

Forecast

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE

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Possible Purchase of Open Space To Be Focus of Public Hearing

On **May 22** at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on the Town's potential purchase of the undeveloped lot at 7624 Lynn Drive. This lot, which is owned by Cathryn Wolf, is adjacent to Zimmerman Park. The potential purchase is part of the Town's ongoing effort to protect and increase open space and parks in the Town and would prevent this specific lot from being developed in the future.

The Town has a contingent contract to purchase the property for \$595,000. The contract is contingent primarily on the Town holding a public hearing to determine if the acquisition is in the public interest. If the Council decides to proceed with the acquisition following the public hearing, the lot would be added to the land area of the existing park, and the Town would agree to ensure that the property is reserved for public open space in perpetuity. The map on page 4 shows the lot in question and the significant extent to which it currently extends into what many consider to be a part of Zimmerman Park. *continued on page 4*

Town Launches Land Conservation Program

On Earth Day, the Town officially launched its new Land Conservation Program. The program, developed by the Town's Environment Committee, will enable qualifying Town residents to give gifts of open space to the Town in order to protect that open space in perpetuity. Such voluntary donations, which could provide tax benefits to the donor, would be done through conservation easements or other agreements under which the Town is the named beneficiary, or by conveying land in fee simple to the Town.

The objectives of the program include protecting and expanding Town open spaces and natural resources; protecting the Town's distinctive neighborhood character; and maintaining the Town's mature tree canopy. Features of the program include an open space inventory that identifies certain areas in Town that lend themselves to being protected as open space, as well as eligibility guidelines for the Town to accept donations of conservation easements or land in fee simple. The guidelines describe the conservation purposes of the program to potential donors and give examples of types of properties that would be eligible for the program.

All of the documents associated with the Town's Land Conservation Program, including a Question and Answer brochure, can be found on the Town's website (www.townofchevyCHASE.org).

Greetings from the Mayor

David Lublin

In my final “Greetings from the Mayor,” I wanted to say thanks to everyone for this wonderful experience and all of the help over the past two years. I could not have done this job without amazing support from so many neighbors who volunteer for the Town, my fellow Councilmembers, and the Town Staff. It has been an honor to serve as your mayor, and I thank you for it.

At the May Council meeting, the Town Council will consider a proposal to purchase land adjoining Zimmerman Park near the intersection of Lynn Dr. and Maple Ave. While the Council unanimously has recommended the purchase to the community, I know that all members of the Council want your input before making any decision. We look forward to hearing from you at either the meeting or via email at townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.



Tuesday, May 1 – Annual Election, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Tuesday, May 1 – Annual Reception and Meeting, 7 p.m.

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

Monday, May 7 – Land Use Committee, 7 p.m.

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

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

Thursday, May 10 – Dinner Out, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 10 - Public Services Committee, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 21 – Long Range Planning Committee, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 22 – Public Hearing on Open Space Purchase, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 29 – Climate Protection Committee, 7 p.m.

Please check the Town website for up-to-date information about the Town.

www.townofchevy Chase.org

Crimewatch

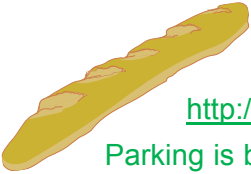
There were no crimes reported to the Town Office in April.

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. Please report crimes to the Town Office so that we can provide accurate crime information on the Town website. For the most up-to-date crime statistics, please go to the Town website. 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 Events

Community Relations Committee

The Dinner Out Group Is Back!




Please join your neighbors for “dinner out” at Bethesda’s newest restaurant, The Majestic Bar & Grille. It is conveniently located just outside the Town near the Farm Woman’s Market (formerly Gaffney’s). Check out the menu at <http://themajesticbethesda.com>.

Parking is behind the restaurant. We will meet on **Thursday, May 10** at 7 p.m. and will use the front part of the restaurant for our Town group. As always, the Dinner Out group invites any interested Town residents who want to join in on the fun. The Majestic will have separate checks and even some Happy Hour specials for us. Please RSVP to the Town staff at 301-654-7144 by May 8 so we know how many people to expect.

