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Council To Discuss Generator Purchase

At its **February 13** meeting, the Town Council will host a public discussion on the possible purchase of a generator to provide backup power to the Town Office and Town Hall.

In response to several prolonged power outages resulting from recent storms, the Council asked Town staff to look into purchasing a generator. A generator may allow the Town office to remain open during outages and would offer a refuge for Town residents during times of weather extremes. The cost of a generator to provide backup power to both the Town Office and Town Hall would be approximately \$122,000.

The Council would like to hear your thoughts about the Town's possible purchase of a generator. If you cannot attend the February 13 meeting, you may send your thoughts in writing to the Town office at townoffice@townofchevyCHASE.org. Before any final decision is made, the Council will hold a public hearing, which will be advertised in the Forecast newsletter

Landscaping and Hazardous Tree Update

The Town will undertake right-of-way landscaping over the next several months. Trees that are ten inches or less in diameter will be edged and mulched. Stump grinding and sod repair will occur in mid to late March or when grass begins to grow in order to reduce erosion.

Also, the Town will remove trees in the right of way that have been identified as hazardous in a recent tree survey. Before work begins "No Parking" signs will be posted. If the street needs to be closed, residents will be notified. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Glidden at eglidden@townofchevyCHASE.org or 301-654-7144.

Resident Directory Authorization Forms

If you missed the January 31 deadline to be included in the Resident Directory, there's still time; we will be sending reminders during the first week in February to those residents who did not return an authorization form. If you would like to be included in the Directory, please forward the completed authorization form, included with the reminder, to the Town Office before February 15.

The Resident Directory is a helpful tool for residents to connect with their neighbors. The Directory will only be distributed to Town residents and will not be made available to the general public. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Eric Glidden at 301-654-7144, or email him at eglidden@townofchevyCHASE.org.

A Message from Mayor Pat Burda

On behalf of the Town Council, I want to thank those of you who took the time to respond to the recent Community Services Survey which was sent to every Town household in October. The purpose of the survey is to gauge resident satisfaction with various Town programs and services, and to give residents the opportunity to share individual ideas and concerns.

The results have been tallied from the 315 responses and were presented at the January Town Council meeting. Over the next few months, the Council will be working with staff and Town committees to address some of the issues raised. We are pleased, however, that there were very high marks given to most of the Town's services. Please feel free to review the results on the Town's website.

We want to remind residents that although the survey has been tallied, you are always welcome to call or email the Town with suggestions and concerns.

Thank you again.



February



Tuesday, February 5 – Mitigation Advisory Group, 7 p.m.

Thursday, February 7 – Community Relations Committee, 7 p.m.

Friday, February 8 – Movie Night for Families, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, February 12 – Land Use Committee, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 13 – Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Monday, February 18 – Presidents' Day – Town Office Closed

Monday, February 18 – Long Range Planning Committee, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 19 – Discussion and Desserts, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 20 – Climate and Environment Committee, 7 p.m.

Sunday, February 24 – Chili Dinner, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 26 – Public Services Committee, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 27, 7 p.m., Mitigation Advisory Group

Mastercopies and Originals by Town Artist Gordon Samuel Bell

In February and March, we will feature paintings by Town artist Gordon Samuel Bell in the Town Office. Gordon is a listed artist, a member of the Portrait Society of America and a copyist at the National Gallery. He has copied paintings by Rembrandt, Van Dyck, Turner, Monet and Sargent directly from the originals at the Gallery. He studies and paints from life at the Art League in Alexandria, where he is presently working on a fresh interpretation of a classic theme, *The Adoration of the Magi*.

His show will feature master copies of Monet's *The Bridge and Argenteuil* and Sargent's *Spanish Dancer*. Original works include *Freedom is Not Free*, a tribute to those who served in World War II, as well as a landscape sketch and a still life. You can find out more and see his work at his website, www.inspirationalmedia.com.

