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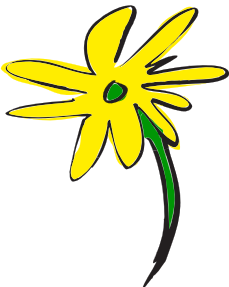
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Public Hearings on Contribution Requests

At its May 14 meeting, the Town Council will hold public hearings on contribution requests of *Round House Theatre* and *Friends of the Capital Crescent Trail*. The Council discussed the requests at its April meeting and scheduled the public hearings after finding that both requests meet the Town's eligibility criteria for contributions.

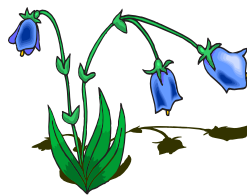
Round House Theatre is requesting a contribution of \$35,000 towards a comprehensive upgrade of the theatre's technology infrastructure. *Friends of the Capital Crescent Trail* is requesting a contribution of \$15,000 towards an educational campaign about possible impacts to the trail if the proposed Purple Line is built. Detailed documents about each request are posted on the Town's website.

If you cannot attend the May 14 Council meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall, you may submit comments to the Town Office at 4301 Willow Lane or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org prior to the meeting.

Council Approves Parking Restrictions on the 7200 block of Oakridge Avenue

At its April meeting, the Town Council approved a resolution to prohibit parking on certain sections of the 7200 block of Oakridge Avenue in order to facilitate emergency vehicle access on that block. Approval of these parking restrictions followed a comprehensive process that included engineering analyses, consideration by the Town's Public Services Committee (PSC), a meeting with affected residents, and a public hearing. The new restrictions will go into effect during the month of May.

The Town Council has asked the PSC to review several more Town streets that pose similar problems for emergency vehicle access. Any additional parking restrictions will be subject to the same vetting process as those approved for Oakridge Avenue. More information on the new parking restrictions can be found on the Town website.



Town Garden Tour
May 18, 1 - 5 p.m.

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Mayor's Report

Patricia Burda

As I am writing this, the Town's election campaign season is in full swing. This year, we have 7 candidates – an unusually high number for our Town. Please take the time to get to know each of the candidates and their positions on issues that matter to you...**and then vote**. As the saying goes, voting is not only a right, it is a responsibility. We, as a government, do many things to keep you informed, but there are times when we need your active participation. This is that time. Election Day is May 6, and the Town Hall will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. You can always vote instead by absentee ballot before then. Just let the Town Office know you need an absentee ballot request form.

Also, important County and State elections are coming up fast. The Long Range Planning Committee has put together a series of debates for you to hear directly from the candidates. (See the insert for more information.) I hope to see you at each of these events.



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Thursday, May 1- Community Relations Committee, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 6 -Town Election, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Tuesday, May 6 - Reception and Annual Meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 13 - Climate and Environment Committee, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14 - Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 15 - Public Services Committee, 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 18 - Garden Tour, 1 - 5 p.m.

Monday, May 19 - Long Range Planning Committee, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 20 - Land Use Committee, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 21 - Forum for County Council Candidates, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 31 - Play Date in the Park, 9 a.m.

Play Date in the Park

Saturday, May 31, 9 a.m., Lawton Center Playgrounds

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

Town Updates

Tree Plantings

In April the Town completed the spring tree planting program. In addition to planting 50 public trees in the Town rights-of-way, the Town planted 16 canopy trees on private property as part of the Native Canopy Tree Planting Program. Information about these programs is available on the Town website.

Private Canopy Tree Maintenance Program

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the Private Canopy Tree Maintenance Program, which reimburses residents 75% of the cost, up to \$1000, to maintain canopy trees on their property. Participants must first request a consulting arborist visit from the Town arborist, and maintenance must be performed by a Maryland licensed tree expert. A completed application and a copy of the final bill for services, along with proof of payment, must be submitted to the Town in order to be eligible for reimbursement. The program application is available on the Town website at www.townofchevy Chase.org.

Organic Waste Collection

If you would like to join the 250 Town households that are participating in the organic waste collection program, just contact the Town by the last Tuesday of any month. A bin will be delivered to you on the first Tuesday of the following month, with regular pickup beginning the following week.

RainScapes Program Offers Rebates for Nature-Friendly Gardens

On March 27, the Town's Climate and Environment Committee invited Pam Rowe of Montgomery County's Department of Environmental Protection to speak to residents about the RainScapes program. Pam captivated about 60 audience members as she discussed ways the County can help us beautify our yards while controlling the negative effects of storm water run-off through a number of landscaping and design techniques.

The RainScapes program offers home assessments, landscaping recommendations, design workshops, and rebates of up to \$2500 upon completion of landscaping improvements. Several phases of this project are planned in the Town, which has been designated a Rainscapes Neighborhood given its location in a more populated watershed region of the County. The first phase is completely enrolled by 38 homeowners whose lots are being evaluated now (April 2014). If you are interested in participating in subsequent phases of the Rainscapes program, please contact the Town Office at townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or 301-654-7144.