TOWN ART SHOW


Artists Create Small Works for Smart Sacks



Mark your calendars for the weekend of **June 1** for the Town’s art sale to benefit Manna Food Center which provides more than 1,600 children in Montgomery County with backpacks full of food every Friday, including the summer months. Don’t miss this opportunity to buy wonderful small creations by local professional, amateur and student painters, photographers, sculptors, architects, graphic designers and jewelry makers and to support a terrific children’s program of Manna Food Center. The show opens in the Town Hall with a wine and cheese reception on **Friday, June 1** from 7-9 pm and continues **Saturday, June 2** and **Sunday, June 3** from 2 to 4 pm.

Artists - it’s not too late to donate to this event. All art pieces must be under 12 inches in height, width and depth and must be submitted suitable for hanging. Each piece will be for sale for \$100. Town artists are encouraged to invite a guest artist from outside the Town to donate to this special event. If you have questions, contact Katie Vita (katie.vita@gmail.com). To sign up to donate a piece of art, please contact the Town Office at townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or 301-654-7144.

Theater Night Comes to the Town



Join your friends and neighbors on **Thursday, June 21** for an evening of great theater at Round House Theatre, just around the corner. The Community Relations Committee has organized an evening for Town residents to see “Double Indemnity.” Adapted by Billy Wilder in his snappy film noir, this crime tale comes to the stage in a delicious new take on the celebrated suspense novel by James M. Cain. We’ll gather in the patron’s lounge at the theater at 7:10 pm for a special welcome and distribution of the tickets for the 7:30 p.m. show. We also invite you to join us after the show for a private dessert reception and discussion with members of the theater’s production team. A discounted price of \$40 will include prime center orchestra seating and the dessert reception. Please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144 to RSVP.

Neighbors Hosting Neighbors

Please join your neighbors for a Town coffee at the home of Sandy DeCain (7715 Chatham Street), on **Monday, May 14**, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Please reach out to invite new neighbors or come by to connect with long-time residents. All are welcome (including children), but please RSVP to Sandy at sandydecain1@me.com. Many thanks to Desiree Kraus for hosting a lovely Town coffee in March. If you have any questions or would like to host a future morning or evening Town gathering, please call Maria Olsen at 301-652-4370. Hope to see you there!

Town Updates

Water Drainage Ordinance Executive Regulation

The Town has issued a proposed executive regulation that establishes policies and procedures for the proper administration of the Town's Water Drainage Ordinance. Specifically, proposed regulation 2012-1 addresses the following: the applicability of the water drainage regulations; required standards for structural water drainage management measures; approval of alternative water drainage management measures; classification of pervious and semi-pervious surfaces; maintenance standards for water drainage systems; the calculation of on-site retention requirements; and notification and posting requirements.

The Town is seeking public input concerning this proposed regulation, which is posted in its entirety on the Town website and available at the Town Office. Comments must be received by the Town by 5 p.m. on May 31, 2012 and may be submitted by mail, e-mail, hand delivery or courier. After taking into consideration public comments, the Town intends to issue a final executive regulation, which would then be enforceable by the Town upon its effective date. Notice will be provided to the public concerning the adoption of any final executive regulation.

Town Seeks Feedback

On Possible Voice Message Broadcast Service

The Town Council is considering providing a voice message broadcast service that would alert subscribers with a phone call in the event of Town service interruptions or Town responses to emergency situations, including power outages, water main breaks, snow removal problems, etc.

This optional service would be offered in addition to the existing Town Crier e-mail alert system and Town website. Town residents interested in this service should contact the Town Office by phone at 301-654-7144 or by e-mail at townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org to indicate their interest in the Town providing this service.

Depending on the level of support for this proposed service, the Town Council will decide whether to implement it as an additional communications tool.

Public Hearing on Open Space

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The Town intends to utilize State Program Open Space (POS) funds to subsidize the purchase. While not available this year, the funds are expected to become available in the future, and the Town has received assurances from the State that these monies may be used to reimburse the Town for a portion of the acquisition cost. There is approximately \$360,000 in POS funds allocated to the Town. The remainder of the purchase price will be funded with Town reserves, which remain very healthy in the context of the Town's overall budget.

If you are unable to attend the public hearing or to testify in person, you may submit comments prior to the hearing date by e-mail to townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or by mail to Town Office, 4301 Willow Lane, Chevy Chase, MD 20815. Please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144 for more information.