Town Events

Movie Night for Families

Friday, February 8, 6 p.m., Town Hall

Our third movie played to a full house so we have decided to schedule another movie night on [Friday, February 8](#) at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall. Remember to arrive right at 6 p.m. to get a slice of pizza before the start of the movie, *Alice in Wonderland*. Space is limited. Please RSVP to the Town Office at townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or 301-654-7144. Parents must accompany their children.

Discussion and Desserts

"*Inside The New York Times*" - February 19, 7:30 PM

Go behind-the-scenes at *The New York Times* with Town resident Richard Stevenson. He was recently named its chief Washington correspondent; prior to that he was political editor from 2006 through the recent presidential election. Since starting his career at the paper in 1985, he has served as economic correspondent, White House correspondent, and deputy Washington bureau chief, in addition to earlier positions in their Los Angeles and London bureaus. To hear from someone who certainly knows his way around The New York Times, join us on [Tuesday, February 19](#), at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Please RSVP by Friday, February 15 to the Town Office at 301-654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.or

Chili Dinner

Sunday, February 24, 5:30 - 7 p.m., CCES

We invite residents of all ages to attend the [Town's 19thth Annual Chili Dinner](#) at Chevy Chase Elementary School. We will have a special table for our senior residents, basketball for teens in the gym beginning at 6:15 p.m., and entertainment for our youngest residents beginning at 5:45 p.m. Chili will be provided by Hard Times. You will have your choice of meat or vegetarian chili, and all the fixings. In previous years, Town residents have been encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to donate to the Manna Food Center. This year, however, we're asking residents to make a small cash donation or write a check payable to Manna Food Center to help needy individuals and families in Montgomery County and drop it in the box we will provide at the dinner. Manna feeds about 3,300 families throughout the county each month. Your donation is much appreciated and will help those less fortunate. *This event is very popular, so you must RSVP to attend. Please email townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or call the Town Office at 301-654-7144 by Wednesday, February 20, to RSVP.*

Join the Habitat Team!

The Town of Chevy Chase's Community Relations Committee is helping with an exciting new Habitat for Humanity housing project in Gaithersburg. As a Neighborhood Build Sponsor, we are seeking donations toward the purchase of construction materials and supplies. We are also recruiting 10 Town college-age or older adults to volunteer for a day this summer to work on the job site. No experience is necessary to work on the site, just a willingness to lend a hand. Details on the specific date will appear in a future Forecast. If you would like to make a donation now, please drop off/send a check payable to Habitat for Humanity Montgomery County to the Town Office. If you are interested in learning more about this project or volunteering, please contact Belinda Wilborn at townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or 301-654-7144.

[About the Habitat for Humanity Project:](#)

The Maple Hill Townhome Community is a new construction project on Emory Grove Road in Gaithersburg, MD. Habitat for Humanity Montgomery County will build 19 townhomes on 2.9 acres of land. Each townhouse will have 3 bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms with a garage on the first level. All homes will be sold to applicants earning less than 60% of the Area Median Income. In total, the project will cost about \$4.8 million, or approximately \$250,000 per unit.

CRIMEWATCH

No crimes were reported to the Town Office in January.

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. In addition, please report incidents to the Town Office at 301-654-7144 so that we can post the incidents on the town website.

Update from Montgomery County Police

From time to time Montgomery County police forward reports to Town staff and our Neighborhood Watch Coordinators to keep the community apprised of crime-related issues. Most recently, Captain David Falcinelli in District 2 forwarded an update alerting the community that crime has been significantly reduced over the past year. Specifically, residential burglaries were down 40%, commercial burglaries down 17%, thefts from autos down 23%, and stolen vehicles down 40% over the past year. Because officers cannot be everywhere at once, these figures are reflective of your awareness and prudence in reporting suspicious activity.

Although property crime was down in 2012, crimes against persons increased from 42 to 57 occurrences, a 35% increase from last year. The report relayed that these occurrences receive Montgomery County Police's utmost attention and resources to deter future events and hold suspects accountable for their actions.

Montgomery County Police's Traffic Unit, along with our patrol officers, continues to aggressively enforce traffic violations and respond to neighborhood complaints. In 2012, 2nd District officers issued over 20,000 traffic citations. They are employing tag reader technology, which is allowing officers to identify suspended/revoked drivers and remove them from the road, in addition to recovering stolen vehicles/tags.

