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Public Hearings Scheduled for October 9

BCC Rescue Squad Contribution Request

The Town Council will hold a public hearing on a contribution request from the BCC Rescue Squad (BCCRS).

The Rescue Squad approached the Town last May to request \$520,000 in funding for two new ambulances. The Council discussed this request at its June meeting and decided to hold a public hearing to consider funding one new ambulance in the amount of \$280,000. At the public hearing, Brooke Davies, President of BCCRS, will answer many of the questions that residents have posed about the request. A presentation, which was prepared by the Rescue Squad and explains the history and services of the Squad, is posted on the Town's website for review prior to the hearing. The Rescue Squad operates in partnership with the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service, but is funded entirely by community contributions and grants.

Proposed Composting Service

The Town Council will hold a public hearing on a proposed composting service for Town residents. This discretionary service would allow residents to recycle household organic waste to be composted and reused.

The proposed service would involve weekly, curbside organic waste collection. A 5-gallon composting bin and liner would be provided at program startup, and the weekly service would include bin cleanout and liner replacement. Depending on the number of participating households, estimated annual costs range from \$19,000 to \$30,000.

Open Space Acquisition Goals, Criteria & Procedures

The Town Council will hold a public hearing on proposed goals, criteria and procedures to guide the Town's future open space acquisition efforts.

These guidelines, which are posted on the Town's website, are recommended in the report of the Parks and Playgrounds Commission Special Committee, appointed by the Town Council in September 2012. The committee's report is intended to help the Town Council in its planning, deliberations and decision-making regarding future land acquisition opportunities.

If you are unable to attend the public hearings on October 9, you may submit comments to the Town Office at 4301 Willow Lane or townoffice@townofchevyCHASE.org prior to the meeting.

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Mayor's Message

Patricia Burda

Those of you who have been following the Purple Line project may have seen several recent news articles regarding impacts to communities adjacent to the proposed light rail line. These impacts, which have become clearer in the State's Purple Line Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), include the need to clear-cut all trees along the State's right-of-way, to construct electrical transmission buildings and retaining walls along the entire alignment, and to erect ventilation towers in Bethesda and in the eastern portion of the tunnel adjacent to the Town. Because the State has the narrowest right-of-way adjacent to the Town, the effects on both our residents and the Capital Crescent Trail will be significant.

Consequently, the Town Council unanimously voted on September 16 to retain technical and legal assistance in reviewing and responding to the FEIS. This action was taken quickly because there is only a 45 day comment period. Our goal is to know fully what is included in the FEIS as it pertains to the Town and to respond strongly to protect our interests.

While I know many of you in the community support the Purple Line, the negative impacts to residents abutting the proposed project, and to residents throughout the Town, with respect to noise and trail use, are clear and dramatic. For instance, we recently learned that the State proposes to construct 28-foot high retaining walls to provide a safe crossing at Lynn Drive. This is a dramatic departure from the lovely images of an at-grade crossing that were shown on drawings presented to the community years ago. This crossing is important to our community because of the hundreds of residents, and high school students, who use it daily.

The Council sees our action as another important step in a multi-step process to better understand the impacts of the proposed Purple Line on the Town and to work toward the best possible outcome for Town residents and trail users. The Council is united in our fervor to protect the Town's interests moving forward.

Purple Line Minor Master Plan Amendment Available for Review

The Montgomery County Planning staff recently released its draft of the Bethesda Purple Line Station Minor Master Plan Amendment, which proposes modifications to the current zoning of the Apex building located at the southwest corner of Wisconsin Avenue and Elm Street. A link to this report is provided on the Town's website.

The Town's Long Range Planning (LRP) Committee has invited representatives from the Planning staff to attend the next LRP meeting to discuss the draft and the options related to the realigned Capital Crescent surface trail and tunnel.

