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NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE

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Participate in the 2015 - 16 Budget Process

Vicky Taplin, Treasurer

- March 11 Public Comments on FY16 Budget
- March 24 Council Budget Work Session
- April 8 Approval of Proposed FY16 Budget and Tax Rates
- May 5 Public Hearing on Proposed FY16 Budget and Tax Rates
- June 10 Adoption of FY16 Budget and Tax Rates

In March, the Town Council will begin to discuss and develop the Town's operating and capital budgets for the 2016 fiscal year, which begins on July 1, 2015 and continues through June 30, 2016.

At its regular monthly meeting on **Wednesday, March 11**, the Town Council will hold a special public comment period to hear from residents about next year's budget and which new or ongoing initiatives they would like to see funded. Following this meeting, the Council will hold a work session on **Tuesday, March 24** to review the proposed budget that the staff and Treasurer have prepared.

Another discussion of the budget will occur at the **Wednesday, April 8** Council meeting, at which time residents will again be able to speak on the budget during the public comment portion of the meeting. There will be a public hearing on the final proposed budget at the Annual Meeting on **Tuesday, May 5**, before the Council adopts the budget at the **Wednesday, June 10** Council meeting.

Throughout the budget development process, the Town Council will consider suggestions from residents about what projects they would like to see funded. The Council also will determine the amount of reserve monies to set aside for a "rainy day" fund and for future capital expenditures.

We look forward to hearing from you at these meetings. If you are unable to attend in person, please submit comments to townoffice@townofchevyCHASE.org or to the Town Office.

Contribution Requests Accepted in March

According to the Town's contribution policy, the Town will accept requests to contribute funds to charitable organizations twice each year, in both September and March. The next deadline for receiving contribution requests is **March 31**. The Town Council will schedule a discussion of the requests at its **April 8** meeting. At this meeting, the Council will determine if the requests meet the Town's criteria for contributions and will schedule a public hearing on eligible requests. The Town's contribution policy is posted on the Town website.

A Message from Mayor Kathy Strom

After a cold and snowy February, as March arrives, I want to wish you a Happy Spring! I also want to take this opportunity to provide updates on two important Town issues.

First, at the February meeting, the Town Council approved \$116,000 for continued assistance in responding to the Purple Line project. Critical decisions about the proposed light rail project will be made over the next several months, and this additional funding will allow us to sustain our efforts through the end of the fiscal year, or June 30. Until then, the Council will continually monitor the status of the project and determine how to proceed with future efforts and funding, if necessary. It is important to note that the recent funding has been authorized by the Council, but that the Town can change course if circumstances change.

On another matter, the Town Council has received questions from a number of residents regarding the Town Council's recent decision to place additional tree species on the Town's "undesirable tree list." Specifically, Crabapple, Crepe Myrtle, Dogwood, Flowering Cherry, Eastern Redbud and Japanese Maple trees were added to the list. Residents wishing to remove one of these trees must still apply for a tree removal permit; however, they will automatically be approved for removal upon confirmation of tree species. The addition of these trees on the undesirable tree list was not based on the quality of these trees, but on the fact that their mature sizes are typically under 35 feet. These trees do, in fact, make lovely additions to our neighborhood, and we value the many benefits they provide. The Town will continue to plant these trees along our streetscapes, and we encourage you to plant them as well.

March Calendar

Tuesday, March 3 - Land Use Committee, 7 p.m.

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

Friday, March 6 - Grown-Ups at the Movies, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 8 - Ukulele Workshop, 3 p.m.

Sunday, March 8 - Concert, 4 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Saturday, March 14 - Pesticide-Free Gardening, 3 p.m.

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

Sunday, March 22 - Six O'Clock Scramble, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, March 24 - Council Budget Work Session, 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 26 - Land Use Committee, 7 p.m.

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COUNCIL ELECTION 2015

TOWN ELECTIONS

Town Elections are governed by the provisions in Chapter 8 of the Town of Chevy Chase Municipal Code and election procedures adopted by the Town Council.

