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Council To Discuss Tree Policies

On **January 30** at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall, the Town Council will hold a work session to discuss the Town's current tree protection policies and procedures. At this meeting, the Council will review the feedback it has received from residents since the devastating summer storm that resulted in significant tree damage in Town. Following that storm, the Town hosted a public meeting in October to review the Town's existing practices to safely preserve the Town's tree canopy.

At the January 30 work session, the Council will discuss the goals and objectives of the Town's current tree-related laws and will hear from the Climate and Environment Committee, which was tasked by the Council to recommend new Town-sponsored initiatives or programs to encourage residents to provide for the care and maintenance of canopy trees on private property. The Council will then determine next steps. We will advertise any future meetings or public hearings on this matter.

Public Works Projects Update

Storm Drainage Improvements

Montgomery County is making good progress on the third and final phase of storm sewer repairs in Town. Following completion of the repairs on Meadow Lane and Rosemary Street, the contractor will begin working on Sycamore Street. Residents should obey posted "No Parking" signs that indicate when the work will begin.

A map of the proposed work areas has been posted on the Town website, although the plans are subject to change based on existing utility locations and site constraints.

Please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144 if you have any questions.

Concrete Repair

The Town will be performing concrete repairs in January. Areas to be repaired have been marked with white paint. Residents should obey posted "No Parking" signs that will indicate when the work will begin.

Please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144 if you have any questions.

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A Message from Mayor Pat Burda

Happy New Year! As we close 2012 and welcome 2013, we also want to welcome two new staff members to the Town. Eric Glidden is serving as the Town's new Management Assistant, and Joel Happy has assumed responsibility as Town Clerk/Finance Officer upon Andi Silverstone's retirement last month. Both Eric and Joel bring solid experience to their new jobs, and we look forward to working with them.

Before moving to Maryland, Eric worked for the Town of Hermon, Maine. He will serve as a liaison to the Town's various committees and will assist the Town Manager in administering many Town programs. Eric and his wife, Hannah, reside in Olney, Maryland.

Joel is originally from Cameroon and has held accounting positions for several local businesses. He will be responsible for managing the Town's finances and maintaining the Town's official records. Joel lives in Washington, DC with his wife, Joy.

We are thrilled that Eric and Joel have joined our staff. Over the past month it has become evident that both Eric and Joel are passionate about their work, and I am confident they will serve as valuable assets to our community. I want to encourage residents to stop by the Town Office to greet and welcome them. I know they would be delighted to meet you.



January 2 through January 31 – Annual Coat Drive

Thursday, January 3 – Community Relations Committee, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 8 – Mitigation Advisory Group, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 8 – Land Use Committee, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 9 – Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Friday, January 11 – Town Movie Night for Families, 7 p.m.

Monday, January 14 – Last Pickup for Christmas Trees

Wednesday, January 16 – Climate and Environment Committee, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 22 – Public Services Committee, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 24 – Dinner Out, 7 p.m.

Monday, January 28 – Long Range Planning Committee, 7 p.m.

Sign up on the Town's website www.townofchevy Chase.org to receive Town Crier emails and Alert TOCC voicemail messages.

Town Events

Movie Night at the Town Hall

Our second Movie Night for Town families was a hit, so we are happy to report that we will be hosting another movie night on **Friday, January 11** at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall. Enjoy feasting on pizza and popcorn while watching a movie! Space is limited. Please RSVP to the Town Office at townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or 301-654-7144. Parents must accompany their children.

Dinner Out at Saveur India

Dinner Out is sponsored by the Community Relations Committee and meets periodically at area restaurants for a meal out and the chance to get to know your neighbors. Join us on Thursday, **January 24 at 7 p.m.** at Saveur India (6831 Wisconsin Ave (below Trader Joe's)). The restaurant serves a variety of Indian dishes and Halal (hormone free). There is free parking in the back, and the website is www.saveurindia.com. Note, Saveur India does not serve wine or alcohol, but it has a 3.5 rating (out of 4) on Yelp! Please RSVP by January 22 to the Town Office at 301-654-7144. Bring a hearty appetite and your share of the check! It's close enough to walk if there is snow!

Town Residents Brighten the Holidays For Domestic Violence Victims and Their Children

The holiday drive for families experiencing the effects of domestic violence was a great success again this year. We are grateful for the heartwarming generosity of many Town families. Thanks to them, many needy and hurting County families will receive gifts and/or gift cards this holiday season. The gifts were distributed to the Montgomery County Family Justice Center, the Betty Ann Krahnke shelter, Safe Start (counseling for children who have witnessed domestic violence and/or have been abused) and the Montgomery County Abused Persons Program. Thanks so much!