Private Canopy Tree Maintenance Program

Last spring, the Town Council approved the Private Canopy Tree Maintenance Program, which reimburses Town residents 75% of the costs associated with the maintenance of canopy trees on private property, up to a maximum of \$1,000 per residence. Per program guidelines, the work must be recommended by the Town arborist in a consulting arborist report and completed by a licensed Maryland tree expert within the 2014 fiscal year, July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2013.

To be eligible for reimbursement, residents must submit to the Town Office the program application along with the Town arborist's report and final bill with proof of payment. For a program application and description, or to request a consulting arborist report, visit www.townofchevy Chase.org.



October

Tuesday, October 1 - Climate and Environment Committee Event, 7 - 9 p.m.

Thursday, October 3 - Flu Clinic, 4 - 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 8 - Committee Organizational Meeting, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 9 – Town Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 10 - Public Services Committee, 7 p.m.

Monday, October 14 - Leaf Vacuuming Begins

Tuesday, October 15 - Community Relations Committee, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 16 - Climate and Environment Committee, 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 19 - Play Date in the Park, 9 a.m.

Monday, October 21- Long Range Planning Committee, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 22 - Land Use Committee, 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 24 - Neighborhood Watch Block Captains Meeting, 7 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 19, 9 a.m. - Play Date in the Park

Town toddlers, preschoolers and their families are welcome for a morning of play beginning at 9 a.m. at the Lawton Center playground. We will provide juice boxes, coffee and bagels. Families with infants and older siblings are welcome. Please RSVP to the Town Office at 301-654-7144 or by email at townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.

Friday, November 1, 6 p.m. - Movie Night for Families

Our first movie night of the fall season will be on Friday, November 1 at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to the Town Office at townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or 301-654-7144. Space is limited. Remember to arrive at 6 p.m. sharp to get a slice of pizza before the start of the movie. Parents must accompany their children.

Sunday, November 17 - Classical Concert - Viola Da Gamba, Town Hall

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 22, 23 and 24 - Thanksgiving Food Drive

Crimewatch

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

9/23/2013

The MCPD reported thefts from unlocked vehicles in the 4100 and 4200 blocks of Stanford Street and in the 4200 block of Rosemary Street. Computer equipment, clothing and change was stolen.

9/19/2013

A resident in the 4300 block of Thornapple Street reported that her pocketbook was stolen from a grocery cart placed outside of her kitchen door. The resident reported the incident to the police.

9/10/2013

A resident in the 4200 block of Thornapple Street reported that his car was broken into and approximately \$20 in cash was stolen. The resident reported the incident to the police.

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.

Town Updates

Fall Tree Plantings

The Town is preparing its fall tree planting list. If you would like a street tree planted adjacent to your property, or if you would like a canopy tree planted on your property (as part of the Native Canopy Tree Planting Program), please contact the Town Office at townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or at 301-654-7144.

Generator Installation

A generator has been installed at the Town Hall, and gas line connections are being made. It is anticipated that the generator will be operational in October.

Sod Installation

In early October, the Town will install sod in areas where Town right of way was disturbed for sidewalk and curb improvements, or where public trees were removed, during the summer.

Leaf Collection

Leaf vacuuming will begin October 14 and will continue through the second week of December. Please rake leaves to the edge of the curb to be vacuumed. Leaves must be free of debris such as sticks, bottles, cans, and rocks. A map of the leaf collection schedule can be found on the Town's website.

Town Website Redesign

The Town's website redesign is almost complete. The new site, set to launch this fall, will be more attractive, interactive and user friendly. We will notify residents of the launch date via the Town Crier.

New Capital Bikeshare Station

At the Town's request, the County will install a Bikeshare station in Elm Street Park in October. For more information, visit www.capitalbikeshare.com.

Zimmerman Park Improvements

Cleanup of Zimmerman Park will take place in late fall, with drainage and landscaping improvements planned for the spring.

Connecticut Avenue Resurfacing Project

The Maryland State Highway Administration will begin asphalt and concrete improvements on Connecticut Avenue between Chevy Chase Circle and East-West Highway in October. The work is expected to be completed by the end of the year, weather permitting.

