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A Message from Mayor Pat Burda October 24 Public Meeting on Town Tree Canopy

Since the devastating June 29 storm, the Town Council and I have heard from a number of residents about the Town's tree canopy -- on both public and private property. Some residents question the overall care for the tree canopy; some are concerned Pepco is being too aggressive in its work on Town trees; still others would like to see a stronger Town role in neighbor-to-neighbor tree care negotiations. In order to help address these and other issues, the Council will host a public meeting on October 24 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall to review the Town's current practices to safely preserve the Town's tree canopy.

At this meeting, we will make a presentation and then take questions from residents. After the meeting, we will ask you to share your thoughts by writing to the Town office. In November and December, the Town Council will discuss how to move forward.

We on the Council recognize that the topic of trees is complicated. Every stakeholder -- the Town, our residents, utility companies and builders -- looks at the issue through a different lens and with many different objectives. Environmental protection, public safety and power reliability are all important goals. We take seriously our role of finding the right balance for these varying points of view.

We look forward to seeing you on October 24.

Public Hearings on Proposed Building Ordinance Amendments

At its **October 10** meeting, the Town Council will hold public hearings on two proposed ordinances to amend Town building regulations. One of the ordinances relates to guardrails and handrails, while the other relates to driveways and bay windows. Both are designed to clarify Town building regulations. The complete ordinances, recommended by the Land Use Committee, are available for review on the Town website. *continued on page 2*

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Proposed Building Ordinance Amendments

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Guardrails and Handrails

This proposed ordinance would clarify Town permitting requirements for guardrails and handrails.

Guardrails are protective railings located along and above retaining walls. Under the proposed ordinance, all guardrails would require a permit, while those installed in front yards or on public property would require a variance.

Handrails are support railings located along walkways, steps, outside stairways, access ramps, or wheelchair lifts. Under the proposed ordinance, handrails would not require a permit to be installed on private property. A permit, however, would be required for installation on public property.

Driveways and Bay Windows

This proposed ordinance amends Town building regulations for driveways, as follows:

- Adds definitions and extends the driveway permitting requirements to include driveway aprons and curb entrances.
- Specifies that driveways shall have no more than one curb entrance at a street (except for border streets).
- Allows the replacement of nonconforming shared driveways and the replacement of nonconforming driveways and driveway aprons on public property.
- Extends the 20-foot width restriction to shared driveways on public property.
- Adds a provision restricting the width of a shared driveway on a lot to 10 feet in a front yard.
- Codifies an administrative practice of measuring driveway width parallel to the front property line.
- Codifies an administrative practice requiring a two-foot buffer between driveways and adjacent improved surfaces.

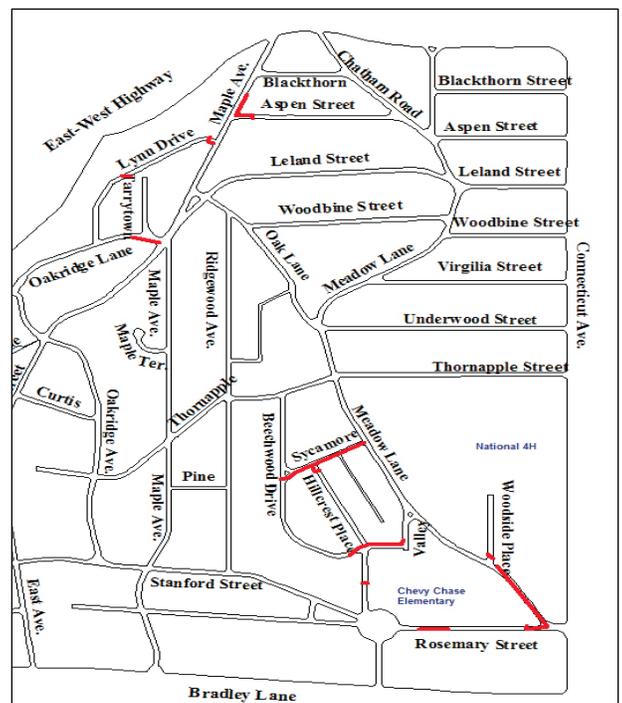
The proposed ordinance also eliminates a provision that allows bay windows to project into a side yard setback.

If you are unable to attend the public hearings, you may submit your comments to the Town Office by e-mail to townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or by mail to 4301 Willow Lane, Chevy Chase, MD 20815 prior to the public hearings.

