

# Forecast

DECEMBER 2012

NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE

## In This Issue

**Mayor's Message  
Calendar**  
-page 2-

**December Events**  
Holiday Gift Drive  
Holiday Buffet  
Movie Night  
Food Basket Drive  
Recycle Christmas Trees  
-page 3-

**Town Updates**  
Crimewatch

**Purple Line Update**  
-page 4-

**Committee Corner**  
Long Range Planning  
Climate and Environment  
-page 5-

**Preparations for  
Winter Weather**  
-page 6-

**Around CC**  
Lawton Center Family Event  
CC@H Events  
CC Library Events  
-page 7-



## A Fond Farewell to Andi Silverstone!

After 26 years of dedicated service to the Town, Andi Silverstone will be retiring at the end of the year. Words cannot express how grateful we are to have had Andi working for the Town for so long. Her institutional knowledge and dedication are unmatched. She has always gone the extra mile to assist residents with a variety of issues, all while meticulously managing the Town's financial affairs. Andi also has been the backbone of the Town office, planning birthday parties and never forgetting employee anniversaries.

Andi began working for the Town in 1986. She started when the Town office was located in the 4H Center. She has seen the Town grow and change and has adapted to the resulting challenges. She survived countless hurricanes, snow storms and audits, but she maintained a smile and good humor throughout.

We thank Andi for all she has done for the Town over the years and wish her the best of luck as she enters a new phase of her life.

## Storm Drain Repairs To Begin Soon

Although Montgomery County has not yet confirmed the starting date for the third and final phase of storm sewer repairs in Town, we anticipate that the work will begin in early December. The work involves installing new inlets and pipes to improve the collection and disposal of rain water.

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 and site constraints. More information will be distributed to affected residents prior to the commencement of work.

As soon as the starting date has been confirmed, we will send out a Town Crier message. Updates will be posted on the Town website. Please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144 if you have any questions.

## Participate in the Annual Holiday Gift Drive for Domestic Violence Victims

Details on page 3.

---

The FORECAST is published monthly by the Town of Chevy Chase, 4301 Willow Lane, Chevy Chase, MD 20815; 301-654-7144; [townoffice@townofchevychase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevychase.org); Kathy Strom, Editor. Copies are mailed to each address in the Town and posted on the Town website, [www.townofchevychase.org](http://www.townofchevychase.org).

---

# A Message from Mayor Pat Burda

While things continue to be busy in the Town, I wanted to focus my message this month on thanking residents for their gracious giving. We are fortunate to have neighbors who not only give of their time to the Town throughout the year by helping with events and on committees, but now extend that giving to the greater community during the holiday season through generous donations of money, food and gifts.

At Thanksgiving, we were able to provide full Thanksgiving dinners to over 115 families in need. During the Holiday Gift Drive, Town residents will again, I'm sure, make substantial donations of presents and gift cards to domestic violence victims and their families. And, residents continue to donate canned goods to the Manna Food Center.

Behind many of these organized charitable events in the Town is the Community Relations Committee. We in the Town benefit from the hard work and dedication of all the committee members, especially Ann Wild and Bridget Hartman, the co-chairs. This committee's events in particular represent all that is good about a community as they bring together neighbors of all ages for fun, to share ideas, and to help others. I want to extend a hearty thank you to Ann and Bridget and all the committee members, as well as community volunteers Georgia Guhin, Katie Vita, Ruth Robbins and Julie Pounds, who organized the Thanksgiving baskets, and to Cathy Wolf, who organized the Holiday Gift Drive, on behalf of the Town Council and Town residents.

And finally, I want to say how sad I will be to see Andi leave the office at the end of the month. Andi is a wonderfully kind, thoughtful person whom the Town has had the good fortune to have as an employee for the past 26 years. We in the Town will miss you Andi, but wish you well in your retirement.

I wish you all a very happy and safe holiday with family and friends.



# December



Tuesday, December 4 – Mitigation Advisory Group, 7 p.m.

Thursday, December 6 – Community Relations Committee, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 11 - Parks and Playgrounds Commission, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 11 – Land Use Committee, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 12 – Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Thursday, December 13 – Seniors and Retirees Holiday Lunch, 12 noon

Friday, December 14 – Town Movie Night, 6 p.m.

Monday, December 17 – Long Range Planning Committee, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 18 – Public Services Committee, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 19 – Climate and Environment Committee, 7 p.m.

# December Events

## Annual Holiday Gift Drive for Domestic Violence Victims



The Town's Community Relations Committee is sponsoring its annual gift drive for victims and child witnesses of domestic violence. The Town will partner with the Montgomery County Family Justice Center, the Montgomery County Abused Persons Program and The Betty Ann Krahnke Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence in this effort. The generosity of Town residents in the past has been remarkable and heartwarming, and we hope residents will again help brighten the holidays for needy families.

