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Council Considers New Town Services

The Town Council is currently considering two new services for Town residents – a shuttle bus service to downtown Bethesda and single stream recycling. Both proposed services will be subject to a public hearing before any final decisions are made by the Town Council.

Shuttle Bus Service to Bethesda

At its April meeting, the Council discussed a report requested from the Town's Public Services Committee (PSC) regarding a proposed shuttle bus service, which was first proposed to the Council last year by Town residents who are members of Chevy Chase at Home, a nonprofit organization that assists local senior citizens. The Council agreed that more information about the proposed service needs to be considered before proceeding with a public hearing.

Specifically, the Council asked the PSC to develop several route options for consideration and asked Town staff to explore scheduling options, contract terms, handicapped accessibility issues, and costs. Council also asked staff to determine whether this service could be initially offered on a trial basis to determine whether there is sufficient use before entering into a long term contract. The PSC and staff will report back to Council at its May meeting.

Single Stream Recycling

At its April meeting, the Council also discussed single stream recycling, which would allow residents to place all recyclables into one larger container for weekly collection. This method of recycling has proven to considerably increase recycling rates, while providing an easier, more efficient recycling process for homeowners.

Among the issues discussed by the Council are the method of recycling collection (backdoor versus curbside) and the size of the covered wheeled carts to be provided to residents for this service (carts are needed because of the significant increase in the volume of recycled materials anticipated with this proposed service). The Council has asked staff to research these additional details and report back at the May Council meeting.

At the May meeting, Council will discuss when to proceed with a public hearing on each of these proposed new services as well as the details of each proposal to be presented to Town residents prior to the hearings. The Town will notify residents of these public hearings in subsequent issues of the Forecast.

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Mayor's Report

Patricia Burda

I want to encourage all of you to attend the Town's Annual Meeting on May 7. At this meeting, I will briefly review the Town's many accomplishments over the past year and highlight some of the new initiatives the Town is considering for next year. Our invited guest, State Senator Rich Madaleno, will discuss the results of the most recent legislative session, and Town Treasurer Linna Barnes will present the proposed FY14 budget, followed by a public hearing on the same.

The FY14 budget proposes to continue the high level of services residents currently enjoy, including 24-hour police coverage, backdoor trash collection and sidewalk snow removal. It also allows for new Town initiatives, such as a private tree maintenance program, and provides enough flexibility to add other programs and services throughout the year based on resident interest and need. And, it does all of this while proposing to eliminate the Town's property tax. We look forward to hearing your comments on the proposed budget, which the Council will adopt at its May meeting.

The past year was a good and productive one in the Town, and we are looking forward to an equally good and productive year ahead.



Thursday, May 2 – Community Relations Committee, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 4 – Lawton Center Spring Festival for Families, 12 p.m.

Tuesday, May 7 – Town Election, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Tuesday, May 7 – Reception and Annual Meeting, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8 - Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Friday, May 10 - Wine and Cheese Reception, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14 – Land Use Committee, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15 – Climate and Environment Committee, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 18 – Tree Walk with the Town Arborist, 9 a.m.

Sunday, May 19 – Onesie Club, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, May 20 - Long Range Planning Committee, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22 – Land Use Committee, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 28 – Public Services Committee, 7 p.m.

Town Events

Town Wine & Cheese Reception Wine Selection and Presentation by Vino Volo Friday, May 10, 6:30 p.m.

Come enjoy the great vineyards of Italy at the Town's Wine & Cheese Reception to benefit Habitat for Humanity's Neighborhood Build Project. Vino Volo, Bethesda's newest destination spot, is hand-picking a selection of Italian wines and will be our sommelier for the evening. The event includes a raffle of wines, cheeses and artisan chocolates. A yard of raffle tickets is \$20. Space is limited. RSVP early to the Town Office at townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or 301-654-7144.

Can't come to the reception, but would like to help? Consider a donation.



Help build homes for needy families in Montgomery County by contributing to the Habitat for Humanity Neighborhood Build Project. To become a project sponsor, which will offer Town residents the opportunity to assist with home construction, the Town needs to raise \$2,500 in the next two months. To date, we have raised \$381. All donations, big or small, are much appreciated to help provide safe and affordable places to live for our Montgomery County neighbors. Tax-deductible donations should be made payable to Habitat for Humanity and sent to/dropped off at the Town Office, 4301 Willow Lane.

Stump the Town Arborist Saturday, May 18, 9 a.m.

You are invited to meet at the Town Office for breakfast followed by a stroll through our neighborhood with Town arborist Tolbert Feather. You will have an opportunity to ask the arborist questions, so be thinking of some good ones! This is an event for all ages.

The Onesie Club

Sunday, May 19, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

The second gathering of the Onesie Club is scheduled for Sunday, May 19 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. Please RSVP to Erin Kopelman at ekopelman@gmail.com.



Theater Night Comes to the Town

Join your friends and neighbors on Thursday, June 13 for an evening of great theater at Round House Theatre, just around the corner. The play *Becky Shaw* is an engrossing, ferociously funny comedy. Please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144 for details or to RSVP.