Community Relations Committee Sponsors Coat Drive

The Committee has partnered with the Lawton Center B-CC Youth Advisory Committee to sponsor a coat drive during the month of January. We encourage you to bring gently used coats, mittens, gloves and scarves to the Town Office during office hours, Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 5 p.m. The coats will be donated to Interfaith Works.

Preview of Town Events Planned for 2013

The Community Relations Committee is planning an interesting lineup of Town events in 2013, including Movie Night for Families, Dinner Out, the 19th annual Chili Dinner, a drum circle for all ages, Discussion and Desserts, breakfast and a walk through Town with the Town arborist, the annual bake-off and more events to be announced. We will provide more details in future issues of the FORECAST.

Winter Storm Preparedness 2013

A Winter Storm Preparedness reference guide was included in the December issue of the newsletter and is posted on the website. We encourage you to review the information and post the guide in a prominent space in your house. If you would like a hard copy dropped to you, please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144.



Town Updates

New 2013-2014 Resident Directory Planned

The Town is preparing to update the Resident Directory for the 2013-2014 calendar years. The Directory is a great resource for connecting with your neighbors. The Town will mail authorization cards during the second week of January. These cards need to be returned by mail or dropped off at the Town Office by **January 31** in order for residents to be included in the Directory. Please feel free to include partial information if you do not wish to include all of your contact information in the Directory. The Resident Directory is only made available to Town residents. The Town does not sell or make it available to non-Town residents or any other third party.

The Town cannot include residents in the Directory without express written authorization from them. We are hoping that this year's Directory will be the most complete and comprehensive edition that we have ever published; however, without your authorization you cannot be included. It is very important that you return the card that authorizes your inclusion.

Town of Chevy Chase Tree Programs

The Town of Chevy Chase has proudly administered several tree-related programs for over a decade in an effort to preserve the Town's beautiful tree canopy. We want to remind residents of these programs and encourage you to take advantage of them. Additional information on each program below can be found on the Town's website at www.townofchevyCHASE.org.

Consulting Arborist Program

The Consulting Arborist program allows each residence an opportunity to consult with the Town's arborist every two years regarding the health of trees on private property. Upon a resident's express request, by phone call or through the Town's website (www.townofchevyCHASE.org), the arborist will visit the property and provide a written report regarding tree health and care, as well as issues pertaining to infestations and hazardous conditions.

Native Tree Canopy Planting

Each year the Town has a limited number of native canopy trees available for planting on private property. These trees are available on a first come, first served, basis. At a resident's request, the arborist will visit the property and determine if the requested location is appropriate for a tree. Requests can be made through the Town's website (under "E-Documents") or by filling out an application at the Town Office.

Public Tree Planting

The Town welcomes requests from residents for trees to be planted along the right-of-way. When a request is made, the arborist will visit the site and determine if the requested location and type of tree are appropriate. Requests can be made via the Town's website (under "E-Documents"), or by completing a request form at the Town Office.

Public Tree Maintenance

Any resident who believes a tree along the right-of-way is in need of maintenance is encouraged to call the Town Office or use the online form (under "E-Documents") to request that the Town arborist inspect the tree.

As a reminder, if you would like to remove a canopy tree on private property that is at least 24 inches in circumference, you must submit a tree removal permit. The permit can be found under the "E-Documents" link on the website. Once a permit has been submitted, the Town Manager, in consultation with the arborist, will determine whether to grant or deny the request.

We encourage residents to make use of the Town's website when using one of the above programs. If you would like any additional information, or have any questions about the Town's tree programs, please contact Eric Glidden, Management Assistant, by telephone at 301-654-7144 or by email at eglidden@townofchevyCHASE.org.

Committee Corner

Climate and Environment Committee

Tree Tip of the Month

Winter is the best time to have your trees pruned, according to the Town arborist Tolbert Feather. Because it's a slack time of year for tree companies, they can generally get to work faster and charge less than during busier times of the year. Here are some guidelines for selecting a tree service:

- hire a certified arborist (<http://www.isa-arbor.com/faca/findArborist.aspx>, <http://www.goodtreecare.com/search/index.cfm>);
- ask for proof of insurance;
- check for necessary permits and licenses;
- ask for and call references;
- get more than one bid and don't necessarily take the lowest one;
- beware of door-to-door tree service solicitations;
- get the agreement for work to be performed up front and do not hesitate to place all items discussed in the contract including clean up and any accidental damage to additional trees, landscape, driveways and sidewalks;
- don't pay until all work is completed satisfactorily

Calling all tree lovers!