Storm Drain Repairs Resume This Fall

Montgomery County will begin the third and final phase of storm sewer repairs in the Town this fall. More information will be distributed to affected residents prior to the commencement of work. The work involves installing new inlets and pipes to improve the collection and disposal of rain water. A map that shows work areas in red is to the right. The plans are subject to field changes based on existing utility and site constraints.

Updates will be posted on the Town website and included in future issues of the Forecast. Please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144 if you have any questions.





October

Thursday, October 4 - Flu Clinic, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 4 – Community Relations Committee, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, October 6 and 7 – Trash and Treasures

Saturday, October 6 – Alternatives to Trash and Treasures

Monday, October 8 – Land Use Committee, 7 p.m.

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

Thursday, October 11 – Public Services Committee, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 12 – Oktoberfest and Volunteer Appreciation Event, 7 – 9 p.m.

Monday, October 15 – Long Range Planning Committee, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 17 – Climate and Environment Committee, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 24 - Public Meeting on Town Trees, 7 p.m.

Sunday, October 29 – New Neighbors Reception, 3 – 5 p.m.

6th Annual Oktoberfest/Volunteer Appreciation Event

Friday, October 12, Lawton Center, 7 - 9 p.m.

The Community Relations Committee has added a little bit of OOMPAAH to the Town's 6th Annual Oktoberfest/Volunteer Appreciation Event. Enjoy a lively evening of traditional tunes by the Rockville German Band. Join fellow residents for a good time of polkas, waltzes, marches and dance music, Oktoberfest beers from Circle Beer and Wine and hearty Bavarian recipes from Wagshal's.

The October 12 event kicks off the Town's Thanksgiving Food Drive. Please bring a gift card from Giant or Safeway, 64-ounce containers of apple or cranapple juice or 16-ounce cans of green beans, peas or corn. Checks payable to B-CC High School/Thanksgiving Food Drive also are welcome. Your donation will help with the November food baskets the Town delivers to Montgomery County families in need this holiday season.

Space is limited. Please RSVP to the Town Office by calling 301-654-7144 or emailing townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.



New Neighbors Reception

Sunday, October 29, 3 - 5 pm

Home of Linna Barnes and Chris Mixer

Have you moved into the Town in the past several years? Town Councilmember Linna Barnes and Chris Mixer invite new residents to their home at 7112 Ridgewood Avenue for an open house on **Sunday, October 29 from 3 to 5 pm**. Enjoy light refreshments, meet your neighbors, and get to know more about the Town.

The New Neighbors Reception is organized by the Town's Community Relations Committee. To help with planning the event or to let us know you are attending, please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144 or email townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.

Town Updates

Crimewatch

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

9/19/2012

A resident in the 6900 block of Maple Avenue reported that the passenger side window of her car was smashed. The car was not entered.

9/17/2012

The Town Office received reports that political signs posted on private property were vandalized.

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. 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.

Sign Up for the Native Canopy Tree Planting Program



The Town continues to offer the Native Canopy Tree Planting Program to Town residents. Under this program, the Town will purchase and install canopy trees on your property and provide water bags to assist with the care needed in the critical first year after planting. You will be responsible for the long-term care of the trees once installed. Since the inception of the program, the Town has planted 84 trees on private property. The Town is preparing its planting list for the fall, so please **sign up by Monday, October 15**. Application forms are on the Town website and in the Town Office.

2012 Community Survey Coming Soon

The **Town's 2012 Community Survey** will be mailed to every household in Town during the first week in October. The survey is designed to gather feedback on Town programs and services, and the results will determine future needs of Town residents. Please return your completed survey to the Town Office by October 31. We will inform you of the survey results as soon as they are tabulated and evaluated.

Leaf Vacuuming Begins October 15



Leaves are vacuumed from mid-October to mid-December. Vacuum trucks collect leaves continuously, street by street. A map detailing the schedule of the pickup is provided on the Town's website. All leaves should be raked to the curb. Do not rake your leaves into the street. Please make sure that your leaves are not contaminated by cans, sticks, bottles or rocks.



Overgrown Vegetation in Town Rights-of-Way



We continue to get complaints about overgrown vegetation blocking Town sidewalks. Please trim all overhanging vegetation so there is approximately a seven foot clearance over the sidewalks and trim all vegetation so that it does not extend into the sidewalks and interfere with pedestrian traffic.