Save the Trail! 5K, Saturday, May 25, 9 a.m.

Support Friends of the Capital Crescent Trail

Friends of the Capital Crescent Trail, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving park land, open space and the quality of life in Montgomery County, is sponsoring the fourth annual Save the Trail! 5K. The race will begin and end in Elm Street Park and take place on the Capital Crescent Trail. If you haven't participated before, we encourage you to join the many Town residents who make this an annual event. For more information about the race or to register online visit www.friendsofthecapitalcrescenttrail.org. Runners also may sign up in person before 8:30 a.m. on May 25 in Elm Street Park. If you would like to volunteer to help on race day or have any questions, contact volunteer coordinator and Town resident Jim Roy at 301-254-7253 or jim@luxmanor.com.



Town Updates

CRIMEWATCH

4/9/2013

The Montgomery County Police Department reported that a theft occurred at the intersection of 44th Street and Willow Lane at approximately 2:30 p.m. A man on a red bicycle grabbed a woman's purse.

4/8/2013

A resident in the 4400 block of Bradley Lane reported that a light in front of his house was vandalized. 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.

Town Receives Bequest from Ms. Lee Dennison

The Town is very grateful for the recent bequest of \$100,000 from Ms. Lee Dennison, a long time Town resident who passed away in August 2012. Ms. Dennison specified in her will that the bequest be used for the beautification and/or maintenance of public space within the Town. The Town Council has asked staff to develop a proposal for the use of the funds and will discuss this issue at an upcoming Council meeting. The Town will provide more details in a future issue of the FORECAST.

Ms. Dennison had a deep love for the arts and, from 1975 to 2004, she worked for the National Endowment of the Arts. Ms. Dennison also was active in the community. She especially enjoyed gardening and participated in the Town's Garden Tour for several years. She will truly be missed by all who knew her.

Pepco To Upgrade Equipment

Late this summer, PEPCO plans to perform numerous upgrades to its utility equipment in Town. Most of this work will involve miscellaneous pole, wire, arm and transformer replacement; installation of animal and lightning protection devices; light tree trim; and adjustment of guy wires (the cables used to secure utility poles). Much of the Town's current primary power wire will be replaced with tree wire, which has a plastic coating to deflect incidental limb contact to prevent blown fuses. The Town will provide more information on this work in future issues of the FORECAST.

Installing a Generator - What's Required

The installation of a generator that is hard wired into your home requires a permit from both Montgomery County and the Town. The Town requires that a generator be installed within the front, rear, and side setbacks for the main house. The County will ensure that the proposed generator meets electrical and mechanical codes. You may apply for a Town permit at any time, but the Town cannot issue a permit until the County permit is issued. The Town's building permit application can be obtained on the Town's website at www.townofchevy Chase.org or in the Town Office. Information on the County's permitting process can be obtained by visiting the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services' site at <http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/>.

Sign up on the Town's website to receive Town Crier emails,
Alert TOCC voice messages and an electronic copy of the FORECAST
www.townofchevy Chase.org

Committee Corner

Land Use Committee

Discussion of County Changes to Accessory Apartment Regulations

On **Wednesday, May 22** at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall, the Land Use Committee will host a discussion about the revised accessory apartment regulations that Montgomery County recently adopted. These regulations make it much easier to have a licensed apartment in your home. After outlining the specifics of the new regulations, the committee will solicit residents' opinions and discuss potential Town actions.

Climate and Environment Committee

Eating Locally



Most of us strive to improve our diet. To some this means moving toward organic or local foods. To others it means eating less meat or buying sustainably and/or humanely raised animal products. Many people seek out food purchased from local family farms because it tastes better, is fresher, and supports rural economies in nearby areas. For whatever reason, if you want to buy food from a local family farm, there are a number of resources available: farmers markets, farm stands, buyers' clubs, and Community Supported Agriculture Programs (CSAs). CSAs are basically a contract between you, the consumer, and a farmer or group of farmers. In exchange for a seasonal fee, you receive weekly allotments of fresh produce. Some CSAs select the produce for you and some allow you to choose among different options. Since the local agricultural season is ramping up, now is the time to find out where to buy local farm produce. You can get a complete list of CSAs and farmers markets at www.localharvest.org.



Community Supported Agriculture: Sandy Spring CSA has a pickup site in Town on Maple Avenue that delivers mostly organic produce on Tuesdays (www.sandyspringcsa.com); another CSA that has pickups nearby is Norman's Farm Market (<http://normansfarmmarket.com>).

Farm Markets: Montgomery Women's Farm Market (<http://www.farmwomensmarket.com>), Wednesday and Saturday; Bethesda Central Farm Market (<http://www.centralfarmmarkets.com>), Sundays at Bethesda Elementary School; Bethesda Fresh Farm Market (www.freshfarmmarkets.org), Veterans Park, Saturdays; and Takoma Park Farmers Market (<http://www.takomaparkmarket.com>), Sundays.

Farm Stands: Norman's Farm Market - daily, corner E-W Highway and Beach Drive.

