

# Forecast

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE

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## Public Hearings Scheduled for November 13

### CCES Educational Foundation Contribution Request

The Town Council will hold a public hearing on a request from the Chevy Chase Elementary School Educational Foundation for a \$10,000 contribution to supplement playground equipment upgrades at the school. A letter from the foundation describing the request is posted on the Town's website for public review.

### Ordinance To Adopt A New Public Ethics Law

The Town Council will hold a public hearing on an ordinance to adopt a new public ethics law. Although the Town has implemented its own ethics law since 1993, new requirements of State law have mandated this change.

Similar to the Town's existing law, the new law will prohibit Council members from participating in official matters in which they have a conflict of interest. Also, the new law will require Council members, candidates for office, and certain employees, to file financial disclosure statements on an annual basis. A complete copy of the proposed ordinance is available for review at the Town Office and on the Town website.

If you are unable to attend the public hearings on November 13, you may submit comments to the Town Office, 4301 Willow Lane, Chevy Chase, MD 20815 or at [townoffice@townofchevyCHASE.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevyCHASE.org) prior to the hearing.

## Town Launches New Municipal Website

The Town is pleased to announce that it recently launched a new and improved website. The new site features an attractive design, intuitive navigation and multiple electronic applications that make it easier to interact with the Town.

The Town began redeveloping its website in May in response to comments we received from residents in the latest community services survey. Eric Glidden, the Town's Management Assistant, led this effort, and we thank him for his hard work in making the project a success. We also want to thank members of the Community Relations Committee for their help in reviewing the website before its launch.

We encourage all residents to visit the new site and let us know what you think. Your feedback will help us improve the site.

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# Mayor's Message

Patricia Burda



As many of you know, the Town Council has been discussing the issue of undergrounding utility lines in Town. Last June, the Council formed a subcommittee of Councilmembers Bickerman and Lang to study this issue and prepare a report, which was submitted in September and is posted on the Town's website. After discussing the report in October, the Council decided to hold a public meeting with several "undergrounding" experts to obtain more professional advice on the issues related to such an endeavor. This meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 5** in the Town Hall, and more information will be publicized in the December FORECAST.

We can understand why some in the community want us to move quickly on this. But undergrounding utility lines is neither cheap nor easy. Nor is it a panacea to power outages, as about 80% of our outages occur because of line damage outside our borders. While there may be additional reasons to underground the lines, the Town should exercise ample due diligence in considering such a project, since costs alone could range from \$10 million to upwards of \$35 million. What's more, disruption of Town infrastructure could be extensive. Therefore, we need to obtain additional information so that we can better assess as a community both the costs and benefits of moving forward.

As I sit at my computer today, it is a perfect fall day with crisp air, clear blue skies and brilliant trees. I wish all of you an enjoyable autumn and Thanksgiving holiday with your families.

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## Council Actions

### Bethesda Chevy Chase Rescue Squad Contribution

At its October meeting, the Town Council voted 4 -1 to provide the Bethesda Chevy Chase Rescue Squad (BCCRS) with a contribution of \$60,000 towards the cost of a new ambulance. At the same meeting, the Council asked the Community Relations Committee to review the Town's contribution policy to determine whether it needs to be amended to account for substantial monetary requests and whether a more structured approach should be developed to guide the Town's annual giving. Following completion of this process, and the Town's public meeting next year to discuss use of the Town's reserve funds, BCCRC may make additional contribution requests.

### Purple Line Comments

In late October, the Town submitted its comments on the Purple Line Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). These comments, and a link to the FEIS, are posted on the Town's website.

### Organic Waste Collection Service

At its October meeting, the Town Council approved weekly, curbside organic waste collection service for Town residents. The Town will be one of the first communities in Montgomery County to offer this service, which is anticipated to significantly reduce the amount of solid waste generated in Town -- a goal consistent with the Town's strategy of reducing environmentally adverse activities. The Town expects to begin offering the service in January 2014. More details will be included in future editions of the newsletter.

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For the latest news and information, visit the Town's website

[www.townofchevychase.org](http://www.townofchevychase.org)

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# November

- Friday, November 1 - Movie Night for Families, 6 p.m.  
Tuesday, November 5 - Mitigation Advisory Group, 7 p.m.  
Thursday, November 7 - Community Relations Committee, 7 p.m.  
Monday, November 11 - Veteran's Day Holiday, Office Closed  
Tuesday, November 12 - Climate and Environment Committee Event, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, November 13 – Town Council Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Thursday, November 14 - Public Services Committee, 7 p.m.  
Sunday, November 17 - Classical Concert, 4 p.m.  
Monday, November 18 - Long Range Planning, 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, November 19 - Land Use Committee, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, November 20 - Climate and Environment Committee, 7 p.m.  
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 22, 23 and 24 - Thanksgiving Food Drive  
Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29 - Thanksgiving Holiday, Office Closed

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Movie Night Returns to the Town Hall

*Babe* is the featured flick of our Friday, November 1 Movie Night. Town families are invited to watch this endearing story of a pig raised by sheep dogs. Pizza and popcorn will be served. Curtain goes up at 6 p.m. sharp in the Town Hall. 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 throughout the movie.

