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Council To Hold Public Hearings in June Wednesday, June 12, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Backdoor, Single-Stream Recycling

The Town Council will hold a public hearing at its **June 12** meeting on a proposal to provide backdoor, single-stream recycling service for Town residents. Single-stream recycling allows residents to place all recyclables into the same container(s); currently, residents must sort these materials. This method of recycling has proven to increase considerably the amount of recycling, while providing an easier, more efficient recycling process for homeowners. The service, which would continue to be offered weekly on Wednesdays, would be provided "backdoor," meaning that residents would no longer be required to place their recyclables at the curb.

Since single-stream recycling is anticipated to increase the volume of recyclable materials, the Town would offer residents a large, wheeled recycling cart upon request. Residents could continue to use their green recycling bins if a cart is not convenient or desirable. And, residents could continue to place recyclable materials in their own reusable containers for collection.

We look forward to hearing from you at the meeting. If you are unable to attend in person, please submit written comments by email to townoffice@townofchevychase.org or by mail to the Town Office, 4301 Willow Lane.

Transportation Services for Seniors

On **June 12**, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on two proposed transportation services for the Town's senior residents. The idea for a transportation service was first suggested to the Council last year by several Town residents who are members of Chevy Chase@Home, a nonprofit organization that assists local senior citizens. The goal is to provide the Town's senior residents with flexibility and independence to travel to local destinations, including downtown Bethesda.

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Mayor's Message

Patricia Burda

Another Town election has come and gone, and I want to thank all of you who took the time to vote. Contested elections in the Town always make for a lively debate of the issues, which I hope residents found helpful.

Before welcoming a new member to the Town Council, I would like to thank Linna Barnes for her outstanding volunteer service to the Town over the last 10 years. We are all especially indebted to her for the leadership she showed as Mayor during the difficult building ordinance debate. It is in large part due to her skills that the Council was able to craft a compromise ordinance. Most recently, Linna served as Treasurer and helped guide us through the difficult financial period just 3 years ago when our revenues were down by 50%. Before I joined the Council, I didn't know Linna well, but I am happy to now call her a dear friend, and I will miss having her good advice at Council meetings.

Now we welcome John Bickerman to the Town Council. My colleagues and I are looking forward to having his new perspective on issues. John and I both have professional experience finding common ground – he as a mediator, I as a former strategic planner – and I think we, and the rest of the Council, will work well together on issues important to you.

And, finally, I want to thank you for the trust you've shown in me through my reelection. I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year.

Proposed Transportation Services for Seniors

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The Council would like to come away from the public hearing with a clear sense of which, if any, service residents would support. If there is clear support for one option, and the Council approves the initiative, it will be provided initially on a trial basis. At the end of the trial, the Council will evaluate the effectiveness of the service and will hold another public hearing before deciding whether to provide the service for a longer term.

Shuttle Bus Service:

The first proposal is to provide a shuttle bus service between the Town and downtown Bethesda. The hours of operation would be targeted specifically to provide transportation for senior residents on weekdays, during mid-day hours, but the service would be available to all residents. Shuttle stops would be located throughout the Town and in downtown Bethesda, including at the Bethesda Metro station. Providing this service would cost approximately \$70,000 per year.

Taxi Service:

The second proposal is to reimburse the Town's senior residents (age 67 and over) for taxi service costs, up to a maximum of \$30 per month, per individual. Eligible residents would register with the Town and submit receipts each month for reimbursement. It is difficult to provide an anticipated cost for this service since it depends on the number of participants; however, assuming 50 senior residents take advantage of this service, it would cost approximately \$18,000 per year.

Town staff is preparing more details on both of these proposals, and this information will be available on the Town website prior to the public hearing. We look forward to hearing from you at these meetings. If you are unable to attend in person, please submit written comments to townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or to the Town Office, 4301 Willow Lane.



JUNE

Thursday, June 6 - Community Relations Committee, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 11 - Land Use Committee, 7 p.m.

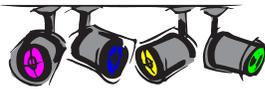
Wednesday, June 12 - Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 13 - Roundhouse Theatre Event

Monday, June 17 - Long Range Planning Committee, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 19 - Climate and Environment Committee, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 25 - Public Services Committee, 7 p.m.