Town residents will select two candidates in the 2015 election, each to serve on the Council for a two year term. The terms of Pat Burda and John Bickerman 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

To be a candidate for election, a resident must complete the [Town's official nominating petition](#). The Town requires that a resident requesting a petition must sign the [official log](#) of residents seeking office. Nominating petitions are available in the Town Office. The nominating petitions are considered public documents and subject to public inspection.

Completed nominating petitions must be delivered to the Town Office before 5 p.m. on [Tuesday, April 14](#), the third Tuesday preceding the election, in order for the candidate's name to appear on the printed ballot.

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.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

A candidate for office is required to submit a [financial disclosure statement](#) at the time the candidate submits the official nominating petition. The financial disclosure statement is available for review at the Town Office.

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 23](#) 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.

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 the candidates will be mailed to all residents two weeks preceding the election.

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 5, 2015](#).

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee ballots will be available in the Town Office on [Tuesday, April 21](#) 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. The requests are considered public documents and subject to public inspection.

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 by the Town Office by 8 p.m. on [Election Day, Tuesday, May 5, 2015](#).

ELECTION BOARD

Residents with questions on any aspect of the election are encouraged to contact a member of the Election Board:

[Steve Lawton, Chair, 301-654-5904](#)

[Anthula Gross, 301-652-3017](#)

[Gloria Tristani, 301-215-4005](#)

The Town has contracted with the League of Women Voters to work with the Town's Election Board to administer and monitor the election.

Town Updates

Election Board 2015

Mayor Kathy Strom appointed Steve Lawton to Chair the Election Board for the 2015 election. He will serve with fellow Board members Anthula Gross and Gloria Tristani.

Native Canopy & Street Tree Plantings

The Town is finalizing the tree planting list for April. If you have a spot in your yard suitable for a canopy tree, you might want to take advantage of the 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 may also request to have a tree planted along the street in front of your home. The Town prefers to plant canopy trees when possible. Once the trees are planted, the Town will care for the trees for the first year by ensuring that they are watered.

If you would like to request a tree, please contact the Town Office by calling 301-654-7144 or emailing townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org. You may also request a tree through the Town website at www.townofchevy Chase.org.

Public Tree Edging and Mulching

Throughout the month of March, the Town's contractor will edge and mulch all street and park trees that are 10" or less in diameter.

Free Compost Products for Household Organic Waste Collection Participants

As a reminder, Town residents who participate in the organic waste collection program are eligible to receive two free compost soil products each Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30). The compost products available through this program include compost soil, potting soil, worm castings and garden mix. Participants may order their two free bags of compost by filling out the online form on the Town's website (<http://www.townofchevy Chase.org/>) or by contacting the Town Office at 301-654-7144. Additional bags may be purchased by contacting the Compost Crew at 301-202-4450 or by visiting their website at <http://www.compostcrew.com/shop>.

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.



Summary of Council Actions at the February 11 Council Meeting

Continued Assistance in Responding to the Purple Line Project

The Council approved a supplemental appropriation of \$116,000 to continue assistance in responding to the proposed Purple Line project.

Tot Lot at the Lawton Center Playground

The Council approved an additional \$6,000 for the purchase of equipment designed for 2-5 year olds to be installed at the newly designed "tot lot" at the Lawton Center playground.

Council Approves the Land Conservation Program Rebate

The Council approved the Land Conservation Program Rebate proposal and appropriated \$31,500 for the initiative.

A complete summary of the Council's actions are posted on the Town website. Detailed minutes are posted once they are approved by the Town Council at the next regular Council meeting.

Town Events

Grown-Ups at the Movies

Friday, March 6, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall



Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room is the featured film for **Grown-Ups at the Movies**. This 2006 Oscar-winning documentary chronicles the rise and spectacular fall of one of America's largest corporations. Enjoy wine and cheese with the film. Town Hall doors open at 7:30 p.m. Space is limited, so please RSVP to townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or 301-654-7144.

Movie Night for Families

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

Planes is an action-packed animated comedy adventure featuring Dusty, a plane with dreams of competing as a high-flying air racer. Join us on **Friday, March 13** at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall to root for Dusty. 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. Parents must accompany their children. Please RSVP to townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or 301-654-7144.

