

Forecast

NOVEMBER 2018

NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE



Friday, November 2

Family Movie Night

Town Hall, 6 p.m.

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Wednesday, November 7

Community Relations*

Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Monday, November 12

Veterans Day observed

Town Office Closed

Tuesday, November 13

Long Range Planning*

Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, November 14

Town Council

Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, November 15

Public Services*

Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Sunday, November 18

CCHS Lecture

Lawton Center, 4 p.m.

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November 22-23

Thanksgiving Holiday

Town Office Closed

Monday, November 26

Purple Line Mitigation*

Town Hall, 7 p.m.

November 1 - February 28

Winter Clothing Drive

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* Town Committee meeting

Vote on November 6!!

Election Day is Tuesday, November 6 -- less than a week away. Voting takes place in the cafeteria of Chevy Chase Elementary School. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Meanwhile, early voting began on October 25 at the Lawton Center and continues through November 1. On our ballots will be a number of important races: U.S. Senate and House, Maryland Governor, State Senate and House of Delegates, County Executive and County Council.

My colleagues on the Town Council and I urge every registered voter in Town to get out and vote this year. We traditionally say that we have the "right to vote," but I fear that if left expressed that way, one could decide to exercise it or not, as one might choose. But with the temper of the times in our own country, and with authoritarianism on the rise in so many nations -- even those only released from dictatorship in our lifetimes -- we must see voting as more than a right: it's how we make the statement that ours is a robust democracy belonging to an engaged people. And it's how we express faith in our system of government. So, let's show ourselves, show our elected representatives, show the world, that we care enough to nurture the values of our political system. Let's care enough to vote.

Safer Streets

My colleagues and I have taken note of a large number of messages, posted online and sent to the Town office, expressing concern about speeding on our streets. What led to these comments was the report of a serious accident between a car and a bicyclist at the intersection of Leland and Oak. We will discuss this issue at our November Town Council meeting; but our Town Manager has already requested our police to spend more time on the streets that appear to be of greatest concern -- and be prepared to issue citations, both to cars and speeding bicyclists who ignore Town traffic signs. We also are considering a project to expand the signage in Town. Further, our new speed bump policy is in effect, and residents can follow that policy to have an assessment of whether a speed bump is applicable for a particular stretch of road. Finally, upon completion of the current infrastructure program at the end of next summer, we will undertake a systematic study of traffic flows, volumes and speeds in Town.

– Mayor Barney Rush



**10th Annual Thanksgiving
Dinner Baskets**
See inside for details

TOWN EVENTS

Family Movie Night – “UP”

Friday, November 2, 6 p.m., Town Hall

Family Movie Night is back! Friday, November 2 at the Town Hall. Join the Community Relations Committee for the screening of “UP.” Ed Asner stars as the irascible senior citizen who ties thousands of balloons to his home, taking flight with an excitable 8-year-old stowaway. Rated PG. 89 min. Come at 5:30 for pizza, snacks, and juice. Movie starts at 6 p.m. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. RSVP to townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or by calling 301-654-7144.

Winter Outerwear Clothing Drive

November 1 – February 28

The Town’s Community Relations Committee, working with the Lawton Community Center, is collecting clean, gently-used or never used warm coats, gloves, mittens, scarves, hats, sweaters, pants, and socks to donate to a local charity serving those in need. Clothing boxes for your donations are in the Town Hall (Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and the Lawton Community Center (Monday thru Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.).

TOWN UPDATES

Holiday Trash Collection

Household trash will not be collected on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22, but will be collected on your next regularly scheduled trash day.

Leaf Collection

Leaf collection has begun and will continue through mid-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.



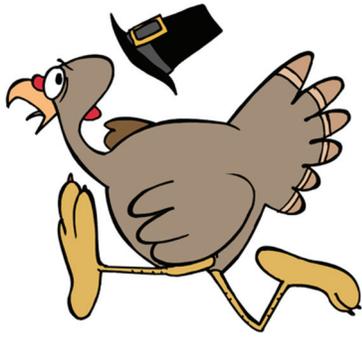
Permit Parking Enforcement

Due to increased complaints about non-resident parking in the Town’s permit parking areas, the Town has asked police to step up enforcement and issue citations to vehicles not displaying a valid parking permit. Residents in permit parking areas should ensure that their vehicles display a valid permit parking sticker and that all visitors’ vehicles display a valid guest pass.

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 website (www.montgomerycountymd.gov; search “rats”), which provides useful information about effective means of rat control. If you determine that there is indeed a problem, you may contact the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services at 240-777-3986 to schedule a no cost appointment with an inspector. The inspector will look for evidence of rat activity and recommend a course of action to address the problem.

Residents can take steps to control rodents by securing trash cans, inspecting wood and compost piles, and eliminating pet waste and other food sources. Please contact the Town office at 301-654-7144 if you would like a hard copy of the information posted on the County website.