### Viola da Gamba Concert at the Town Hall

Join neighbors and friends for a Sunday afternoon of early classical music on November 17 at 4 p.m. in the Town Hall. Town resident and accomplished musician Jessica Powell Eig will join fellow artists for a concert devoted to the Viola da Gamba. This early bowed string instrument was popular throughout the courts of Europe during the Renaissance and Baroque eras and is known for its sweet, melodious sound. The one-hour performance will be followed by a reception. Attentive children are welcome to join their parents. Space is limited. Please RSVP to the Town Office at [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org) or 301-654-7144.

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## Events at the Jane E. Lawton Community Center

### Halloween Club Friday

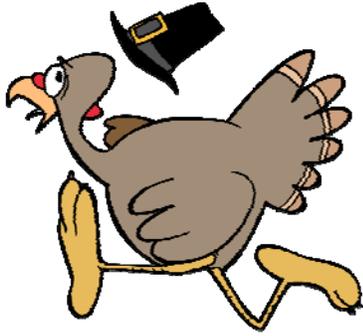
Friday, November 1, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. (ages: 3rd thru 6th grade)

Participants are encouraged to come in costume and participate in the best costume contest! Free for Club Friday registrants/ \$5 for guests.

### Harvest Fest at the Lawton Community Center

Saturday, November 9, 12 - 3 p.m. (families and younger children)

Come take part in a mid afternoon social including light refreshments, carnival games, arts & crafts, and a moon bounce! This is a great event for the family and younger children.



# 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Basket

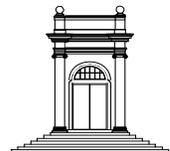
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B-CC High School, Chevy Chase Elementary School  
Lawton Community Center

*Serving families in need  
through the YMCA Linkages to Learning of Montgomery County*

## Here's how you can help!

- **Drop off/mail a check payable to YMCA-YFS** starting November 1 through November 20 to the Town Hall (4301 Willow Lane, Chevy Chase, MD 20815), Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5 pm. All donations welcome!
  - \$25 purchases a turkey
  - \$50 purchases groceries
  - \$75 purchases an entire Thanksgiving dinner
- **Drop off/mail a gift food card** from Giant Food or Safeway to the Town Hall. All donations welcome!
- **Drop by the Town Hall on Saturday, November 23 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.** to assemble and decorate dinner baskets, an SSL-approved activity. All Town residents are welcome and will be put to work!
- **Can't get to the Town Hall or have questions?** Contact the Town's Committee Relations Committee, which is coordinating the Town efforts, by calling the Town Office at 301-654-7144 or Bridget Hartman ([bridget@hartmanjr.net](mailto:bridget@hartmanjr.net)) or Georgia Guhin at [gbguhin@gmail.com](mailto:gbguhin@gmail.com).

Last year, Town residents helped 115 families in Montgomery County receive a bountiful Thanksgiving meal. Please support this year's community effort.



# Town Updates



## Leaf Collection

Leaf collection has begun 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.

## Trash Collection

Household and yard trash will be collected on **Veteran's Day, Monday, November 11**. Trash will not be collected on **Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28**, but will be collected on your next regularly scheduled trash day.

## Tree Plantings

In mid-November, the Town will plant 42 street trees in the right of way and 13 canopy trees on private property for residents who requested them.



## Air Rights Center Window Replacement Project

The Air Rights Center has begun a four month long project to replace the exterior windows on the building's west tower along Wisconsin Avenue. The work, which involves saw cutting and removing the existing window partitions and inserting new windows, is expected to take place between 5 p.m. and 6 a.m. (the loudest work will occur between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.), Sunday through Friday, from mid-October until mid-February. The Town encourages all residents, especially those in the northwest quadrant of Town, to register any noise complaints with the Town Office at 301-654-7144 and with the County's Department of Environmental Protection at 311.

## County Zoning Code Rewrite

The Montgomery County Council will hold public hearings on November 12 and 14 on the County's proposed zoning code rewrite, the first wholesale change to the zoning code in more than 30 years. Given the project's anticipated impacts to down-County residential communities, the Town plans to submit comments and present testimony. We encourage residents to voice their opinions as well. Information on how to testify or submit comments, and links to more information, are provided on the Town's website.

