



# Forecast

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE

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## Private Canopy Tree Maintenance Program To Begin on July 1

The Town Council recently approved a program that will reimburse Town residents for some of the costs associated with the maintenance of canopy trees on private property. The Private Canopy Tree Maintenance Program, recommended by the Town's Climate and Environment Committee, will help defray the cost to residents for tree maintenance work, thereby providing an incentive to help preserve and protect the Town's tree canopy.

*An overview of this program can be found on page 3.*

## HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!

The FORECAST is not published in August. Please visit the Town's website, [www.townofchevy Chase.org](http://www.townofchevy Chase.org), for current Town news. The Town Council will not meet in August. The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, September 11.

To receive news alerts and other timely messages from the Town, we encourage you to join the 970 residents who have signed up to receive [Town Crier](#) emails. Just visit the Town website and follow the prompts to sign up. For those who would like to be notified by voice messaging, please sign up for [Alert TOCC](#) via the Town website or by calling the Town Office at 301-654-7144.

## Single-Stream Recycling Service To Begin in September

Beginning in early September the Town will provide backdoor, single-stream recycling service to Town residents. Single stream recycling allows residents to place all recyclables into the same container(s). The service, which will continue to be offered weekly on Wednesdays, will be provided "backdoor," meaning that residents will no longer need to place recyclables at the curb.

As part of this program, the Town is offering residents a 64 gallon, wheeled recycling cart (Toter®), measuring 31.75"L x 24.25"W x 41.75"H. A sample cart is available to view at the Town Office. Residents may continue to use their green recycling bins if a cart is not convenient or desirable. And residents may continue to place recyclables in their own reusable containers.

Each household is eligible to receive one Toter® cart at no cost. If you **do not** wish to receive a cart, you must contact the Town Office by July 8 or a cart will be delivered to your home automatically in late August. You may email [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org) or call the Town Office at 301-654-7144 to decline a cart.

The details and exact start date of this new service will be advertised in the September FORECAST, on the Town website ([www.townofchevy Chase.org](http://www.townofchevy Chase.org)) and via the Town Crier.

# Mayor's Message

Pat Burda

Happy July 4<sup>th</sup>! I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday. In July, I will be working with the Town Council to appoint members to the Town's committees, which will resume their work in September. I hope all of you will consider volunteering. More information is on page 5.

The current committee structure was born from the Town's strategic planning process in 2006, during which the Council expressed an interest in involving more residents in Town affairs and receiving important feedback on ways we can better serve you. Although the committee structure isn't perfect, it serves the Town well, and I am very proud of the many innovative ideas and new programs and services that have resulted from the committees' work. Some examples include the Private Canopy Tree Maintenance Program that will begin this month and was recommended by the Climate and Environment Committee; the many new special events that have been organized by the Community Relations Committee; the creation of the Land Use Handbook by the Land Use Committee; the monitoring and analysis of the many development projects on our borders, including Chevy Chase Lake, by the Long Range Planning Committee; and the street lighting evaluation and improvements study overseen by the Public Services Committee. While all of this work was ultimately sanctioned by the Town Council, it was the brainchild of the committees, and the Town is better because of it.

Over the next year, the Town Council will continue to work with the Committee chairs to refine and improve our procedures. We can always do better, but I think we can be justifiably proud of our accomplishments. Have a wonderful summer.



# July

Wednesday, July 4 – Picnic and Parade, 12 – 2 p.m., CCES

Monday, July 8 - Long Range Planning Committee, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, July 10 – Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, July 17 - Climate and Environment Committee, 7 p.m.

Sunday, July 21 - The Onesie Club, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 23 - Land Use Committee, 7 p.m.

## The Onesie Club

The second gathering of the Onesie Club is scheduled for [Sunday, July 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Town Hall](#). Parents with infants (12 months and younger) are invited to meet to drink coffee, eat donuts and watch their little ones. If this sounds like your kind of event, please RSVP to Erin Kopelman at [ekopelman@gmail.com](mailto:ekopelman@gmail.com).

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# Overview of the Private Canopy Tree Maintenance Program

## Who can apply?

A resident or homeowner in the Town of Chevy Chase.

## When can I apply?

The program will be in effect for the 2014 fiscal year (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014).

## What kind of maintenance work is eligible for reimbursement?

All maintenance work performed under this program must be recommended in a Consulting Arborist Report completed by the Town's arborist between July 1, 2013 and May 31, 2014. Eligible maintenance work is limited to pruning and cabling of canopy trees. A canopy tree is defined as a tree with a trunk that measures at least twenty four (24) inches in circumference at four and one-half (4 ½) feet above ground.

## What documentation must I submit in order to be eligible for reimbursement?

- A completed Private Canopy Tree Maintenance Program application.
- A copy of the completed Consulting Arborist Report for the subject property. (To schedule a Consulting Arborist visit, call the Town Office at 301-654-7144.)
- A copy of the bill for services rendered and proof of payment. The bill for services must be submitted no later than July 31, 2014 and must identify the species and trunk circumference at four and a half (4 ½) feet above ground for each tree on which maintenance work is performed.

