

**Thursday, February 2**

Community Relations*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Friday, February 3

Magic Show
Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, February 8

Town Council
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, February 9

Public Services*
Lawton Center, 7 p.m.

Thursday, February 9

Bethesda Downtown Plan*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Friday, February 10

Movie Night for Grown-Ups
Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, February 13

Climate and Environment*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 15

Purple Line Mitigation*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Monday, February 20

Long Range Planning*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

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Bethesda Downtown Plan*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, February 23

Land Use*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Sunday, February 26

Chili Dinner
CCES, 5:30 p.m.

* Town Committee meeting

Message from Mayor Scott Fosler

I'm delighted to welcome our newest member of the Town Council, Cecily Baskir, who was appointed at the January Council meeting to fill the remainder of former Councilmember John Bickerman's term, which ends in May of this year. Cecily has been a leader in the Town's work on the Bethesda Downtown Plan, and will bolster our forces as the Montgomery County Council enters its final decision-making on the Plan in the weeks ahead. You can learn more about Cecily's impressive background and capabilities on the Town website.

The Town recently took another major stride on the Bethesda Downtown Plan by joining a coalition of local communities to develop a coordinated set of recommendations to the County Council. These recommendations are enumerated in a letter signed by 15 organizations, accompanied by a detailed appendix of specific proposed changes to the Plan, which has been sent to the County Council and Executive. The letter and appendix are available for review on the Town website. Town Councilmembers and other representatives of our community continue to meet with these elected officials and their staffs to press our case as they move toward a final decision on the Plan perhaps by the end of winter.

The Town's Special Committee on Purple Line Mitigation is currently focusing on issues related to water quality and storm water management; parking, traffic and safety during both construction of the Purple line and ongoing future operations; aesthetic and visual mitigation; regulatory and legal issues; and realignment of the Capital Crescent Trail.

As reported in January, the Town Council has agreed to reduce expenditures for some Town programs and services for the remainder of the fiscal year (ending June 30, 2017). These changes, which are detailed on the Town website, will help offset an anticipated budget deficit, due primarily to decreased income tax revenue projections. While the Town Council and staff have already achieved substantial reductions in administrative costs during this fiscal year, these additional savings will move the Town closer to a balanced budget.

Thanks to all of you who have made helpful comments and suggestions on these budget actions. It's been an informative and constructive conversation, one which the Council will continue at its February 8 meeting with a review of budget decisions already made, an update on revenue and cost projections for the current fiscal year, and consideration of further budget actions. We welcome your additional thoughts and suggestions, and will make time for public comment at that meeting.

I hope to see many of you soon at a Town Council meeting or at one of the many special events organized by the Town's Community Relations Committee.

TOWN EVENTS

The following events are brought to you by the Town's Community Relations Committee.

Magic Show

Friday, February 3, 6 p.m., Town Hall

Join us for a special family event featuring magician Michael Chamberlin. Using music & comedy, this master magician performs dazzling magic with hilarious audience participation routines. The show is fast-paced, original and spellbinding sorcery for the entire family. Please arrive at 6:00 p.m. to enjoy pizza and snacks before the magic show starts at 6:30 p.m. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Space is limited, so RSVP to 301-654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.

Weiner! -- Movie Night for Grown-Ups

Friday, February 10, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

Former U.S. Representative Anthony Weiner's catastrophic race for Mayor of New York City in 2013 is detailed in this 2016 behind-the-scenes documentary, with a 97% Rotten Tomato rating. Weiner became embroiled in his second widely-publicized sexting scandal during the race, derailing his once-promising political career. Arrive at 7:30 p.m. for savory snacks, wine & conversation. The movie starts at 7:50 and runs 96 minutes. RSVP to 301-654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org

"Caroline, or Change" @ Round House Theatre

Thursday, February 23, 7:30 p.m., 4545 East-West Highway

Join your neighbors to see the largest musical in Round House's history! Set in the heat of the Civil Rights Movement, the Tony-nominated *Caroline, Or Change* follows a black maid working for a middle-class Jewish family in Louisiana. When a small amount of money goes missing, tensions threaten to rip two families -- and the struggling Caroline -- apart. *Caroline* features a virtuosic Tony Award score that blends blues, gospel, and traditional Jewish melodies. Gather with neighbors in the Round House lobby before the show. The (deeply) discounted ticket price is \$40. Please contact the Town to RSVP and receive the discount code for ticket purchase. Seats are limited, so act soon!