Theater Night Returns to the Town

The Community Relations Committee has organized an evening of theater for Town residents at Round House Theatre on **Thursday, June 13**. Join your friends and neighbors for "Becky Shaw," a Pulitzer Prize finalist and Off-Broadway hit. In this comedy of romantic errors, a blind date for socially ambitious Becky Shaw with a co-worker's cynical friend sets in motion a series of cataclysmic events that changes the lives of all involved. The *New York Times* called it "as engrossing as it is ferociously funny."

We will gather at 7:10 p.m. in the patron's lounge at the theater before the show for a special welcome and distribution of the tickets. We invite you to join us after the show as well for a private reception with members of the theater's production team. Round House is at 4545 East-West Highway, one block from Wisconsin Avenue. *A discounted ticket price of \$32 is being offered to us, and a special Round House offering of \$11 per ticket for anyone under 30.*

Call the Town Office, 301-654-7144, for more details.

Town's Neighborhood Build Date Set for August 24

Volunteer To Work

The date for the Town's Neighborhood Build Day to help Habitat for Humanity construct 19 town homes in Gaithersburg is **Saturday, August 24**. Town residents eighteen and over can sign up to be one of ten volunteers to work side-by-side with Habitat's construction crew. No experience is necessary. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Town at townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or 301-654-7144 by Friday, July 5.

Make A Donation

Help the Town reach our goal of **\$2,500** to help Habitat with this project. As a Neighborhood Build Sponsor, we are seeking donations toward the purchase of construction materials and supplies. Through the generosity of many Town residents, we have raised \$2,096 to date. All donations, big or small, are greatly appreciated. Tax-deductible donations should be made payable to Habitat for Humanity and sent to/dropped off at the Town Office.



Town Updates

CRIMEWATCH

5/18/2013

The police responded to a call from a resident in the 4300 block of Stanford Street who reported that an unknown suspect shot a pellet through a window of the house. The resident did not observe any activity or vehicle outside.

5/13/2013

The police reported that an unknown suspect used a piece of concrete to break a rear basement window to enter a home in the 4200 block of East West Highway. Once inside, the suspect ransacked the home.

5/9/2013

A resident in the 3900 block of Blackthorn Street reported that her vehicle had been broken into overnight and that loose change had been stolen.

Please report all crimes to the police at the non-emergency number 301-279-8000. For emergencies, call 911. Please report incidents to the Town Office at 301-654-7144 so we can include them in CRIMEWATCH. Crimes reported to the police are included in Montgomery County, Bethesda Station, Second District crime reports. We provide a link to those reports on our website.

Photos Needed for New Town Website

The Town is in the process of redesigning its website to make it more attractive, interactive and user friendly. As part of the redesign, the website will include a photo gallery featuring pictures of Town events, landscapes, architecture, etc. While the Town has some photos in its archives, we want to ask residents to submit their own Town-related photos that we can incorporate into the website design and include in the online photo gallery.

Please submit digital photos to Eric Glidden at eglidden@townofchevy Chase.org, or on a CD or flash drive to the Town Office. If you would like to submit hard copies of photos, please drop them off at the Town Office. Staff will scan and return them to you. Photos that include images of people other than the individual who submits them may not be allowed to be used due to privacy issues. In addition, those who submit photos will be asked to sign a consent form allowing the Town to use the photos. If you have any questions, please contact the Town Office at 301-654-7144.

Overgrown Vegetation in Town Rights-of-Way

In order to respond to complaints about obstructed sidewalks, the Town asks residents to trim all vegetation so that there is approximately a seven foot clearance over the sidewalks and so that the vegetation does not extend into the sidewalks.



Doggie Do and Doggie Don't



The Town Office has received calls from residents complaining that dog owners do not observe the leash law. Please remember that your dog should always be on a leash when not in a fenced portion of your yard. Dogs off leash can be threatening to other dogs on leash. Please observe this law so that all dog owners can enjoy walks through the Town with their dogs.

Foster Community Spirit – Host a Block Party

Join the block party tradition! Many blocks in Town have been hosting block parties for decades. This is a great way to get to know your neighbors and create a stronger sense of community. If your block has not hosted a block party and would like to give it a try, call the Town at 301-654-7144 to find out how to get started. Once your block has hosted the first party, you will want to make it an annual tradition.