10th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets

Organized by
Town of Chevy Chase
B-CC High School Football Team
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 or a Safeway/Giant gift card** to the Town Hall, November 1 through November 16, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or to Georgia Guhin (4006 Rosemary Street, Chevy Chase, MD 20815). All donations welcome!
 - \$25 purchases a turkey
 - \$50 purchases groceries
 - \$75 purchases an entire Thanksgiving dinner
- **Come to the Town Hall on Friday, November 16 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.** to assemble the boxes and lids for the dinner baskets. Catch up with friends and enjoy holiday treats.
- **Drop by the Lawton Center on Saturday, November 17 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon** to decorate the dinner basket boxes. Town residents of all ages are welcome! Enjoy a cup of cider and seasonal goodies
- **Have questions?** Contact the Town Office at 301-654-7144 or Bridget Hartman (bridget@hartmanjr.net) or Georgia Guhin (gbguhin@gmail.com).

The programs of the YMCA-YFS are serving more families than ever. This year, the Town's Community Relations Committee will be providing bountiful holiday food baskets to at least **100 families in Montgomery County.**

Please support this community effort!



SHADES OF GREEN

Gifting Greener Challenge

With the holidays approaching, the Climate & Environment Committee reminds you to reduce waste by thinking differently about how you shop for and give gifts. Five ways to gift greener include gifting: 1) active or skill-building experiences, 2) native plants, 3) charity donations, 4) upcycled products, and 5) products from local, small businesses. For more ideas, read *Shades of Green* on the Town website (found under the *Residents* drop-down menu).

Is it Noisy Around Here?

Each fall brings an increase in noise due to leaf blowing. The Climate & Environment Committee encourages residents to follow the Town's quiet hours when working with landscapers; switching to electric leaf blowers; or perhaps hosting a block raking party. These efforts help to decrease environmental impact and reduce noise levels.

The Town's landscaping quiet hours, and a *Shades of Green* flyer on noise, are posted on the Town website. If you have other suggestions for improving landscaping noise levels, please contact the Town office.

AROUND CHEVY CHASE

Meet CC@H'S New Furry Volunteers!

Come meet our **People Animals Love (PAL)** neighborhood dogs and handlers on Wednesday, November 7, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Village Hall. Helga Butler and her dog Teddy will demonstrate the training PAL provides for dogs to become therapeutic visitors. And you'll also meet Wally. He and his handler Nancy Malan have just trained to be CC@H volunteers, and like Teddy and Helga, Wally and Nancy are now visiting CC@H Members. Join CC@H and they'll come to your house too.

On Thursday, November 8, **Brunch Bunch** will get together at the Olympia Cafe on Brookville Road from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Just buy something to eat or drink and pull up a chair at the CC@H table for some good conversation with friends and neighbors. Guests are always welcome!

Happy Thanksgiving from Chevy Chase At Home!

History of Washington's Grand Department Stores

The Chevy Chase Historical Society (CCHS) invites local residents to an illustrated lecture, "**The Glory Days of Washington's Grand Department Stores: A Nostalgic Look Back**," on Sunday, November 18, at 4 p.m. at the Jane Lawton Community Center, 4301 Willow Lane, in the Town of Chevy Chase.

Michael Lisicky, author of 11 books about once-iconic department stores including Gimbles in New York, Wanamaker's in Philadelphia, Filene's in Boston and "Woodies" in Washington, D.C. and Chevy Chase, will be the featured speaker. He will focus on Woodward and Lothrop, Garfinkel's, Hecht's and other now-shuttered D.C. stores, beloved for their elaborate holiday window displays, wedding services and Tea Room specialties.

A reception of light refreshments will follow Lisicky's talk. Copies of his 2013 book, "Woodward and Lothrop: A Store Worthy of the Nation's Capital," will be available for sale and signing by the author. No reservations are required, and the program is free. For more information or questions, call CCHS at 301-656-6141.

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Centennial Snipit: Creating the Town's Vibrant Community Asset

The Jane E. Lawton Community Recreation Center serves as center of activities for Town residents. But the 3.7 acre parcel in the "Leland" subdivision was first home to Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, fronting 44th Street. When BCC moved to its current location in 1936, the building became Leland Junior High School for 7th-9th graders from Bethesda, Chevy Chase and Kensington. It reached peak enrollment in 1963, but declining numbers of students led to its closure in 1981.

During the next eight years, Town residents worked with State and County officials to convert the school site into a multi-service community center. The path from closed school to park and community center was not easy -- it took community commitment, creative ideas, patience, political will and grit! Town resident Jane E. Lawton played a significant role in the process. The Leland Community Recreation Center opened in June 1989.

In June 2009, the Center was renamed in honor of Jane Lawton following her death. The Lawton Center is a vibrant community asset. It serves as an example of what can happen when residents and government work together to solve complex problems. Read the details of this amazing story on the Town website -- select the history book under *Quick Links* and choose "Leland Community Recreation Center."