



# Forecast

JUNE 2015

NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE

## Mayor's Message

My wife Susan and I have lived in the Town since 1980 and do love all seasons. But this is my favorite: it is warming up; the sun shines longer; the leaves on our magnificent trees seem to appear overnight; the colors of all the wonderful gardens are truly magnificent; people are out and about; and most important, neighborliness is in the air. Susan and I are genuinely fortunate, all of us are genuinely fortunate, to live in The Town of Chevy Chase.

For these and many other reasons, I am honored and proud to be your mayor. I will address issues to improve life in our Town: managing our fiscal issues, we will propose a balanced budget, perhaps one with a surplus for review at the June 17<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting; opening communications to inform and to, most important, include all points of view; assuring our services, which are second to none, are strengthened; and expanding our talented Town staff's responsibilities to, in part, ease the burdens on our residents. Regarding Town staff, many thanks to Belinda for her many years of devoted service. She will be missed.

I have met with a number of residents and will continue to do so. I welcome all points of view. Please never hesitate to contact me – [al.lang@townofchevychase.org](mailto:al.lang@townofchevychase.org) or 301-657-4394, 202-320-6202. I sincerely appreciate this opportunity to serve our Town.

Thank you, Al Lang

## Thanks for the Memories, Belinda!

After 26 years as the Town's Constituent Services Aide, Belinda Wilborn will be retiring at the end of June. Belinda has been the "face of the Town" to new and long-time residents alike, and she will be greatly missed by many, especially by her colleagues who have had the good fortune of working with her every day.

Not only has Belinda served as the Town's first point of contact for residents who need assistance or information, she has produced the monthly Forecast newsletter (by our count, over 300 editions). In addition, she has planned many of the special events sponsored by the Town, coordinated the use of Town facilities, managed the Town's permit parking program, assisted Town residents in coordinating block parties, helped to maintain the Town's website, and managed many other programs and services too numerous to list here.

Beyond these tangible responsibilities, Belinda has cared deeply for this community and its residents. Her commitment to serve you, and give her best every day, has been unparalleled. We hope you will join the Council and staff in wishing Belinda the very best in her retirement. She will be sorely missed and fondly remembered.

## Amended FY16 Budget Scheduled for June 17 Hearing

Since the annual meeting, Town staff has worked with Fred Cecere, Town Treasurer, to identify savings in several operating and capital programs, including administrative salaries and benefits, legal counsel, and street and sidewalk work. This has led to a projected surplus of \$130,000 for the next fiscal year. At its June 17 meeting, the Council will hold a public hearing on the modified budget and consider its adoption. A summary of the proposed FY16 budget is included in this edition of the Forecast, and detailed budget documents are available for review on the Town website. Any resident who wishes to receive a hard copy of this list and of the proposed FY16 budget may contact the Town Office. If you cannot attend the public hearing on June 17, you may submit comments on the proposed budget to [townoffice@townofchevychase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevychase.org). For more information, please call the Town at 301-654-7144.