Residents are the eyes and ears of the community. Please report suspicious activity, persons, and vehicles immediately. In addition, residents are encouraged to get to know their neighbors and exchange contact information. Residents should also get to know their Neighborhood Watch block captains and discuss any areas of concern they may have. If you would like more information on the Town's Neighborhood Watch Program or would like to volunteer to be a block captain, please contact Eric Glidden at 301-654-7144.

Chevy Chase Lake Sector Plan Update

The Planning Board has completed its review of the Chevy Chase Lake Sector Plan and will be sending its Plan to the County Council for final review and approval. Unfortunately, the Board clearly did not share the 'vision' of Planning staff and the neighboring resident groups for a modest increase in height and density for redevelopment. The Connecticut Avenue Corridor Committee, of which the Town is a member, was successful, however, in getting Board support for two sectional map amendments which legally assure less overall development prior to the Purple Line.

Phase I is now restricted to 750,000 square feet of mixed use development at the shopping center site (the current grocery store and T.W. Perry site), 750,000 square feet of density at Howard Hughes (which currently has no plans for development), and a modest increase at the Newdale Mews site. Unfortunately, the Planning Board also approved some building heights up to 150 feet on the shopping center site which the Corridor Committee strongly opposed. Two of the five Board members sided more closely with resident groups and have written a dissenting letter stating their objections to several of the final Board recommendations.

We want to thank the many Town residents who voiced their concerns to the Planning Board. The County Council will be taking up their review of the Plan in early Spring, and there will be an opportunity to submit comments. A final copy of the Planning Board's report may be seen at <http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/chevychaselake/index.shtm>.

Committee Corner

Long Range Planning Committee, Mitigation Advisory Group

State Transit Officials to Brief Town Residents
on Purple Line Noise Abatement and Lynn Drive Crossing
Wednesday, February 27, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Town residents can learn about State plans to mitigate noise expected to be generated by the Purple Line transit project at a special meeting with Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) officials on [Wednesday, February 27, at 7 p.m.](#) in the Town Hall.

MTA engineers will demonstrate and discuss projected Purple Line noise levels before and after planned mitigation measures. They will talk about the noise-dampening measures they could use. In addition, MTA will discuss the various options it is considering to provide a safe pedestrian crossing at Lynn Drive, which the Town has urged.

The February 27 meeting has been organized by the Town's Purple Line Mitigation Advisory Group (MAG), which has worked with Maryland transit officials since late 2009 to minimize the negative impact of the proposed project on the Town. Noise reduction, visual impacts and safety concerns have been MAG's top priorities in working with the State.

Preliminary engineering on the Purple Line project is expected to be completed in the summer of 2013, and the State hopes for federal approvals and completion of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) later this summer. MTA has sufficient funds to complete the FEIS and begin final design and is exploring various ways to fund Maryland's remaining share of the \$2.2 billion project. No federal funds have yet been earmarked for the project.

If funding is secured, construction could begin as early as 2015, and transit operations could begin by 2020.

Climate and Environment Committee

Tree Tip of the Month

Tending to your green portfolio. For many of us in the Town, beautiful old shade trees define our sense of place. Just one look at what the Town looked like in 1920 shows how much harsher and sterile our Town would look without its beautiful tree canopy. In addition to giving our Town an essential part of its character, trees provide real value to each family including:

- Storm water removal by increasing filtration, absorbing water, and preventing erosion. By doing so, trees prevent contaminants from entering our water supply and the Chesapeake Bay.
- Enhancing property value (10-20%); the larger the tree, the greater the enhancement.
- Reducing energy use. In summer, shade trees reduce the heat absorbed by and stored in buildings reducing electric bills by as much as half, cool the air through evapotranspiration, and slow winds.
- Improving air quality. Trees absorb pollutants, intercept particulate matter, release oxygen, lower air temperature, and indirectly (by shading houses) reduce power plant emissions.
- Absorbing CO₂, the chief culprit in climate change.
- Serving as a sound barrier and privacy screen.
- Supporting the chain of wildlife that is vital to our health. Native trees support butterflies, birds, insects, and higher animals that keep our environment in balance.
- According to recent research trees, more than any other "green amenity," provide health benefits across the life cycle, reduce urban crime, enhance attention span, reduce stress, and bring people together.