23rd Annual Chili Dinner

Sunday, February 26, 5:30 – 7 p.m., Chevy Chase Elementary School

The Community Relations Committee is hosting the 23rd Annual Chili Dinner at Chevy Chase Elementary School on Sunday, February 26 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Chili, hot dogs, sides and ice cream sundaes will be served. The evening features a puppet show for the young at heart, basketball in the gym, and a special table for seniors. To continue the Town's support of Manna Food Center, please come with your donations to help feed families in Montgomery County. RSVP for this popular event to 301-654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org

Calling All Town Artists

The Community Relations Committee is planning its bi-annual Art Show on April 28 and 29 to recognize our community of Town artists (high school age and older) who work in any media. If you are interested in participating in the show, please contact the Town office at 301-654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org. Give your name, contact information, and what media you will display. Each artist may submit three works, offered for sale or display, and can provide promotional materials. Space allotted to each artist will depend on the number of participants.

***** Just as a reminder, the Winter Clothing Drive runs until February 28*****

TOWN UPDATES

Community Relations Committee Needs Additional Members

If you have initiative, creativity and are ready to help plan and implement Town events, then the Community Relations Committee is looking for you! Please contact the Town at 301-654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org if you are interested in joining this “hands-on” committee. For more information, call Wicca Davidson at 301-980-5596.

Native Canopy & Street Tree Plantings

The Town is 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 email townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org, call 301-654-7144, or visit the Town website.

Thanks for Your Generosity This Holiday Season!

A heart-felt thanks to all who donated to the Town's annual Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets and Holiday Gift Drive. Your generosity at Thanksgiving brought overflowing food baskets to 150 Montgomery County Public School families in need, up from 80 last year.

The Holiday Gift Drive netted an all-time high of \$3,755 in gift cards/checks and nine Town families adopting families -- all recipients recovering from the trauma of domestic violence and served through the county's Family Justice Center.

AROUND CHEVY CHASE

CC@H Offers a Little Laughter for the New Year

On **February 14, 2 to 4 p.m.**, at the Chevy Chase Village Hall, **Kathleen McGuinness** will demonstrate “**Facebook & Other Social Media for All of Us.**” Kathleen is a CC@ H Friend and an active volunteer. As a seasoned veteran of the hospitality industry, she has wide experience using social media, including Twitter and Instagram.

Brunch Bunch will get together on **Thursday, Feb. 9, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.**, at the Olympia Cafe on Brookville Road. All are invited to drop in, buy a cup of coffee, and join the CC@ H table for some interesting conversation.

On **Saturday, Feb. 25, 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**, **Camilla Trinchieri** will discuss her autobiographical novel, “**Seeking Alice,**” about an Italian diplomat, his American wife, and their young family in Europe during World War II. At the Chevy Chase Village Hall.

Did you know.....CC Elementary School is celebrating their Centennial this semester? If you or someone you know might have memorabilia to share or CCES stories to tell, please contact eileen_d_kirklen@mcpmsd.org as soon as possible.

Wonders Early Learning Applications for 2017/2018

Wonders Early Learning at Leland (serving children 2-5 years old) is a NAEYC accredited early childhood program. For the 2017-2018 program year, *Wonders* will accept children who are 18 months old by September 1, 2017. To learn more about their programs, application process or Financial Assistance Fund, please visit www.wonderslearning.org. For more information, please contact Crishenda Jones, 4301 Willow Lane, Chevy Chase, MD 20815; 301-654-8143.

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Utility Work Update

Washington Gas and WSSC have been in Town since April 2016 performing extensive gas and water main replacement projects to improve reliability and increase system capacity.

Washington Gas has completed much of its work in the eastern half of the Town and is currently working in the southwest corner of Town. The gas company is responsible for maintaining the gas mains located in the street and the service lines that run between those main lines and the gas meter at each house. This work involves repairing any damage done to private property. Washington Gas anticipates finishing its work this summer.

WSSC has been working on water main replacements near the middle of Town. WSSC is responsible for replacing the mains located in the street and the service connections from those mains to the water meter serving each house (usually located near the property line). This work slows in the winter as low temperatures can make it impossible for the crews to work (water in temporary mains can freeze). As temperatures warm, WSSC's presence in Town will increase. This work is expected to continue through the end of 2018.

The Town has entered into cost-sharing agreements with WSSC and Washington Gas to restore the streets following the utility work. The Town will require the utility companies to maintain the temporary asphalt patches until such time as permanent repairs can be scheduled. The Town will refrain from making permanent repairs to a street until it is assured that the pavement will not be damaged by utility trucks and equipment working in the same vicinity.

The Town will continue to send weekly updates via Town Crier on the progress of the utility work.