## FY16 Proposed Budget

| Budget Summary                            | FY14<br>Actual   | FY15<br>Budget   | FY15<br>Estimated<br>Actual      | FY16<br>Budget   |
|---|------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>                 |                  |                  |                                  |                  |
| <b>Taxes</b>                              |                  |                  |                                  |                  |
| Income Taxes                              | 4,046,356        | 4,000,000        | 2,950,000                        | 2,950,000        |
| Highway User Taxes                        | 73,617           | 76,000           | 76,000                           | 85,000           |
| Property Taxes @ \$0 for FY15             | 628              | 0                | 156                              | 0                |
| <b>Subtotal - Taxes</b>                   | <b>4,120,601</b> | <b>4,076,000</b> | <b>3,026,156</b>                 | <b>3,035,000</b> |
| <b>Reimbursements and Bank Shares</b>     | <b>130,807</b>   | <b>130,500</b>   | <b>130,806</b>                   | <b>130,500</b>   |
| <b>Permit Fees and Cable TV Revenue</b>   | <b>105,507</b>   | <b>96,000</b>    | <b>110,000</b>                   | <b>110,000</b>   |
| <b>Other Revenue</b>                      | <b>24,225</b>    | <b>22,500</b>    | <b>24,010</b>                    | <b>22,500</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>           | <b>4,381,140</b> | <b>4,325,000</b> | <b>3,290,972</b>                 | <b>3,298,000</b> |
| <b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>             |                  |                  |                                  |                  |
| <b>General Government</b>                 |                  |                  |                                  |                  |
| Administration                            | 1,336,720        | 1,592,000        | 1,637,619                        | 1,121,000        |
| Civic Affairs and Community Programs      | 320,908          | 703,000          | 383,888                          | 120,000          |
| <b>Subtotal - General Government</b>      | <b>1,657,628</b> | <b>2,295,000</b> | <b>2,021,507</b>                 | <b>1,241,000</b> |
| <b>Public Safety and Code Enforcement</b> | <b>515,353</b>   | <b>505,000</b>   | <b>520,000</b>                   | <b>520,000</b>   |
| <b>Public Works</b>                       |                  |                  |                                  |                  |
| Sanitation and Waste Removal              | 382,151          | 364,500          | 359,300                          | 360,500          |
| Parks, Grounds and Trees                  | 345,272          | 274,000          | 284,000                          | 286,500          |
| Streets and Roads                         | 265,751          | 217,000          | 340,000                          | 222,500          |
| <b>Subtotal - Public Works</b>            | <b>993,174</b>   | <b>855,500</b>   | <b>983,300</b>                   | <b>869,500</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>       | <b>3,166,155</b> | <b>3,655,500</b> | <b>3,524,807</b>                 | <b>2,630,500</b> |
| <b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>               |                  |                  |                                  |                  |
| Streets and Roads                         | 589,812          | 670,000          | 743,000                          | 390,000          |
| Parks, Grounds and Trees                  | 26,349           | 232,500          | 130,000                          | 142,500          |
| Facilities and Equipment                  | 124,360          | 46,000           | 37,000                           | 5,000            |
| <b>TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>         | <b>740,521</b>   | <b>948,500</b>   | <b>910,000</b>                   | <b>537,500</b>   |
| <b>CHANGE TO GENERAL FUND BALANCE</b>     | <b>474,464</b>   | <b>(279,000)</b> | <b>(1,143,835)</b>               | <b>130,000</b>   |
| <b>ENDING GENERAL FUND BALANCE</b>        | <b>8,647,446</b> | <b>8,368,446</b> | <b>7,503,611</b>                 | <b>7,633,611</b> |
|   |                  |                  |                                  |                  |
|   |                  |                  | FY16 Contingent Reserve          | 1,319,200        |
|   |                  |                  | Capital Improvement Plan Reserve | 6,314,411        |



# JUNE

Tuesday, June 4 - Community Relations Committee, 7 p.m.  
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 5, 6 and 7 - Town Art Show  
Tuesday, June 9 - Climate and Environment Committee, 7 p.m.  
Thursday, June 11 - Public Services Committee, 7 p.m.  
Sunday, June 14 - Good Eats on Town Streets Postponed  
Monday, June 15 - Long Range Planning Committee, 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, June 16 - Land Use Committee, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, June 17 - Council Meeting, 7 p.m.



## Town Art Show

Friday, June 5, 6 - 8 p.m., Town Hall - Wine and Cheese Reception  
Saturday, June 6, 3 - 5 p.m., Town Hall - Gallery Open  
Sunday, June 7, 2 - 4 p.m., Town Hall - Gallery Open  
Katie Vita, Curator

Meet the Artists: Evie Altman, Joan April, Lila Oliver Asher, Gordon Bell, Brad Beukema, Linda Button, Lauren Cook, Danny Conant, Anne de Fontnouvelle, Alison Ehrlich, Ada Garcia-Casellas, Francis J. Kline, Bennett Lavenstein, Carol Lavenstein, Sara Leibman, John Murphy, Carol Rubin, Giovanni Scaduto-Mendola and Kathleen Williams

Biographies of Town artists are available on the Town website [www.townofchevychase.org](http://www.townofchevychase.org).

# Town Updates

Last fall, the Power Reliability Task Force met with PEPCO officials to discuss improvements to electrical service in Town. The Task Force learned that the major power feeder that serves approximately 75% of the Town had been slated by PEPCO for improvement work due to poor performance over the last several years. Improvements are expected to be completed by the end of this summer and include replacement of power lines, utility poles, fuses and transformers, as well as installation of lighting arresters and animal guards. Residents should be advised that short power outages may occur while PEPCO completes this work.