Counting just the financial benefits, one 45-inch diameter southern red oak provides close to \$300 of benefits each year. With so many financial and intrinsic benefits, it makes sense to take as much care of your trees as of your financial portfolio. See <http://www.treebenefits.com/calculator/> to calculate your own trees' value.

Around and About Chevy Chase

Think Springtime in February with Chevy Chase at Home

What could be better in the dead of winter than thinking about an early spring hike along the canal towpath, that glorious National Historical Park that runs all the way from Georgetown to Cumberland, MD? On **Tuesday, February 5** that's just what CC@ H has in store when Jim Heins takes us on "A Virtual Tour of the C & O Canal." Hines, a retired administrator from Montgomery County Public Schools, has long been active in the C & O Canal Association, where he currently coordinates volunteer maintenance involving the Park Service and the Association. He has hiked the entire length of the towpath and has great photos and stories to share. Come to our M&M at the Chevy Chase Village Hall from 2 to 4 p.m. and take the tour, refreshments in hand!

The **Tuesday, February 19** M&M will offer a fascinating discussion about "Family History and Genealogy" by Barbara Walsh, who was a reference librarian at the Library of Congress for over 40 years. From 1989 to 2007 she was a reference specialist in the Library's Local History and Genealogy Reading Room. In retirement, Barbara avidly researches her own and her husband's family history and occasionally takes on some freelance research projects. She lives in the Rollingwood neighborhood of Chevy Chase with her husband Harry. This event is also from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Village Hall.

And save the afternoon of **Tuesday, March 5** for more local lore with William Offutt, author of "Bethesda: A Social History."

February Events at the Chevy Chase Library

8005 Connecticut Avenue

*Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Chevy Chase Chapter

Pre-School Storytime, Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. February 5, 12, and 19. *February 26, Bilingual with Senora Lupe Marks. Ages 2-6.

Chinese New Year Celebration, Saturday, February 9, 11 a.m. *

Come see the Chinese New Year Lion Dance performance by the Chinese Youth Club (CYC) of Washington, D.C.

Foreign Film Series, Saturday, February 2, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. *

Mostly Martha (Bella Martha), a German romantic comedy from 2001 about an iron chef.

The Green Golly Project, Saturday, February 16, 11 a.m. "GREEN GOLLY & HER GOLDEN FLUTE," Green Golly lives in a tower and has a terrible voice, but gets a flute. Will she escape the tower? Ages 4 – 12.

Marcie Lovett on Clutter, Friday, February 22, at 11 a.m.*

Marcie Lovett, the Clutter Lady, will speak on getting organized.

"Fire And Ice: An Afternoon with Robert Frost," Saturday, February 23, 4 p.m.

Librarian and historian Sam Allen will share a first person perspective on the life of Robert Frost and recite some of Frost's poems.

For complete listing visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/libraries. Click on News and Events, then type in Chevy Chase for library.

Play In A Day

Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Avenue, Saturday, February 9, 2013 • 8 p.m.

Six professional Washington, D.C. area theatre companies write, direct, rehearse and perform original plays based on similar themes in only 24 hours. *Play In A Day* kicks off on Friday evening, February 8 when playwrights and directors come together to receive their assigned themes and props. Playwrights then work through the night to create their ten-minute masterpieces. As the sun comes up, rehearsals begin as teams of directors and actors prepare anxiously to make the 8 p.m. performance deadline on Saturday, February 9, 2013. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased on the Bethesda Urban Partnership website, www.bethesda.org.

Maryland Resident Tax Return 2012 - Form 502

FORM 502 MARYLAND RESIDENT INCOME TAX RETURN

OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 2012, 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

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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 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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