Doggie Do and Doggie Don't

The Town Office has received calls from residents complaining about dogs barking for extended periods of time. If there is a possibility that this could be your dog, we hope that you will take the necessary steps to assure that the dog does not disturb your neighbors. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Committee Corner

Thanks to the following residents who have volunteered to serve on one of the five Town standing committees in the coming year. The committees' shared role is to assist the Town Council as it deliberates, establishes and monitors municipal ordinances, policies, procedures and practices. Each of the committees addresses issues specific to a facet of Town governance.

Climate and Environment Committee

David Lublin, Council Liaison
Judy McGuire, Chair
Jacob Bardin
Julia Craighill
Laura Kalick
Beth Kevles
John Kolakowski
Eric Niiler
Julia Randall
Stuart Sessions
Heather Viera

Community Relations Committee

Kathy Strom, Council Liaison
Bridget Hartman, Co-Chair
Ann Wild, Co-Chair
Andre Bhatia
Jean Carlson
Erin Kopelman
Bob Lyford
Christine Riley
Barbara Rose
Loretta Sevier
Julie Stanish

Land Use Committee

Linna Barnes, Council Liaison
Dedun Ingram – Chair
Craig Brooks
Tom Collins
Kathy Flaxman
Steve Keeble
Sally Kelly

Long Range Planning Committee

Pat Burda, Council Liaison
Tina Coplan – Co-Chair
Steve Seidel – Co-Chair
Karen Depew
Charles Duffy
Leslie Hill
Mary Anne Hoffman
Mark Kopelman
John Midlen
John Murtagh
Jim Roy
Deborah Vollmer

Public Services Committee

Al Lang, Council Liaison
David Eason
Daniel Ericson
Barry Hager
Sue Hill
Michael Lebowitz
Gloria Solomon
Donna Worsham

Committee meeting dates and times are posted on the Town website. Also, the mission statements, agendas and minutes for each committee are posted online. All committee meetings are open to the public.

Climate and Environment Committee Shades of Green

Maryland has just passed a new Lawn Fertilizer Law to protect the Chesapeake Bay from the excessive runoff of nitrogen and phosphorus which damages the flora and fauna in the Bay. Almost half of all fertilizer sold in Maryland is used on lawns. By Oct. 1, 2013, all lawn care professionals will have to be trained and certified to apply fertilizer to lawns, and the maximum amount of nitrogen and phosphorus applied to lawns will be limited. Soil tests will be required initially and every three years. Individual homeowners will be restricted in the total amount of nitrogen that can be applied to lawns and prohibited from spilling fertilizer onto impervious surfaces. Phosphorus can only be applied by homeowners after a soil test determines that the soil lacks it. See more details at <http://www.mda.state.md.us/fertilizer/>.

Around Chevy Chase

Chevy Chase Fire Department Open House

The Chevy Chase Fire Department will hold its annual Open House on **Saturday, October 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** This is always an exciting and informative day. Highlights of the day include: fire engine rides, demonstrations by special teams, safety house, fire fighting demo, visit from Ronald McDonald, and hot dogs and drinks. This is a good time to remind residents to check their smoke detectors and replace batteries if needed.

B-CC Rescue Squad Open House

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad will hold its free annual Open House, "Rescue Day 2012," on **Saturday, October 6 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, rain or shine. Rescue Day will feature fire and rescue activities and displays for all ages, including tours of the station; live demonstrations of emergency medical, rescue, and firefighting equipment; free kids' firefighter hats; and a moonbounce. Also scheduled is a special visit by a helicopter used to transport critically-injured patients to area hospitals when time is truly of the essence. Visitors will get an up-close view of the helicopter and have the opportunity to meet the flight medics. Visitors also can learn about volunteering with the Squad and receiving free training to become EMTs, Firefighters, and Paramedics.

October Treats from CC@H

Caroline Michaelis

CC@ H has a big bag of treats in store for this month, starting off with our M&M on **Tuesday, October 2, 2 to 4 p.m., Chevy Chase Village Hall.** "Treasures of the White House" promises to be a fascinating slide presentation and talk by retired White House Curator Betty Monkman, who will take us on a visual tour and tell us how these Treasures are selected.

An important health lecture, "Sleep As We Grow Older," will be offered on the evening of **Wednesday, October 10, 7:30 p.m., Chevy Chase Village Hall.** Richard Waldhorn, MD, an expert on sleep disorders--both diagnosis and treatment--will be the featured speaker. Dr. Waldhorn is Clinical Professor of Medicine in the Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine at Georgetown University School of Medicine and former Chief of Medicine at Georgetown. This event will be held at 7:30 pm at the Chevy Chase Village Hall and is open to the public.