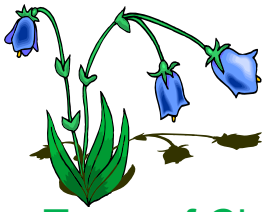
A summary of the March 27 presentation, and links to other information resources, are available on the Climate and Environment Committee page on the Town website.

Lawton Center Spring Fest

Come enjoy light refreshments, carnival games, inflatables, an egg hunt, music, magic and more at **Spring Fest 2014!** The event will take place at the Jane E. Lawton Community Center on **Saturday, May 17** from 1 to 3 p.m. Bring the family for FREE fun. The Lawton Center offers programs and sponsors events for all ages.

Wonders @ Leland

Wonders at Leland Children's Center, a high quality, nonprofit early child care program, serving children 2 to 5 years old, has been a proud part of your neighborhood for over 20 years! Our center in the Jane E. Lawton Community Center complex has a private playground, a dedicated staff of child development experts and a research based curriculum. We are proud to be accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Enrollment for the 2014-2015 school year is underway. Visit www.wonderschildcare.org to learn more about Wonders or contact Leland's Program Director, Shatabdi Das, at [301-654-8143](tel:301-654-8143) or sdas@wonderschildcare.org.



Through the Garden Gate

Town of Chevy Chase Garden Tour - Sunday, May 18, 1 – 5 p.m.

This year's garden tour gives Town neighbors a chance to see and experience gardens of distinctive styles and outdoor spaces. All Town residents are welcome! Neighbors can pick up a map and program at any of the gardens listed below. There is no specific order for the tour. Gardens will be marked with signs, and the homeowners will be on hand to welcome neighbors. **At 5 p.m., we invite Town neighbors to a wine and cheese reception at the garden of Linna Barnes and Chris Mixter, 7112 Ridgewood Avenue.**

The following gardens will be open on **Sunday, May 18 from 1 to 5 p.m.** When asked about their outdoor creations, here's what our gardeners had to say.

Linna Barnes and Chris Mixter - 7112 Ridgewood Avenue



This garden is the culmination of six years of staged work that created the result you see. The north side of the property is an under-story woodland garden with foam flowers, azaleas, oak leaf hydrangeas and dogwoods with masses of daffodils blooming in the spring. A sunken garden on the south side of the property is planted with a variety of plants that will thrive in the shady environment created by the canopy trees on the property. The garden is full of plantings in all shades of green that give texture to the garden. Stairs lead down to the lower garden with its central lawn and borders of azaleas and shade loving perennials. A gazebo with wisteria and roses, a fountain corner and a sculpture with a fox complete this area. The garden was designed by Melissa Clark, APLD, of Landscape Projects in Bethesda.

We invite you to visit our garden during the tour and encourage you to return at 5 p.m. for the Town hosted Garden Party.

Judy McGuire and Arthur Tsien - 4003 Rosemary Street

My garden is informal, and I am constantly tinkering with it. Over the past decade, I have converted the front yard from lawn to a perennial garden. By planting 75% of my garden with native plants, I qualified for Montgomery County's RainScapes Reward Program. The winter of 2013-14 was rough and many of the plants in the front need to be replaced. It just goes to show that gardening is an ongoing experiment. I have added some large flower pots with tomatoes since the front lawn is the sunniest part of our yard. In 2013 I removed the last grass in the front -- the planting strip -- and replaced it with native grasses. I'm still working on that.

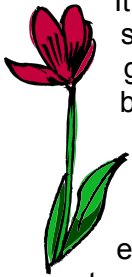


Take a peek over the fence on the east side of the house. We removed our driveway (to prevent basement flooding) and replaced it with gardens, banking the soil on the house side. We are in the process of renovating this. Two mistakes I made with this section were getting poor quality "topsoil" and planting highly aggressive strawberries (now, hopefully, eradicated). I will be using all my backyard compost to create a slightly raised bed on the east side this year and planting it out with native shrubs and perennials.

I have 10 of the free County compost bins in the back (you can see them from the playground) and each year I dedicate my compost harvest to the most needy part of my yard. The leaves from our huge canopy trees, kitchen waste in the summer, a small amount of backyard grass clippings, and neighbors' grass clippings keep those bins hot, generating rich compost.

Frederica and Charles Johnson - 6700 Connecticut Avenue

We bought our house new in 1980. and have loved it for all of the 34 years we've been in our home. It has taken me all of those years to develop the garden you see today. Initially, we installed a sandbox and swings for our young children, but removed the children's playthings when they grew up and replaced them slowly with the garden that you see today. The present pond with bridge and eight fish was enlarged three times. My advice to prospective pond people: think large to begin with.



My japanesque garden is a totally personal creative expression. I laid it out myself, chose every plant and dug each hole for every plant, bush and bulb. My newest endeavor is growing veggies and flowers from seed under grow lights indoors and transferring them to an outdoor raised bed. We hope to enjoy the bounties of my project this summer with beautiful colors in the garden and healthy vegetables on the table.