How can you help? There are several options:

1. You can purchase gift cards to a store such as Target, Marshall's, Kohl's, Ross, Giant or Sears and take them to the Town Office. Gift cards in smaller denominations would be appreciated.
2. You can "adopt" a family with specific ages, sizes and needs. The gifts can be tagged for the recipients, wrapped, and brought to the Town Office. If this option interests you, please e-mail Cathy Wolf at [cathryn.wolf@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:cathryn.wolf@montgomerycountymd.gov) or leave a message at 240-773-0406.
3. Unwrapped, new items can be brought to the Town Office. They will be delivered to the Family Justice Center to be given to domestic violence victims.

The deadline for gift collection is Friday, December 14, but we hope that the gifts and cards can be brought to the Town Office earlier in December. Please contact Cathy Wolf with any questions (contact information above). Thanks in advance for caring and sharing.



## Annual Holiday Buffet for Seniors and Retirees

Join friends and neighbors at the seventeenth annual Holiday Buffet for Town Seniors and Retirees on **Thursday, December 13** at 12 p.m. in the Town Hall. While you feast on a delicious meal, you will have a chance to visit with old friends and meet some new ones. If transportation is a problem for you, we will be happy to pick you up and deliver you back home. Just let us know when you RSVP. Please give us a call at 301-654-7144 by **Friday, December 7** to RSVP. We look forward to seeing you!

## Movie Night at the Town Hall



We received rave reviews after our first Movie Night for Town families so it is "on with the show." Join us on **Friday, December 14** at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall to watch a holiday movie while feasting on pizza and popcorn – a great way to spend a Friday night! Space is limited, so please RSVP to the Town Office at [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org) or 301-654-7144. Parents must accompany their children.

## Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive a Huge Success



The tremendous outpouring of food and donations from Town residents and the B-CC High School community at large allowed B-CC High School, the Lawton Center and the Town's Community Relations Committee to provide 115 bountiful Thanksgiving meals for families in Montgomery County. A tremendous thanks to B-CC Crew, the school's rowing team, who provided the heavy lifting in assembling 115 dinner baskets.



## Recycle Your Christmas Tree!

The Town offers curbside pickup of Christmas trees. All wire, ornaments and tinsel must be removed. The deadline for pickup is **January 14**.

# Town Updates

## 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. Also, when you report crimes to the Town Office, you help us provide accurate crime information.

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

11/14/2012

A resident in the 7100 block of Meadow Lane reported that his unlocked car was entered. Nothing was taken.

11/9/2012

Two residents in the 7200 block of Thornapple Street reported that their unlocked cars were ransacked. Nothing was taken.

11/7/2012

A resident in the 7000 East Avenue reported that her unlocked car was ransacked. A bag of coins was taken.

11/5/2012

A computer was stolen when someone entered a house through an open door. We would like to remind residents that they should keep doors locked at all times.

## Town Teens List

The Town continues to maintain a list of Town Teens who baby-sit, pet-sit and do other jobs. Please contact the Town Office at 301-654-7144 if you would like to receive the list.

---

## PURPLE LINE UPDATE: Residents Can View Proposed Bethesda Station Plans

The Town's Purple Line Mitigation Advisory Group (MAG) encourages interested residents to review the latest plans for the proposed Purple Line in the Bethesda area at a neighborhood meeting on **Tuesday, December 18**, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Bethesda Elementary School, 7600 Arlington Road. The Maryland Transit Administration will host the meeting. Anyone interested in an overview of the project should arrive by 7 p.m. when a formal presentation will be made. After the presentation, residents can examine plans and question engineers on their own.

On display will be plans for the Purple Line's Bethesda Station in the tunnel beneath the Apex Building, a pedestrian sidewalk through the tunnel, and an at-grade pedestrian crossing at Lynn Drive. MAG has worked with the State for nearly three years to mitigate negative impacts of the Purple Line on the Town, as well as to push for pedestrian access through the tunnel and a Lynn Drive crossing with active and passive warning systems to ensure safety.

Although funding is not yet available for Purple Line construction, preliminary engineering is underway and expected to be completed in the summer of 2013. Construction could begin a few years later if federal approvals and funding come through, but economic realities might push this date further into the future. MAG will continue to work with the State to minimize the Purple Line's noise and visual impacts and, most importantly, to address the Town's safety concerns.