Simple Gifts - Traditional Folk Tunes

Sunday, March 8, Town Hall

Linda Littleton and **Karen Hirshon** will be the guest performers at the Town's Sunday Concert Series. Two women plus twelve instruments equals one good time when **Simple Gifts** takes the stage. Combining tradition with innovation, Simple Gifts creates some of the finest arrangements in folk music today. In addition to their **concert** at 4 p.m., Linda and Karen will conduct a **ukulele workshop** at 3 p.m. for residents 8 and up and adults. **If you would like to attend the workshop or concert or both, just RSVP by March 5 to townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or 301-654-7144.**

Ukulele Workshop - Sunday, March 8, 3 p.m., Town Hall

Linda and Karen teach residents how to play the ukulele. Simple Gifts provides the ukulele. Residents will learn two to three chords and the basics of strumming and fingerpicking and will be ready to perform as the opening act for the concert that follows the workshop.

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

Linda and Karen will be performing original compositions written in a traditional style, switching with ease among fiddle, mandolin, banjo, guitar, guitjo, recorders, bowed psaltery, hammered dulcimer, baritone fiddle, guitar, and percussion.

Six O'Clock Scramble

Sunday, March 22, 3 p.m., Town Hall

Aviva Goldfarb of the **Six O'Clock Scramble** will demonstrate recipes for preparing healthy and quick no-cook dinners for busy families. In addition to her food blog and published cookbooks, Aviva, Founder and CEO of the **Six O'Clock Scramble**, has been featured on the Today Show in the Washington Post and other far-reaching venues. In her presentation at the Town Hall on **Sunday, March 22** at 3 p.m., Aviva will share strategies for making family dinners happen more often and with a lot less time, money and stress. To further tantalize you, tasting samples will be offered during the demonstration and copies of her cookbooks will be available for purchase. We promise that you'll return home with creative new ideas about tackling everyday dinner challenges.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 18 to townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or 301-654-7144.

Committee Corner

Public Services Committee

Useful Information about Rat Control

If you suspect that there are rats on your or your neighbor's property, we recommend that you first visit the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services website (link provided) <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs-program/PHS/LandR/LandREnviroHealthVectorControl.html>, which provides useful information about effective means of rat control. If you determine that you indeed have a problem, you can also contact the Montgomery County Department of Health to schedule a no cost appointment with an inspector. The inspector will check your property to look for evidence of rat activity and recommend a course of action to address the problem. If you prefer, the Town staff can coordinate a visit with the inspector. Residents can take steps to reduce the chance of unwanted rodents by securing trash cans, inspecting wood and compost piles, eliminating pet waste and other food sources.

Please contact the Town staff at 301-654-7144 if you would like a hard copy of the information posted on the County website.

Climate and Environment Committee

Neighbors See the Light at the Town LED Forum

On January 31, about 50 Town residents braved the cold to come to the Town Hall and be educated about the energy and money saving potential of LED light technology. Fortified with hot cider, cookies, and fruit, and a wide array of LED light bulbs and fixtures displayed on showroom tables, they learned about the energy and money-saving potential of LED light technology. This light conversion can be facilitated by in-home installations and a lighting audit.

For more information, go to the program summary on the Climate and Environment Committee's page on the Town website: <http://www.townofchevy Chase.org/180/Climate-Environment>.

Power Reliability Task Force

Report on Ways to Enhance Reliability in the Town

Last February, the Town Council approved formation of a Town **Power Reliability Task Force** to explore options to address ways to reduce power outages in Town.

The Task Force consisted of residents with expertise related to this topic, with Council Member Vicky Taplin serving as liaison. The Task Force examined what steps Pepco has or is planning to take to enhance reliability in the Town. It also looked at expanding the use of rooftop solar, other forms of distributed generation, and undergrounding power lines. The Task Force completed its report, which it presented to the Town Council in February, and found that this year Pepco will be making significant upgrades to the feeder line that services over 70 percent of the homes in our town. The report concluded that none of the other options offered cost-effective solutions at this time, while recognizing that technologies are changing rapidly and new developments should be monitored.