Casey Trees (a non-profit in Washington, DC) offers a free "Citizen Forester" training program (3 free courses)! Citizen Foresters are Casey Trees-trained volunteers who teach new volunteers how to properly plant and care for trees and spread the word about the value of urban forests. The Climate and Environment Committee encourages tree lovers in Town to take the course and help the Town create a healthy and safe tree canopy in town. Heather Viera will be our first Citizen Forester. Anyone who would like to join her at the Trees 101 course, please sign up at <http://caseytrees.org/event/class-trees-101/>.

Crimewatch

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 notify our off-duty Montgomery County police officers.

The following crimes were reported to the Town Office in December.

12/13/2012

The police notified the Town Office that residents in the Town and in Section 5 reported that packages delivered to their homes on December 12 were stolen from their front porches. One of the homeowners has a security camera system, and the suspect was captured on video.

Please Remember to Shovel Your Sidewalk

It is important after inclement weather to make sure that the sidewalk adjacent to your house is cleared of snow and ice. If the accumulated snowfall is under 3 inches, you will be responsible for clearing the sidewalk. The Town will assist with the clearing of public sidewalks when snow accumulates to 3 inches or more. This snow removal plan will assist residents with clearing sidewalks following significant snowstorms, when help is needed most.



Around and About Chevy Chase

Start Off the New Year with Chevy Chase At Home

Looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity in the New Year? CC@ H has just the thing for you! As we continue to expand our services to older residents of Chevy Chase, we must also expand our wonderful volunteer base. Right now we have particular need for drivers, people able to do a little lifting (boxes or TVs, not pianos!), and high tech wizards to help our members master their smart phones, tablets and computers. Some of our other committees also are looking for volunteers--the Communications Committee, in particular, has an urgent need for someone with desktop publishing/newsletter experience. On **January 24, 2013**, we will hold our winter training session for new service volunteers, and we invite you to become part of this exciting neighborhood initiative. For more information, please call our Executive Director at the CC@ H office (301-657-3115) or go to our website, www.chevychaseathome.org.

We have a very special Health Program in store for the evening of **January 8** at the Chevy Chase Village Hall at 7:30 p.m. Carolyn B. Hendricks, M.D., a highly regarded medical oncologist specializing in breast cancer, will be our speaker. Dr. Hendricks trained at Johns Hopkins and is a trustee of the Suburban Hospital Healthcare System, Inc. and a member of the National Mammography Board of Quality Assurance. She is in private practice in Bethesda. Dr. Hendricks, who will have recently returned from an international conference on the subject, will discuss "What is New and Current in Breast Cancer Management". At CC@ H's M&M on **January 15** Susan Catlette will present "Your Life, Your Home: Modifying Home Environments to Enhance Independence and Quality of Life As We Grow Older." Susan has firsthand experience in home modifications that made it possible for her late husband to stay at home even during a devastating illness. She also worked for a number of years in the Indoor Environments Division of the EPA, and in retirement she is making her experience her passion. You won't want to miss this program from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Village Hall.

There will also be an early February M&M, on the **5th**, when we will have "A Virtual Tour of the C&O Canal" with Jim Heins. Same time, same place.

Brunch Bunch meets Thursday morning, **January 10** at the Olympia Coffee Shoppe, 7021 Brookville Road, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., for coffee and conversation. It's always fun, so pull up a chair and chat.

JANUARY Events at the Chevy Chase Library 8005 Connecticut Avenue

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

Pre-School Storytimes, Tuesdays, January 8,* 15, 22, and 29* at 10:30 a.m.

Join us for stories, music, fingerplays and flannelboard fun. Ages 2 to 6.

Foreign Film Series, Saturday, January 5, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

La Strada (Italian).*

Teen Book Discussion, Saturday, January 12, from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle. Open to all readers grades 7 and up. Registration is required.*

Non-Fiction Book Discussion, Wednesday, January 9, from 2:30 p.m.

The Dirt on Clean by Katherine Ashenburg.*

Jefferson Café, Friday, January 18, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

This month's article is "the New Price of American Politics," by James Bennet from The Atlantic (Oct. 2012). Available at the Library's reference desk without charge.*

Fiction Book Discussion, Wednesday, January 23, from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson.*

Vacancy on the Town Election Board

The term of one of the Election Board members is expiring in January. Any resident who is interested in serving on the Board may submit a brief note expressing interest to the Town Office by **January 31**. Please include your name, contact information, and a few sentences about why you would like to serve. Submit your correspondence by mail or e-mail to townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org. If you would like to find out more about the responsibilities of the position, please contact the Town Office at 301-654-7144.



Happy New Year!

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