A special treat for CC@ H Members and Volunteers only will be a group tour on **Tuesday, October 16** of Hillwood Museum (once home to the late Marjorie Merriweather Post), followed by a light lunch. This is a wonderful chance to see the fabulous exhibition of period costumes recreated in paper by Belgian artist Isabelle de Borchgrave.

And don't forget to drop by the Olympia Coffee Shoppe, 1721 Brookville Road, on **Thursday, October 11, 10 to 11:30 a.m.** for CC@ H's Brunch Bunch. Several members of our Board will be there, so grab a coffee and pull up a chair and chat.

Whole Foods Friendship Heights has chosen Chevy Chase At Home to be a beneficiary of its "Nickels for Non-Profits Program", a community-giving program that benefits a local non-profit during a four month period. From now until December 31, you can give us a boost simply by taking your re-usable shopping bags to Whole Foods Friendship Heights and telling the cashier you want your nickel refunds to be donated to CC@ H. You will then receive tokens to put in a collection box near the exit. A great opportunity for members and friends to support CC@ H on every shopping trip!

For more information please visit our website at www.chevychaseathome.org or call the office at 301-657-3115.

Around Chevy Chase

Seventh Annual Ellen's Run

REGISTER NOW at www.ellensrunonline.org for the Seventh Annual Neighborhood 5K Run/3K Walk, Sunday, October 7 at 9 a.m., in memory of Ellen Vala Schneider, a Chevy Chase Section 5 resident, to benefit B-CC High School Community Scholarship Fund and the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County, two groups that Ellen supported.

Taste of Bethesda

Saturday, October 6, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Woodmont Triangle

Taste of Bethesda food and music festival features five stages of musical and cultural entertainment. Admission is free. Food tickets are sold on site.

October Events at the Chevy Chase Library

8005 Connecticut Avenue

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

Pre-School Storytime Tuesdays - Kids 2-6.

October 2, 9, and 16, 10:30 a.m.

Bilingual Storytime with Senora Lupe Marks (Spanish and English) - Kids 2-6 *

Tuesday, October 23, 10:30 a.m.

Kathy MacMillan, *Stories by Hand* - Kids 2-6 *

Tuesday, October 30, 10:30 a.m.

Introducing basic American Sign Language to kids of all ages.

Teen Book Discussion - Readers grades 7 and up. *

Saturday, October 13, 12 to 1:30 p.m.

This month's book is *THE MAZE RUNNER* by James Dashner. Registration is required.

Foreign Film Series

Saturday, October 6, 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

KUMONOSU-JO (Throne of Blood). This Japanese film from 1957 reinterprets Shakespeare's *Macbeth* in medieval Japan.

Non-Fiction Book Discussion *

Wednesday, October 10, 2:30 to 4 p.m.

This month's title is *The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic and Madness at the Fair that Changed America* by Erik Larson.

Thursdays from October 11 through November 1, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Dealing with Difficult Conversations

Montgomery College Lifelong Learning Institute, course ILL561. To register, call 240-567-5188 or visit <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/registerops.html>. Tuition waiver applies; seniors pay fee only.

Jefferson Café *

Friday, October 19, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

This month's article is "The Case for Space" by Neil deGrasse Tyson. Copies of the articles to be discussed are available at the library's reference desk without charge.

Fiction Book Discussion *

Wednesday, October 24, 2:30 to 4 p.m.

The group will discuss *Homer & Langley* by E. L. Doctorow.

Trash and Treasures - October 6 and 7

The Town's fall **Trash and Treasures** is scheduled for the weekend of **Saturday, October 6 and Sunday, October 7**. The Town offers this bulk trash pickup so that residents can dispose of items that are no longer usable, such as appliances (doors must be removed for safety), furniture, rolled rugs, mattresses, games and bikes. If the items are usable, we encourage you to review the list of **Alternatives to Trash and Treasures** on the Town website. We have tried to give you a variety of options. If you are not sure how to dispose of an item, please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144.



Workshop on the Importance of Recycling for All Ages

Town resident Lily Israel is doing her Girl Scout gold award project on **Saturday, October 6** in conjunction with the Town's Alternatives to Trash and Treasure event at the Lawton Center. She will share information on the importance of recycling and sustainable resource use as well as provide a recycled crafts area for children. In addition, she will be hosting a recycled book drive if you would like to donate any used books. Feel free to stop by from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and learn some fun facts about recycling!

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

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