The full report is available for review on the Town website www.townofchevy Chase.org.

Mark Your Calendar

Spring Trash and Treasures, Friday and Saturday, April 18 and 19

Around and About Chevy Chase

“Wine, Chocolate, and Cheese”

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Educational Foundation invites you to the annual "Wine, Chocolate, and Cheese" community event **Thursday, March 12** from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Woman's Club of Chevy Chase, 7931 Connecticut Avenue. Hear directly from students how Foundation-funded programs make a difference in their lives. Enjoy an evening with friends and neighbors. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. Purchase your ticket and/or make a donation today at www.bccedfoundation.org.

CC@ H March Events from Bagpipes to Portraiture

Our annual **St. Patrick's Day Party** is always a highlight of March, and this year we'll celebrate with the music of award-winning Great Highland Piper Andrew Donlon. Andrew will present a recital of music from the Irish and Scottish traditions, along with some modern pieces for pipes, and will talk about the history and music of the Great Highland Bagpipes. There will also be delicious Irish treats to nibble on while you enjoy the program, so please join us for this entertaining and informative afternoon at the Chevy Chase Village Hall on **Tuesday, March 17** from 2 to 4 p.m.

On **Saturday, March 21** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., art historian and Director Emeritus of the National Portrait Gallery Alan Fern will present an illustrated program on "The Many Faces of Portraiture" at the Chevy Chase Village Hall. A Chevy Chase resident, Mr. Fern headed the National Portrait Gallery from 1982 until his retirement in 2002.

A **Guitar Master Class with Berta Rojas** will be held at the CC Village Hall on **Sunday, March 22** from 1 to 4 p.m. Berta Rojas, who ranks among today's foremost classical guitarists, will be teaching advanced students who have been pre-selected by the International Conservatory of Music (ICM), which is a co-sponsor of the event, along with Chevy Chase At Home, and Chevy Chase Village.

Brunch Bunch, a regular monthly get-together, will be held at the Olympia Cafe on Brookville Road on **Thursday, March 12** from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to drop by -- just buy a cup of coffee or even a complete breakfast and join the CC@ H table for some lively neighborly conversation. There's plenty of free parking, and a good time is always had by all!

New volunteers are always welcome! Our next **volunteer training session** will be held on **Thursday, March 19** from 10 a.m. to noon at the Town of Chevy Chase Town Hall. For more information about becoming a Volunteer, Member or Friend of CC@ H please call 301-657-3115 or go to the website www.chevyCHASEathome.org.

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

Print Using Blue or Black Ink Only

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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TOWN COUNCIL

Kathy Strom, Mayor

Patricia Burda, Vice Mayor

Al Lang, Secretary

Vicky Taplin, Treasurer

John Bickerman, Community Liaison

Attention Town Artists: Painters, Photographers, Sculptors and other Town Artists

The Community Relations Committee is planning its bi-annual art show to recognize our community of artists. We are trying to get an idea of how many artists in the Town would be interested in exhibiting in a group show in the Town Hall in the early part of June. You will be able to offer your work for sale, or not, and also make promotional materials available to the public. Space allotted to each artist will depend on how many are participating. If you would like to exhibit, please contact the Town Office at 301-654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevyCHASE.org.

Lawns Alive! How to Grow a Beautiful, Safe Yard without Pesticides

Co-presented by the Community Relations and Climate and Environment Committees

Do you want to wipe out weeds and beat the pests without having to use toxic chemicals? Then come hear Paul Tukey, an internationally recognized leader in landscape sustainability and healthy lawn care. He is also Chief Sustainability Officer at Glenstone in Potomac, Maryland, where he is creating a research "living classroom" on the acres of lawn surrounding the museum. Afterwards, he will sign copies of his book, "The Organic Lawn Care Manual".

The lecture starts at 3 p.m. on **Saturday, March 14**. Arrive up to an half an hour early for refreshments with your neighbors. RSVP by Thursday, March 12 to the Town office at 301-654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevyCHASE.org so that we'll know how many attendees to expect.

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.