## New Capital Bikeshare Station

At the Town's request, the County has installed a Bikeshare station in Elm Street Park. We hope residents will take advantage of this new transportation alternative. For more information, visit: [www.capitalbikeshare.com](http://www.capitalbikeshare.com).

## Connecticut Avenue Resurfacing Project

The Maryland State Highway Administration will complete asphalt patchwork and install a decorative median on Connecticut Avenue between Chevy Chase Circle and East-West Highway in November.

## Doggie Do and Doggie Don't



The Town Office has received calls from residents asking us to remind dog owners not to let their dogs defecate on private property other than their own. Also, remember that your dog should always be on a leash when not in a fenced portion of your yard.

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## CRIMEWATCH

The following crime was reported to the Town Office in October:

**10/11/2013**

A resident in the 6900 block of Ridgewood Avenue reported that the windshield on his car was broken. The car was locked. Nothing was stolen.

For emergencies or crimes in process, call 911. Please report all suspicious activity and crimes to the Montgomery County police at the non-emergency number 301-279-8000.

# Around Chevy Chase

## Chevy Chase @ Home

Chevy Chase At Home will hold its Third Annual Open House for members and guests on **Sunday, November 3** from 2 to 4 p.m. with acclaimed author Judith Viorst as the featured speaker. This gala event will take place at The Woman's Club of Chevy Chase, 7931 Connecticut Avenue. The public is welcome to attend, but registration is required. Please call 301-657-3115 for more information.

"Wills, Trusts, Powers of Attorney and Other Matters We Need to Think About as We Grow Older" is the topic to be discussed at Meet and Mingle (M&M) on **Tuesday, November 5** from 2 to 4 p.m. at the CC Village Hall.

"Creating Collages from Memorabilia" will be the M&M program on November 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the CC Village Hall. This will be a hands-on project, with artist Millie Shott as our guide, so you'll want to bring some items to use as you create your own work of art.

Brunch Bunch is held on the second Thursday of every month, so drop by the Olympia Cafe in the Brookville Road shopping center anytime between 10 and 11:30 a.m. on **Thursday, November 14** and join the conversation.

SAVE THE DATE: On **Tuesday, December 3** at 7:30 p.m. at the CC Village Hall, there will be a special evening program on "Professional Care Management for Older Adults." Representatives from IONA and JSSA (Jewish Social Service Agency) will describe benefits now available to CC@H members at a discounted price.

Please visit [www.chevychaseathome](http://www.chevychaseathome) or call 301-657-3115 to learn more.

## Events at the Chevy Chase Library

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library Chevy Chase

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| Children's Events           | <b>Tuesday, November 5, 12, 19, 26 (bilingual) at 10:30 a.m.</b><br>Pre-School Storytime                       |
| Adult Events                | <b>Saturday, November 2, 1 p.m.</b><br>Foreign Film - Chori, Chori (Hindi)                                     |
| Non-Fiction Book Discussion | <b>Wednesday, November 13, 2 p.m.</b><br><u>The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks</u> by Rebecca Skloot         |
| Jefferson Café              | <b>Friday, November 15, 10:30 a.m.</b><br><u>The Robot Will See You Now</u> by Jonathan Cohn in "The Atlantic" |
| Fiction Book Discussion     | <b>Wednesday, November 20, 2 p.m.</b><br><u>The Sense of an Ending</u> by Julian Barnes                        |

For a complete listing, visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/libraries](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/libraries).

## Chevy Chase Historical Society Fall Lecture

The Chevy Chase Historical Society invites residents to learn about three area girls' schools that were part of an educational trend that swept the nation at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, when CCHS presents its 2013 Fall Lecture on **Sunday, November 24** at 4 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Village Hall, 5906 Connecticut Avenue. Using vintage photographs to illustrate their stories, three authorities on these schools will present brief recollections. No reservations are required. CCHS will host a follow-up tour of National Park Seminar (one of the schools featured in the lecture) on **Saturday, December 7**. Please visit [www.chevychasehistory.org](http://www.chevychasehistory.org) for more details.

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## Neighborhood Watch Program Seeks New Block Captains

The Town's Neighborhood Watch Program is seeking more residents to serve as block captains, who help to raise public safety awareness by keeping their neighbors up to date on crime prevention initiatives and recent crime trends. If you are unsure if your street has a block captain, contact the Town office at 301-654-7144 to find out more and to volunteer. The Neighborhood Watch Program is administered through the Town's Community Relations Committee.

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Visit the New and Improved Town Website

[www.townofchevychase.org](http://www.townofchevychase.org)

Let us know what you think.

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