# Committee Corner

## Long Range Planning Committee

### Standing Room Only at Town Meeting on Bethesda Development

More than 75 residents interested in learning more about development plans in and around Bethesda filled our Town Hall on Monday evening, November 5. Many heard for the first time about the large number of projects already in the development pipeline. This is consistent with the County's plans for increased urbanization in areas serviced by public transportation. While it is hard for anyone to miss the parking and residential projects now under construction across from Barnes and Noble, few were aware of recently-approved plans to redevelop the former Post Office site on Arlington Road, the recently closed Eastham's service station, and the north side of Bethesda Avenue from Wisconsin to Woodmont Avenue. Ken Hartman, the Director of the Regional Services Center, described these and other projects including several 17-story apartment buildings planned for the older Woodmont triangle area. In all, local development projects, either recently approved or in various stages of the planning process total over 2,500 new residential units, along with significant commercial and retail space, and possibly two or three hotels.

The second half of the meeting focused on a presentation by Town Mayor Pat Burda on the new sector plan being developed for Chevy Chase Lake. Pat highlighted the effort to ensure this project advances in two stages – pre and post Purple Line. She is working closely with a coalition of 20 nearby communities to address traffic and school congestion issues that could arise from the plan.

The Town's Long-Range Planning Committee will continue to follow development issues and support efforts by the Town Council to minimize any adverse impacts on Town residents. The Committee will keep residents informed of new developments through the Forecast. Residents are encouraged to submit their own comments directly to the Planning Board on projects of interest to them. Presentations from the meeting are available on the Town's website.

## Climate and Environment Committee

### Tree Tip of the Month: Choking Danger from English Ivy

Montgomery County, MD considers English Ivy (*Hedera helix*), the common ivy that grows everywhere, an invasive exotic plant and urges citizens to get rid of it. Although the ivy is often considered decorative, it can actually strangle the life from trees. It can steal nutrients and water from trees it wraps around and can accelerate tree rot by holding moisture close to the tree trunk. It has been known to kill trees and add enough weight to cause trees to topple during storms.

Arlington (VA) Regional Master Naturalists offer the following tips for removing the ivy.

- Clip all ivy vines at the base of the tree. The goal is to separate all the vines from their source in the ground.
- Leave the cut vines on the tree. Pulling them off could harm the tree. The cut ivy will die and blow off over the next year.
- Create a barrier ring by pulling up all ivy vines from the ground for at least two feet around the tree. This protects from future infestations.

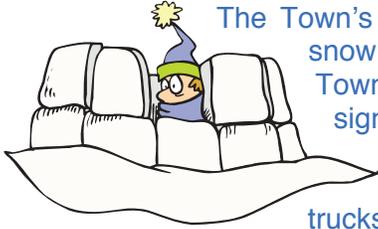
### Town Vows To Become a Sustainable Community

At its November meeting, the Town Council unanimously approved a resolution to participate in the Sustainable Maryland certification program. The program offers the Town tools to document and benchmark its progress on community action, community-based food systems, energy use, greenhouse gas reductions, health and wellness, local economies, natural resources, and planning and land use. We think we have a good chance at 2013 certification. The effort will be headed up by Julia Craighill of the Climate and Environment Committee. Sustainable Maryland is an initiative of University of Maryland and the Maryland Municipal League. Find out more at [sustainablemaryland.com](http://sustainablemaryland.com).

# Preparations for Winter Weather

The Town has taken a number of steps to prepare for the upcoming winter season. An overview of our winter preparedness plans follows.

## **Street Snow Removal:**



The Town's maintenance crew, supplemented by Mulheron Tree Experts, will remove snow from Town streets. In storms producing less than 3 inches of snow, the Town's maintenance crew will plow streets without assistance from Mulheron. In significant storms, Mulheron will provide heavy equipment, such as skid loaders and back hoes. The Town has a snow removal operations plan in place that specifies the number of trucks to be used and the routes of those trucks during storm events of varying magnitudes.

## **Sidewalk Snow Removal:**

The Town's contractor, Mulheron Tree Experts, will continue to remove snow from Town sidewalks and crosswalks if accumulations total 3 inches or more. Several areas of Town have been prioritized for clearing, including sidewalks leading to and from Elm Street Park, those around CCES, as well as the Thornapple Path. Mulheron has equipment and supplies in the Town garage to expedite their response time.

## **Trees and Power Lines:**

The Town arborist will continue to survey the Town following significant winter storms. The arborist will assemble a list of any damage to Town trees and provide it to the Town's tree maintenance contractor for immediate remediation. The Town will report all downed power lines to PEPCO.

## **Power Outages:**

Please report power outages directly to PEPCO at 1-877-PEPCO-62 to ensure that PEPCO knows you are without service and can schedule repairs.

## **Fire Hydrants:**

The Town will install fire hydrant flags, which help identify hydrant locations in emergency situations during significant winter storms.