## How much will I be reimbursed?

The program will reimburse a resident or homeowner 75% of the costs associated with eligible tree maintenance activities, up to a maximum of \$1,000 per residence, for the 2014 fiscal year.

## Who is eligible to perform the work?

The maintenance must be performed by a Maryland licensed tree expert.

The Town Council approved \$200,000 for this program in the 2014 fiscal year. The amount available to each residence is limited to \$1,000 in order to maximize the number of residents who can participate. For additional details and to request an application, please visit the Town website or contact the Town Office at [townoffice@townofchevychase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevychase.org) or 301-654-7144.

## Join Town Crier and Alert TOCC

### Town Crier

The Town continues to encourage residents to join [Town Crier](#), the Town's e-mail alert system, which keeps residents informed of important Town news and information. The Town Crier allows residents a choice of receiving several different types of information alerts, and you may modify, update or cancel your subscription via the "Manage Your Subscription" link in each e-mail you receive from the Town.

### Alert TOCC

The Town is pleased to offer [Alert TOCC](#), which notifies subscribers with a phone call in the event of Town service interruptions or Town responses to emergency situations, including water main breaks, snow removal issues, etc. This optional service is offered in addition to the existing Town Crier e-mail alert system and Town website. To subscribe to this service, visit the Town website, [www.townofchevychase.org](http://www.townofchevychase.org), or call the Town Office at 301-654-7144.

# Town Updates

## Asphalt and Concrete Repairs

This summer, the Town will undertake asphalt and concrete repairs along portions of Hillcrest Place, Leland Street, Rosemary Street and Stanford Street. Please be mindful of parking restrictions while work is underway.

## Thornapple Path Improvements

The stepping stones on the Thornapple Path have been reset and replaced to improve the surface of the path and mitigate tripping hazards.

## Street Tree Pruning

The Town is in the process of pruning street trees throughout Town to improve pedestrian safety and vehicular passage.

## Sod Maintenance

This spring, the Town installed sod in various locations where tree stumps had been removed or where new concrete was installed. If sod was installed near your property, we ask that you water it as needed, especially during periods of warm, dry weather.

## Town Website

Significant progress has been made in developing the Town's new website, which will be more attractive, interactive and user friendly. The new site will be launched in late summer.

## Elm Street Sidewalk Repair

The Town has been working cooperatively with Park and Planning to make improvements to the sidewalk adjacent to the Lawton Center on Elm Street. This work will elevate the sidewalk to allow for better drainage and safe pedestrian passage.

## New Capital Bikeshare Station

The Town has been actively involved in discussions with Montgomery County to locate a Capital Bikeshare station in Town. We were recently informed that a bikeshare station will be installed in Elm Street Park this September. For more information on the Capital Bikeshare Program, visit [www.capitalbikeshare.com](http://www.capitalbikeshare.com).

## Zimmerman Park Improvements

The Town is investigating possible drainage improvements to Zimmerman Park to address standing water issues and increase the park's usable space.

## Fall Tree Plantings

The Town is preparing for its fall tree plantings. If you would like to request a street tree or a tree to be planted on your property, as part of the Town's Native Canopy Tree Planting Program, or if you would like more information on these programs, please contact the Town Office at 301-654-7144 or [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org).

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## Wonders Child Care Center Fall Enrollment Open

4301 Willow Lane, 301-654-8143

Wonders at Leland Children's Center is a non-profit, accredited, community-based, early-childhood program that serves children 2 to 5 years. Leland Children's Center has been part of the community since it opened in 1989. Many Town residents started their academic careers at Wonders. The Center has begun its fall enrollment and has a limited number of full time spaces in the two and three year old classrooms for the 2013-2014 program year, which begins on August 26. To learn more about the Wonders' program, application process or Financial Assistance Fund, please visit [www.wonderschildcare.org](http://www.wonderschildcare.org). If you would like to attend the Open House or arrange a visit to the Center, please contact Shatabdi Das, Program Director, by emailing [sdas@wonderschildcare.org](mailto:sdas@wonderschildcare.org) or by calling 301-654-8143.

# Committee Corner

## Town Seeks Volunteers for Committees

The Town Council encourages you to consider volunteering to serve on a Town committee. In July, Mayor Pat Burda, with the advice of the Town Council, will appoint residents to serve on each of the Town's committees for a period of one year beginning in September. Also, there is a vacancy on the Election Board and the Tree Ordinance Board. The terms for these Boards vary from one to three years.

Following is a list of the committees, including a short description of each:

- **Climate and Environment:** Inspires and facilitates energy conservation and environmental stewardship by the Town and its residents.
- **Community Relations:** Encourages a strong sense of neighborliness through community activities and communications.
- **Land Use:** Guides building and redevelopment within the Town through the use of available planning tools.
- **Long-Range Planning:** Identifies emerging issues that require longer-term planning and analysis.
- **Public Services:** Advocates high-quality Town programs and services for our residents.