Town of Chevy Chase Independence Day Picnic & Parade



Friday the 4th, 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Chevy Chase Elementary School

RSVP by June 28, 301-654-7144
townoffice@townofchevychase.org

Please RSVP to attend this event!



GET IN THE SPIRIT & DECORATE!

The Town will provide flags for residents to display in their yards. The flags will be available in the Town Office beginning June 15. If it's difficult for you to stop by the office during office hours, just give us a call at 301-654-7144 or e-mail townoffice@townofchevychase.org and we will deliver a flag to you.

CELEBRATE ON THE FOURTH

12 p.m. Parade

The parade will begin at 12 p.m. Come to the Elementary School at 11:30 a.m. to decorate your bikes, scooters, wagons, and baby carriages. The Town will provide decorating supplies.

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Picnic

Town residents will be treated to barbeque catered by *Red, Hot & Blue* and the famous *Ben and Jerry's* ice cream truck. Vegetarian options available upon request. Bring your appetite and picnic blanket!

12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m. Music and Games

We will have music and games for young and old alike!

READING THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

The reading of the Declaration of Independence at this event has become a tradition. We encourage readers of all ages to take part. If you would like to volunteer to read a few lines, please contact Beth Kevles at bethkevles@gmail.com or 301-654-3388.

A Red, White, Blue, (& Green) Independence Day!

The Town will recycle and compost as much as we can. All picnic tableware and utensils will be compostable, so look out for the specially marked bins.

Committee Corner

Volunteer 2013 - 2014

In 2012-13, over eighty residents volunteered to serve on Town committees and boards. Volunteers serving on the Town committees agree to serve for a period of one year beginning in September. The appointments to the boards vary from one to three year terms. Included in this issue is a letter from Mayor Patricia Burda to each Town resident inviting you to volunteer. There is a short description of each of the committees in the letter and an explanation about how to submit your name for consideration. If you would like additional information, please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144.

Long Range Planning Committee Important County Land Use Actions Pending

Town residents should be aware of major County actions in the pipeline for passage this summer. The County Council is expected to vote on the [Chase Lake Sector Plan](#) and a [rewrite of the county's zoning code](#). In July, the County Council also is scheduled to review a proposed master plan for a [county-wide bus rapid-transit system](#). Stay tuned to the Town Crier for updates as they become available.

Climate and Environment Committee Brainstorming Session on Environmental Survey Results

In late June or early July, the Climate and Environment Committee will hold a meeting to review the results of the Town's Environmental Survey and to brainstorm on the Town's environmental priorities for the next several years. A wine and appetizer reception will be held before the brainstorming session begins. The exact date and time will be announced via the Town Crier. The survey results have been posted on the Town's website for review. After the meeting, the Committee will develop recommendations to be presented to the Town Council for consideration.

Airing Our Dirty Power

Did you know that you have a choice about where your electricity comes from? Unless you've taken definitive action, your electricity comes from Pepco's own sources (40% from coal, 19% from gas; 36% from nuclear, 5% from oil and 5.1% from renewables). Coal is the dirtiest source of electricity around and contributes to the poor quality of our air. If you would rather have clean energy that does not leave the environment worse off, you might consider choosing to get your electricity from renewable sources. Pepco does not make it easy to find out about this, but you can get electricity from as much as 100% wind. The State's Public Services Commission has allowed the following to provide clean electricity to us:

- Clean Currents (50 or 100% wind) <http://www.cleancurrents.com>
- Viridian Energy (20% or 100% wind) <http://www.viridian.com>
- Washington Gas Energy Services (5%, 50% or 100% wind). <http://www.wges.com>

Prices from these companies are based on the percent of wind energy you want to buy and the length of your contract, but price is usually fixed (as opposed to Pepco whose price always keeps rising). Think about it!

Around and About Chevy Chase

CC@ H JUNE PROGRAMS FEATURE PEPCO AND ANTARCTICA

As we head into summer, who can forget last June's derecho disaster and PEPCO's pitiful performance? So what is the company doing to avoid a repeat of the lengthy power outage problems that plagued our neighborhood? And can we expect better communication of information in the future when there is a problem? We hope to get some up-to-date answers at the June 4th Meet & Mingle, when George Scola, Manager of Budgeting and Reporting at PEPCO, will be the featured speaker.