One notable local **farm buyers' club** is for Polyface Farm (<http://www.polyfacefarms.com>) made famous by Michael Pollan in *Omnivore's Dilemma*. They deliver once a month in Kensington.

Community Relations Committee

Summer Safety and Neighborhood Watch

During summer months families are more inclined to travel and spend a greater amount of time outdoors. Additionally, warmer weather invites people to go out more often and stay out later. As a result, incidents of burglary and theft tend to increase. We urge you to take the necessary precautions to secure your property.

It is always a good idea to get to know your neighbors and to know who your Neighborhood Watch block captain is. If you would like to determine who your block captain is, or would like more information on how to become a block captain, please contact Eric Glidden at the Town Office at eglidden@townofchevy Chase.org or 301-654-7144. It is also suggested that residents subscribe to the **Town Crier** email alert system and the **Alert TOCC** voice message broadcast system. These are the primary modes of communication used by the Town to send out information regarding crime related incidents. We wish you all a fun, enjoyable, and safe summer!

Around and About Chevy Chase

Lawton Center Spring Fest

Come enjoy light refreshments, carnival games, inflatables, an egg hunt, music, magic and more at **Spring Fest 2013!** The event will take place at the Jane E. Lawton Community Center on **Saturday, May 4** from 12 to 3 p.m. Bring the family for FREE fun. The Lawton Center offers programs and sponsors events for all ages.

CC@ H May Programs Address Both Body and Soul

As we prepare to face another potentially scorching summer, it's definitely time to get out the sunscreen and pay attention to your skin. On the evening of **Thursday, May 9**, Maral K. Skelsey, M.D., a dermatological surgeon and professor of dermatology at Georgetown University Medical Center, will present a program on "**Lumps and Bumps on Your Skin: What and What Not to be Concerned About.**" Come to the Chevy Chase Village Hall at 7:30 p.m. to hear this informative presentation by an expert in the field of dermatology.

Also on **Thursday, May 9**, the monthly Brunch Bunch will get together at the Olympia Coffee Shoppe on Brookville Road from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Buy a cup of coffee or even a complete breakfast and pull up a chair at the CC@ H table and join the conversation.

The Mix & Mingle on **Tuesday, May 21** will focus on dreams. Sandy Geller, Jungian Analyst, Board Certified Art Therapist, and Licensed Professional Counselor, will lead a discussion on "**What We Can Learn From Our Dreams As We Grow Older: Carl Jung's Thoughts on Aging.**" This should be fascinating and fun, so plan to join us--and perhaps bring a dream of your own. The program runs from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Village Hall, and dreamy refreshments will be served!

If you would like to become a CC@ H volunteer, our next volunteer training will take place on **Thursday, May 16**. For details, please visit www.chevyCHASEathome.org or call the office at 301-657-3115.

Events at the Chevy Chase Library

8005 Connecticut Avenue

*Sponsored by the Friends of the Library Chevy Chase

Pre-School Storytime	Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21 and 28* (bilingual), 10:30 a.m.
Foreign Film Series	Saturday, May 4, 1 p.m., <i>Monsoon Wedding</i> , an Indian film
Non-Fiction Book Discussion	Wednesday, May 8, 2:30 p.m., <i>Unbroken</i> by Laura Hillenbrand *
Teen Book Discussion	Saturday, May 18, 12 p.m., <i>Holes</i> by Louis Sachar*
Jefferson Café	Friday, May 17, 10:30 a.m., <i>The digital challenge, 1: Loss & gain, or the fate of the book</i> by Anthony Daniels from The New Criterion.*
Fiction Book Discussion	Wednesday, May 22, 2:30 p.m., <i>Flannery: A Life of Flannery O'Connor</i> by Brad Gooch*

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

Wonders @ Leland

Wonders @ Leland currently has full time and part time spaces available for the 2013-2014 program year in their Ladybug (2 years) and Bumblebee (3 year) rooms and is accepting applications. Wonders has been serving the Chevy Chase/Bethesda/NW D.C. community at the Leland Children's Center for 20 years. Visit www.wonderschildcare.org to learn more about Wonders or contact Leland's Program Director, Shatabdi Das, at 301-654-8143 or sdas@wonderschildcare.org.

The Year of the Brood II Periodical Cicada

The 17-year cicada in this area, Brood II, will emerge this year. These cicadas have black bodies and red eyes. They emerge in mid-May and complete their life cycle by the end of June. The adults do feed on woody plants, but potential damage to trees and shrubs is caused when the female cicadas insert eggs into the tips of twigs. These twigs are damaged enough to cause the loss of the tips of branches. On large trees, this loss is minimal. On smaller trees, it significantly reduces the canopy, but even smaller trees do recover. You may isolate young trees with screening to prevent damage, but there are no treatments to manage the cicadas. Cicadas do not bite people or carry or transmit any diseases. They are a great food source for birds and a true wonder of nature. An informative website for more information is www.magicicada.com.

Town Election and Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Details in the Election Issue of the FORECAST and posted on the Town website

www.townofchevy Chase.org

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