## **Communications:**

The Town will use voicemail, the Town website, the Town Crier and Alert TOCC to communicate with residents during winter storms. Town staff will communicate early following the onset of the storm as well as often during the storm. We will attempt to relay Town service interruptions (e.g. cancelled trash collection, etc.) in a timely way, preferably on the day prior to any anticipated interruptions.

## **Office Coverage:**

During significant winter storms, Town staff may not be able to maintain a presence in the Town Office. However, staff has the capability to monitor voicemail and e-mail remotely as well as to update the Town's voicemail and website and to send Town Crier and Alert TOCC messages to residents.

## **Neighbor-to-Neighbor**

We encourage all residents to reach out to their neighbors, especially elderly neighbors, during weather emergencies.

# Around Chevy Chase

## Lawton Center's Family Winter Festival and Puppet Show

Join friends and neighbors at the Lawton Center's Winter Festival, **Saturday, December 8**, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kids can enjoy art, crafts and games to ring in the winter season. Blue Sky Puppet Theater will perform "Pigs at the Pole" at 1 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

## CC@H Set To Celebrate 2nd Successful Year

Please join us on **December 2** as we celebrate our second successful year serving our neighbors. This gala event will be held at the Chevy Chase Village Hall from 3 until 5 p.m. and will feature a very special guest, syndicated columnist Judith Martin (also known as *Miss Manners*®), who will speak on "The Civility Wars" at 3:30 p.m. You won't want to miss it! This is also an opportunity to learn more about our programs and benefits and to consider joining or renewing your membership. Space is limited, so register at [www.chevychaseathome.org](http://www.chevychaseathome.org) or call 301-657-3115 for reservations.

On **Tuesday, December 4**, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Village Hall, CC@H's Meet & Mingle will sponsor a program entitled "Eat Well! Live Well! Age Well" with Iona Senior Services nutritionist Rose Clifford. Healthy refreshments, prepared from recipes Rose has supplied, will be offered, and there will also be an Olive Oil tasting.

Brunch Bunch meets for coffee and conversation from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on **Thursday, December 13**, at the Olympia Coffee Shoppe, 7021 Brookville Road. Always lively, this is a good chance to meet some of your neighbors and share your interests.

And our final Meet & Mingle of the year, on **December 18**, will be a holiday party with tasty treats and Jerry Bernstein showing the very funny film, "Waking Ned Devine", at the Chevy Chase Village Hall from 2 to 4 p.m.

For more information call 301-657-3115 or visit us online at [www.chevychaseathome.org](http://www.chevychaseathome.org).

### Volunteers Wanted!

CC@H seeks cheerful drivers, heavy lifters, tech wizards and others to assist neighbors in our six jurisdictions to age in place safely and serenely. Our next volunteer training session will be held January 24, 2013. For specifics you may call Joan Urban, chair of the Volunteer Services Committee since 2009, at 301-652-4743, or the CC@H office at 301-657-3115 or visit us online at [www.chevychaseathome.org](http://www.chevychaseathome.org).

## December Events at the Chevy Chase Library

8005 Connecticut Avenue

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

**Pre-School Storytimes, Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. - Ages 2-6.**

**December 4 and 11** - stories, music, fingerplays and flannelboard fun.

**December 18** - Bilingual Storytime with Senora Lupe Marks, in Spanish and English.\*

**Fiction Book Discussion, Wednesday, December 19, 2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

THE CELLIST OF SARAJEVO by Steven Galloway (the 2012 One Maryland One Book pick).\*

**Jefferson Café, Friday, December 21, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

This month's article is "The English Wars: the Battle Over the Way We Should Speak," by Joan Acocella. Copies of the article are available at the Library's reference desk without charge.\*

Complete information on events at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library).

Click on News and Events, then choose Chevy Chase Library.

## Leaf Vacuuming To End on December 17



Vacuum trucks collect leaves continuously, street by street, until December 17. A map detailing the schedule of the pickup is provided on the Town's website. All leaves should be raked to the curb, not into the street. Please make sure that your leaves are not contaminated by cans, sticks, bottles or rocks. After the 17<sup>th</sup>, please place leaves in reusable containers or paper yard debris bags and put them on the curb by 7 a.m. for a Monday pickup.



---

Sign up on the Town's website [www.townofchevy Chase.org](http://www.townofchevy Chase.org) to receive Town Crier emails and Alert TOCC voicemail messages.

---



# HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

**TOWN COUNCIL**  
Patricia Burda, Mayor  
David Lublin, Vice Mayor  
Al Lang, Secretary  
Linna Barnes, Treasurer  
Kathy Strom, Community Liaison

**Town of Chevy Chase**  
4301 Willow Lane  
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

PRSR STD  
US POSTAGE  
PAID  
Bethesda, MD  
Permit No. 418