance continued from page 1

The six trees added to the undesirable tree list are those recommended by the Town arborist given their maximum mature height of under 35 feet. The specific trees are Crabapple, Crepe Myrtle, Dogwood, Flowering Cherry, Eastern Redbud and Japanese Maple. The Council decided against allowing appeals of public tree removals and pruning after learning of the judicious procedures employed by the Town arborist in evaluating public tree health and determining appropriate remedial action. Specifically, the Council was satisfied with the review process used by the Town to determine hazardous conditions in public trees. Also, during the meeting, the Council expressed some concern with the lack of public understanding about the Town’s tree review and removal procedures, and directed staff to develop standard operating procedures to provide additional information and clarification.

The Tree Subcommittee report and related documents are on the Town’s website for review. The Council would like to thank the subcommittee for their hard work in preparing the report. For more information, please contact the Town Office at 301-654-7144.

Town Teen List

The Town maintains a list of Town Teens who are available for a variety of jobs, including baby-sitting, pet-sitting and yard work. If you would like the list emailed to you, please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144.

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Maryland Resident Tax Return 2014 - Form 502

MARYLAND RESIDENT INCOME FORM 502 TAX RETURN

OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 2014, ENDING

Social Security Number		Spouse's Social Security Number	
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 resided 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). This will insure that a portion of your tax dollars will return to the Town so that the Town is able 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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