If you are interested in volunteering, please submit a brief note expressing interest to the Town Office by Monday, **July 16**. Your correspondence may be submitted by mail or e-mail to [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org) and should include your name, address, telephone number, email address and a few sentences about why you would like to serve on a specific committee.

## Community Relations Committee

### Sign Up for the Town's Neighborhood Build Date on August 24

#### Volunteer to Work

Join the **Habitat for Humanity** construction crew on **Saturday, August 24** and help build town homes in Gaithersburg for 19 first-time homeowners. If you would like to volunteer (volunteers must be 18 years and older), please contact the Town at [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org) or 301-654-7144.



### Help Us Reach the Town Goal of a \$2,500 Donation

#### Make a Donation

We're just \$354 shy of our \$2,500 goal to help Habitat for Humanity with its project in Gaithersburg. Thank you to all who have contributed to this wonderful construction effort. It's not too late to send in a donation. All donations big or small are greatly appreciated. Tax-deductible donations, made payable to Habitat for Humanity, may be dropped off at the Town Office.

## Climate and Environment Committee

### Summer Energy Saving Tips

Electric bills tend to skyrocket in the summer. The Climate and Environment Committee has provided a list of ways to save energy and money during the summer months. This list is posted on the Town website, [www.townofchevy Chase.org](http://www.townofchevy Chase.org).

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# Around and About Chevy Chase

## CC@H To Host Tuesday Afternoons At The Movies

Caroline Michaelis

For some cool summer fun, come to the July and August Mix & Mingles, which will each feature a film chosen by Jerry Bernstein. On [Tuesday, July 16](#), there will be a showing of the 2003 comedy, "Calendar Girls," starring an ensemble cast headed by Helen Mirren and Julie Walters. Based on a true story, the plot centers on the efforts of a group of women to raise money for a local hospital--in a most unusual manner! The [Tuesday, August 20](#) offering will be the 1958 Oscar-winning musical "Gigi," with an all star cast, including Leslie Caron, Louis Jourdan, and Maurice Chevalier. Both films will be shown from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Village Hall. Special note to caregivers and companions--this is a great opportunity for both of you to get out of the house for entertainment in a comfortable, welcoming environment.

There will also be a Brunch Bunch get-together on [Thursday, July 13](#) from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Olympia Cafe in the Brookville Road Shopping Center. Everyone is invited to drop in, buy a cup of coffee, and pull up a chair.

If you're a CC@H member who needs a ride to any of these events, call 301-657-3115 to make arrangements. And please visit our website at [www.chevychaseathome.org](http://www.chevychaseathome.org) for up-to-date information about all our activities.

## Events at the Chevy Chase Library

8005 Connecticut Avenue

\*Sponsored by the Friends of the Library Chevy Chase

### For Children

[Tuesday, July 2, 10:30 a.m.](#)

The Maryland Science Center presents Science Unscripted  
[ages 5 and up](#)

[Saturday, July 20, 10:30 a.m.](#)

Matthew Pauli – Pirate Comedy and Magic Show\*  
[ages 5 and up](#)

[Tuesday, July 23, at 10:30 a.m.](#)

Uno, Dos, Tres con Andres! An interactive children's show that teaches Spanish language and Latin American culture.  
[all ages](#)

[Saturday, July 27, at 10:30 a.m.](#)

The Bugs of Blackwood, with the Sciencetellers\* [ages 5 – 12](#)

### For Adults

[Wednesday, July 10, at 2:30 p.m.](#)

Non-fiction Book Group\* The group will discuss [In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin](#) by Erik Larson

[Friday, July 19, at 10:30 a.m.](#)

Jefferson Café\* The group will discuss "The Force" by Jill Lepore in the New Yorker, January 28, 2013

[Wednesday, July 24 at 2:30 p.m.](#)

Fiction Book Group\* The group will discuss [Old Filth](#) by Jane Gardam

Complete listing at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/libraries](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/libraries).

## Bethesda Outdoor Movies

Bethesda's Woodmont Triangle, Corner of Norfolk and Auburn Avenues

The [Bethesda Urban Partnership](#) invites you to enjoy five nights of blockbuster hits at Bethesda's 9<sup>th</sup> annual outdoor movie series! Show times begin at 9 p.m. on the following evenings: [July 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27](#). Admission is free. Visit [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org) for details.

## Town of Chevy Chase

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*John Bickerman, Community Liaison*

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# Emergency Numbers

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Please remember that in case of any emergency call 911.

Police non-emergency: 301-279-8000.

### Power Outages

To report a power outage at your home or to report street lights that are out, call **1-877-PEPCO-62** (1-877-737-2662). To report downed wires or life-threatening emergencies to PEPCO, call **202-872-3432**.

### Downed Trees

Report downed trees in the Town to the Police Department by calling **911** if it is a life-threatening emergency. Use the non-emergency number for non-life threatening situations: **301-279-8000**.

### Water Service

To report a water or sewer line break, sewer back-up or stoppage, or fire hydrant leaks, contact the WSSC Emergency Service line at **301-206-4002**.