Wisconsin Avenue Resurfacing Project

The ongoing resurfacing project on Wisconsin Avenue, south of Bradley Lane, is expected to be completed by the end of October, weather permitting. Drainage improvements and concrete repairs will begin this fall on Wisconsin Avenue from Bradley Lane to Montgomery Avenue with resurfacing scheduled for the spring.

Solar Panels at Lawton Center

At the Town's request, the County has agreed to designate the Lawton Center as the location for a pilot solar project. The County is in the process of hiring a new Energy Manager who will lead the project. The Town will provide updates as they become available.

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.

Committee Corner

Committees and Boards 2013 - 2014

Climate and Environment Committee

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Penny Douglas
David Strom

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Douglas Lohmeyer, Consultant

Bethesda Fire Board

Grant Davies

Chevy Chase Fire Board

John Barnes
John Bird
Haig Ellian

Police Advisory Board

Dave Eason

Around Chevy Chase

Chevy Chase @ Home October Treats

“So You Want To Be A Docent! Good Choice” is the title of Jerry Bernstein’s presentation at the **Tuesday, October 1** Meet & Mingle (M&M). Jerry is such an entertaining speaker, you’ll surely want to come to the Chevy Chase Village Hall from 2 to 4 p.m. to hear him recount his experiences as a volunteer at three distinguished science museums. Refreshments too!

The monthly Brunch Bunch will gather on **Thursday, October 10** from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Olympia Cafe on Brookville Road. This is a great way to get together with old friends and make new ones.

And on **Tuesday, October 15**, Immigration Judge Joan Churchill will be our guest speaker on the very important subject of “The Current Status of a Comprehensive Immigration Policy.” This most informative M&M also will be held at the CC Village Hall from 2 to 4 p.m.

On **Wednesday, October 23**, at 7:30 p.m., CC@ H will present a special evening program on “Pain Management.” Chandoo J. Kalamat, M.D., a specialist in the field, who is associated with the Pain Management Institute, will describe a range of approaches to this difficult problem.

We continue to offer one-hour Gentle Pilates classes for strength and balance on **Wednesday mornings** at 10:30 a.m. and on **Friday afternoons** at 2:30 p.m. at the CC United Methodist Church. The fee for members is \$40 for 4 weeks (one day a week) and for guests \$48 for 4 weeks.

As a member benefit, we are also sponsoring a Discussion Group for Adult Children of Aging Parents, which will meet one evening monthly from now until June. For information about this and the Pilates, call 301-657-3115.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE! **Sunday, November 3**, CC@ H’s Third Annual Open House for Members and Guests, with acclaimed author Judith Viorst as the featured speaker at the Woman’s Club of Chevy Chase from 2 to 4 p.m.

Visit www.chevychaseathome.com for additional information.

Events at the Chevy Chase Library

*Sponsored by the Friends of the Library Chevy Chase

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| Children’s Events | Tuesday, October 1, 8, 15 and (bilingual) 22* and 29*, 10:30 a.m.
Pre-School Storytime |
| Adult Events | Saturday, October 5, 1 p.m.
Foreign Film - <u>My Brilliant Career</u> Growing up on a farm in Australia in the 19 th century and struggling with ambition, family, love and guilt.* |
| Non-Fiction Book Discussion | Wednesday, October 9, 2 p.m.
<u>The Uses of Enchantment: The Meaning and Importance of Fairy Tales</u>
by Bruno Bettelheim* |
| Jefferson Café | Friday, October 18, 10:30 a.m.
“RIP: The Basic/Applied Research Dichotomy” by Venkatesh Narayanamurti, Tolu Odumosu and Lee Vinsel* |
| Fiction Book Discussion | Wednesday, October 23, 2 p.m.
<u>Things Fall Apart</u> by Chinua Achebe* |

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

Taste of Bethesda

Saturday, October 5, 11a.m. - 4 p.m.

Visit www.bethesda.org for details.

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