And plan to cool off on **June 18** with a virtual voyage to southern South America and on to icy Antarctica with intrepid traveler Jerry Bernstein. He has tales to tell and lots of photos of penguins, seals, whales and icebergs--you might even need to bring a sweater!

Both of these events take place from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Village Hall. Refreshments will be served.

The Brunch Bunch will meet on **June 13** at the Olympia Coffee Shoppe on Brookville Road from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Buy a cup of coffee or a full breakfast and join us at the CC@ H table for some lively conversation with neighbors.

The Gentle Seated Pilates classes will continue in June -- Wednesday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Friday afternoons from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church. Call 301-567-3115 to register for either one. Small fee required.

For more information, please visit our website: www.chevychaseathome.org.

Events at the Chevy Chase Library

8005 Connecticut Avenue

*Sponsored by the Friends of the Library Chevy Chase

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| Children's Events | Saturday, June 22 , 1 p.m. Author Talk with Fred Bowen, writer of an action packed sports fiction series. Ages 8 to 12.*
Saturday, June 29 , 11 a.m. On the Ball Spinny -- a program featuring fun and amazing basketball skills. Kindergarten and elementary school |
| Foreign Film Series | Saturday, June 1 , 1 p.m., <i>La Belle et La Bete</i> (Beauty and the Beast). Written and directed by Jean Cocteau. |
| Non-Fiction Book Discussion | Wednesday, June 12 , 2:30 p.m., <i>Coincidences, Chaos, and All That Math Jazz; Making Light of Weighty Ideas</i> by Edward Burger and Michael Starbird* |
| Jefferson Café | Friday, June 21 , 10:30 a.m., <i>Do We Still Segregate Students?</i> by Julie Halpert* |
| Fiction Book Discussion | Wednesday, June 26 , 2:30 p.m., <i>Look at Me</i> by Anita Brookner |

For a complete listing, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/libraries.

Little People Center Offers Summer Fun

Your little ones can experience the joys of summer camp at the Lawton Center this summer. Each day (half-day sessions) is packed full of exciting hands-on activities including games, crafts, stories, songs and even water play. Preschoolers must be at least 4 years old and toilet trained. For children ages 5 - 12, Montgomery County is hosting a Summer Fun Center at Chevy Chase Elementary School from June 24 to August 2. If you would like more information about either of these programs, please call 240-777-6840.

John Bickerman and Patricia Burda Elected to Serve on the Town Council

Town residents elected John Bickerman and Patricia Burda to serve on the Council for two year terms in the Town's 2013 Election. Their terms will expire in 2015. At the May Council meeting, officers were selected for the coming year. Patricia Burda will serve as Mayor, Kathy Strom as Vice Mayor, Al Lang as Secretary, David Lublin as Treasurer and John Bickerman as Community Liaison.

We would like to extend special thanks to the Town Election Board members Cory Modlin, Ed Finn and Steve Lawton for overseeing and monitoring the election, and to the League of Women Voters for administering the election.

Receive Weather Alerts and Timely Messages

To receive weather 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 go to the Town website (www.townofchevy Chase.org) and follow the prompts to sign up. For those who would like to be notified by voice messaging, please sign up for Alert TOCC on the website or call the Town Office at 301-654-7144.

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Al Lang, Secretary
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June 2013

Dear Neighbor:

Each year in June, the Town Council begins the process of reconstituting the Town's committees and filling vacancies on Town boards. The Council encourages you to consider volunteering for a committee or board so we can involve as many residents as possible in Town affairs.

In July, I will appoint, with the advice of the Town Council, residents to serve on each of the following Town committees for a period of one year beginning in September. 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.

I also will appoint a resident to serve on the Town's Tree Ordinance Board and Election Board. The Tree Ordinance Board hears requests by property owners who have had a tree permit denied by the Town. The Election Board oversees all Town elections, including, but not limited to, making appropriate provisions for nominations, printing ballots, appointing tellers and/or judges and supervising the polls.

If you are interested in volunteering, please submit a brief note expressing interest to the Town Office by June 30, 2013. Your correspondence may be submitted by mail or e-mail to townoffice@townofchevyCHASE.org and should include your name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and a few sentences about why you would like to serve on a specific committee or board. Please indicate if there is an alternate committee on which you are willing to serve.

The Council would like to extend a special thanks to all of you who served on a committee during the past year. Your time and talents are an invaluable resource to the Town.

Sincerely,



Patricia Burda
Mayor