## CC@ H HOLDING HALF-PRICE SALE IN JUNE

If you've been thinking about joining Chevy Chase At Home, your neighborhood aging-in-place organization, don't put it off any longer. They are having a half-price sale in June, so now is the time to sample all the benefits they offer! To see a calendar of events or find out more about CC@ H, please visit [www.chevychaseathome.org](http://www.chevychaseathome.org) or call 301-657-3115.



## Town of Chevy Chase

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Chevy Chase, MD 20815

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### TOWN COUNCIL

*Al Lang, Mayor*

*John Bickerman, Vice Mayor*

*Vicky Taplin, Secretary*

*Fred Cecere, Treasurer*

*Kathy Strom, Community Liaison*

## John Bickerman and Fred Cecere Elected to Town Council

On May 5, John Bickerman and Fred Cecere were elected to serve on the Town Council for two year terms. At the May 13 Council meeting, officers were selected for the coming year. Al Lang will serve as Mayor, John Bickerman as Vice Mayor, Vicky Taplin as Secretary, Fred Cecere as Treasurer and Kathy Strom as Community Liaison.

We extend special thanks to Town Election Board members Steve Lawton, Anthula Gross and Gloria Tristani and to the Town Ethics Commission members Scott Fosler, Barry Hager, Debra Soltis for participating in the election process.

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June 2015

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 commissions for the coming year. The Council encourages you to consider volunteering to serve on a committee or board so we can involve as many residents as possible in Town affairs.

By August 1, I will appoint, with the advice of the Town Council, residents to serve on each of the Town's committees for a period of one year beginning in September. Following is a list of the committees, including a short description of each:

- Public Services: Advocates for safety and services.
- Community Relations: Heightens neighborliness, by focusing on openness, transparency, and reaching out to all residents to keep them informed about the Town's government, and will work to increase the number of social events to engage Town residents.
- Long-Range Planning: Maintains a strong focus on the impact of external events and actions.
- Climate and Environment: Inspires and facilitates energy conservation and environmental stewardship by the Town and its residents.
- Land Use: Guides building and redevelopment within the Town through the use of available planning tools.

I also will appoint one resident to serve on the Town's Election Board, one resident to serve on the Town's Ethics Commission, two residents to serve on the Town's Tree Ordinance Board and one resident to serve on the Water Board. The Election Board oversees all Town elections, including, but not limited to, making appropriate provisions for nominations, printing election documents and supervising the polls. The Ethics Commission receives, verifies and maintains all financial disclosure forms required by the State of Maryland. 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.

If you are interested in volunteering, please submit a brief note expressing your interest to the Town Office by Tuesday, June 30, 2015. Your correspondence may be submitted in person, by mail or by e-mail to [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto: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.

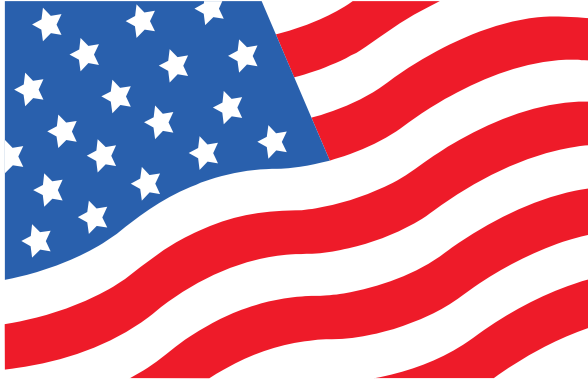
Sincerely,

*Al Lang*

Mayor



# Town of Chevy Chase Independence Day Picnic & Parade



Saturday, July 4, 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.  
Lawton Center Grounds

RSVP by June 26, 301-654-7144  
[townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.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 email [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org) or call us at 301-654-7144 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 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](mailto: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 tablecloths, tableware and utensils will be compostable, so look out for the specially marked bins.

Interested in volunteering for the 4<sup>th</sup>? Email Aki Peritz at [aperitz@hotmail.com](mailto:aperitz@hotmail.com).