Committee Corner

Climate and Environment Committee



Energy Trailblazers of the Month: Elizabeth MacDonald and Len Erickson

"I was ticked that we were heating the sky," said Elizabeth MacDonald when asked why she and Len had done so much to make their home energy efficient. Their house also felt cold. Due to a contractor's poor work, they had to do significant rehabilitation on the inside of their house, so they decided it was a good time to make sure it was snug and efficient by increasing wall and attic insulation, getting new high efficiency windows, insulating the floor of the rear addition, and sealing the air leaks around the house. The results: a much more comfortable house and \$70-\$100 less in monthly utility bills. See the Town website for more details.

Around and About Chevy Chase

"Save the Trail!" 5K in Chevy Chase on May 26



The third annual "Save the Trail" 5K will be held on **Saturday, May 26** at 9 a.m., beginning in Elm Street Park. Come out and run this fun race through the town streets and (mostly) on the Capital Crescent Trail.

The "Save the Trail!" 5K benefits Friends of the Capital Crescent Trail (FCCT), the local non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and protecting open space, parkland and quality of life in our community. The FCCT is working hard to oppose the current plan for the Purple Line on the trail and to oppose the recently announced decision to close the trail's tunnel beneath Wisconsin Avenue. Visit the Friends of the Capital Crescent Trail website at www.SaveTheTrail.org.

Information about the event and on-line registration can be accessed at the FCCT website. Runners also may sign up before the race on May 26 at Elm Street Park (4601 Willow Lane) or on Friday, May 25 from noon to 7 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Running Company store at 4461 Willard Avenue in Friendship Heights (across the street from Whole Foods).

Runners who register on-line will receive a free "Save the Trail!" t-shirt and tote bag. (The \$25 online registration closes May 23. Runners registering after May 23 pay \$25, but do not receive a free t-shirt.)

Want to volunteer on race day? Friends of the Capital Crescent Trail invites you to be a course marshal, help register runners, distribute t-shirts and make the "Save the Trail!" 5K a great event for all. For more details or to sign-up to help, contact volunteer coordinator and Town neighbor Jim Roy at 301-254-7253 or jimroy@longandfoster.com.

The first three male and female finishers receive \$100, \$50 and \$25 gift certificates, respectively, to the Chevy Chase Running Company store, and there will be a random prize drawing open to all runners for many gift certificates from other merchants, too. The race will be chip-timed and features a fast out-and-back course that's been very popular with local runners. Last year, over 400 people registered for the race.

For more information, please email raceinfo@SaveTheTrail.org.

See you May 26th!

Around and About Chevy Chase

Traffic and Parking in Downtown Bethesda

In response to the closing of Lots 31 and 31A in downtown Bethesda, the County has taken several steps to ease recent traffic congestion and improve parking availability. The County has added another vehicle to the existing Circulator route in the morning and evening. The existing headways (wait times between buses) are approximately 6-7 minutes. The County also has reduced the number of long-term parking spaces in Garage 57 by the same number of short term spaces that were lost due to the closing of Lots 31 and 31A. Garage 57 is accessible from both Bethesda Avenue (across from the Apple Store) and from Elm Street. The garage has an electronic counter at each entrance that indicates the number of available parking spaces. The Bethesda Urban Partnership, which manages the downtown parking district, has brochures and a website (www.bethesda.org) that identify County parking facilities and include a Circulator map.

Post Office Closings and Relocations

Many have inquired as to the status of local post office closings and relocations. The Arlington Road post office will close permanently in May. Its functions will be absorbed by the postal substation at Montgomery Mall. On **May 16**, the historic post office on Wisconsin Avenue will move to 6900 Wisconsin, previously the old Millers' Furs store, where it has a long-term lease. The old post office is historically designated, so any redevelopment plans will need to take this into account. The developer has not submitted any plans yet, so it remains to be seen what type of project will be proposed. The Chevy Chase Village post office will remain open.

Cc@H in the Merry Month of May

Caroline Michaelis

On May 1 local artist Millie Shott returns to CC@H's Meet & Mingle to demonstrate "Printing With Unusual Tools." This will be a hands-on experience, so bring an apron and prepare to unleash your inner creativity! The fun takes place on **Tuesday, May 1**, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Village Hall.

The 2nd Thursday Brunch Bunch will get together with several members of the CC@H Board on **Thursday, May 10** from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Olympia Coffee Shoppe, 7021 Brookville Road.

An important Chevy Chase At Home evening program, "**Washington Month in Review**," will be held on **Tuesday, May 15** at 7 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Village Hall. Veteran newscasters Bill Sheehan and Sid Davis will engage the audience in a lively discussion of current events. Together they conduct a monthly program at the Cosmos Club, encouraging spirited debate on the issues of the day--a format they hope to repeat at our gathering.

To learn more, please visit www.chevychaseathome.org.

Events at the Chevy Chase Library

8005 Connecticut Avenue

***Sponsored the Friends of the Library Chevy Chase.**

Preschool Storytime:	Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., May 1, 8, 15, and 29 (ages 2-6)
*Bilingual Storytime:	Tuesday, May 22, at 10:30 a.m. (ages 2-6)
*Foreign Film:	Saturday, May 5 at 1:00 p.m. <u>Seraphine</u> (French).
Montgomery College Class:	The Constitution of the United States Thursdays at 1:30 p.m., May 17, 24, 31 and June 7, 14

For a complete list of events, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/libraries.

Around and About Chevy Chase

Congressional Cemetery Tour & Box Lunch

The Chevy Chase Historical Society's History-Go-Round will host a walking tour of Congressional Cemetery in Southeast Washington, DC, led by an organizer of the burial ground's recent renaissance. Capitol Hill resident Patrick Crowley will describe the cemetery's founding in 1807 and the dark days in the late 20th century. The 90-minute walking tour on **Wednesday, May 2**, will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the gatehouse of Congressional Cemetery, 1801 E Street, SE. The tour will be followed by a box lunch in the board room of the Association for the Preservation of Historic Congressional Cemetery. Cost of the tour and lunch is \$20, payable by check in advance. Space is limited and reservations are required. To reserve, call Mary Anne Tuohey at 301-656-1779 or email 2e@chevychasehistory.org.

Bethesda Community Garden Club Annual Plant Sale 2012

Gardeners and anyone who loves plants won't want to miss the Bethesda Community Garden Club's annual plant sale. Rain or shine, the 2012 sale will run from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. on **Thursday, May 3** at the Bethesda Farm Women's Market, 7155 Wisconsin Avenue. Find wonderful buys on a large selection of perennials grown in members' well-tended gardens, plus herbs, annuals, native plants, shrubs, and vines. Novices and experts alike can pose their gardening questions to our knowledgeable club members on site. Proceeds benefit various community projects, including landscaping at the Bethesda and Davis libraries and a Montgomery College scholarship in landscape technology. Plan now to support the Bethesda Community Garden Club -- celebrating 89 years of community service.

Host Families Needed

New Story Leadership for the Middle East (NSL www.newstoryleadership.org) is seeking host families for Palestinian and Israeli university students. New Story Leadership seeks to inspire a new story for the Middle East peace process by bringing outstanding Israeli and Palestinian students to Washington DC to experience American culture, history and democracy. The program dates are June 17 through August 5. The NSL students arrive on or about these dates. Please call Town neighbor Terry Eason at 301-657-4343 or email at TerryAbelEason@aol.com, if you want more first-hand information on this wonderful experience shared by many Town residents. Thank you.

Successfully Signing Up for Town Neighbors Listserv

If you wish to join the Town Neighbors listserv (the private, non-Town-affiliated listserv in which neighbors share recommendations, announcements, discussions, and more), please follow the step-by-step instructions until you confirm your *preferred* e-mail address, which need not be the e-mail address assigned by Yahoo. Also, be sure to include your full name and address in the comments section. A link to the instructions for joining Town Neighbors can be found at www.townofchevychase.org under Quick Links at the bottom right of the homepage. Please pass this word on to others who may have tried to join, but thought we never responded to them. Questions? Contact annwild@aol.com.

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Drive Carefully – Do Not Speed

Concerned parents have contacted the Town office to ask that we remind residents to drive carefully on Town streets. We want to work together to ensure the safety of all the children and residents who live in, walk in and visit the Town. Residents have reported that drivers are going too fast, especially during rush hour when the students are walking to CCES and to bus stops, and are not stopping at STOP signs. Please obey all posted traffic signs.

Doggie Do and Doggie Don't

Several residents have requested that we publish this reminder: Please do not let your dog defecate on the public rights-of-way, or on private property other than your own or in the Town parks. We have placed DOGIPOTS around the Town. We hope that you will make a habit of using these containers when walking your dog.

Please check the Town website for up-to-date information about the Town.

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