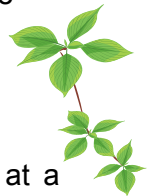
Marcie Meditch and John Murphey - 4002 Underwood Street

An inefficient and deteriorated 1922 house was replaced with a nearly net-zero modern home. The landscape design extends this low-impact philosophy into the tight 7,200 square foot suburban lot. The garden's simple bold lines reflect the clean-line architectural aesthetic of the home while furthering goals of solar gain, rain harvesting and reuse, and food production.



Paved surfaces are limited, allowing water to penetrate into the site wherever possible. Fifty percent of the roof supports vegetable and ornamental gardens watered by a cistern that collects downspout drainage, eliminating potable water use. The remainder of the rooftop supports photo voltaic panels collecting power from the sun for hot water heating. The front garden planting beds camouflage geothermal wells, supporting home heating and cooling; and rain gardens, in the rear yard, collect and slow down runoff from off-site, allowing it to be absorbed back into the ground, reducing erosion.

This garden of native and drought tolerant trees, shrubs, vines, and ground covering embraces seasonal change as well as sustainable objectives. Trees and plants in deep planters on the roof provide not only screening from neighbors and natural shading during hot summer months, but insulation year-round. The protected rooftop vegetable garden, free from encounters with scavenger squirrels and deer, allows the owners to enjoy fresh tomatoes and salad greens over three seasons.



House and garden reflect and reinforce a deep commitment to environmental stewardship at a residential scale. Just as the home's solar collectors and geothermal wells limit reliance on the grid, the garden is a self-sustaining system that sits as lightly as possible on the suburban landscape.

Marcy and Arthur Forrest - 4136 Leland Street

The Bearhouse Garden will be easy to spot on the Garden Tour. Our carved Papa Bear and Baby Bear will welcome you as you arrive at 4136 Leland Street. When we bought the property in 1994, the front garden was an overgrown tangle of weeds, ivy, root balls and pebbles, the backyard was a deep bamboo forest. But we saw the potential immediately. We took inspiration from the tiered front presentation. Marcy's passion for tulips, iris and lilies are on display every spring in front of the stone wall. The remainder of the front garden is a tapestry of rounded mounds of evergreens and rock paths. Our rear garden is where we vacation at home. There is a dining area, an outdoor living room under the pergola and an "entertainment lounge" in the form of a mineral spring pool. The rear garden is lush with a wide range of evergreen shrubs, trees, crape myrtles, camellias and lilies. There is not a blade grass to mow anywhere on the property. The Bearhouse philosophy is *function first, followed closely by style*. That means keeping the maintenance low and the enjoyment at a peak.

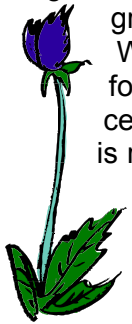


Mary Flynn - 4114 Blackthorn Street



The lovely tree-lined streets were one of many reasons we wanted to move to the Town of Chevy Chase in 2011. In contrast to the shady streets, the very open and sunny south-facing back yard was a big draw for the house we moved into. With the help of landscape design firm Backyard Bounty, we now have six vegetable beds, a smaller and more purposeful lawn, and two attraction trees: a Service Berry, which blooms in the spring, and a recently planted Witch Hazel that blooms in the fall. We had a lot to work with on the property, but one thing that we didn't like was a small pond that we couldn't maintain properly, and did not support any creatures except mosquitoes (birds now get fresh water from containers that we keep clean). Backyard Bounty followed the path that was carved by runoff during the derecho of 2012 toward the location of the excavated pond, then properly filled it in and planted it with native plants. Now we have a beautiful and functional rain garden! The rain garden, along with native plants that replaced turf along the west border, qualified for Montgomery County RainScapes Rewards rebates. Some of our hardscaping is done with permeable Gravel-Lok, and we can show off the composters we like and those we don't - we have several!

Cathy and Richard Singleton - 7109 44th Street



Our front garden began with the inspiration of some favorite Italian pottery. We were just moving in to the new home about 7 years ago and the land was pretty much a blank slate, with the exception of a nice mature Crepe Myrtle in a vibrant hot pink which we retained. We knew that we wanted a garden of bright color that repeated the primary colors of the Italian pottery and would appeal to my grandchildren and that we needed maintenance to be straightforward. I turned to Morgan Washburn of Botanical Decorators and he has helped to make our vision a reality. The primary focus is the front yard. A cobble edged central lawn panel in a perfect oval shape and a simple central diamond patterned front walk relates nicely to the architecture of the house. The pattern is repeated in a curbside landing that is flagstone set in stone dust with the mortar joints replaced by wider joints of grass. We wanted bright primary colors; red, yellow and blue. Early on we had great fun with annual plantings to realize this goal. These were set out against a strong structure of evergreen shrubs that help to give the front garden coherence even when it gets a little messy and overblown toward the end of summer. As time passes, the shrubs and perennials grew in and there is less space for the annuals but they remain a vital component. Perennials like yellow variegated hostas and liriopse, native switch grass in smoky blue colors, golden foliage Creeping Jenny and shrubs like bright red groundcover roses, blue hydrangeas and purple foliated smoke bush help to continue the original color scheme.

The Shorett Siberian Elm Tree – 7107 Oakridge Avenue



Did you know that there are Champion Trees? They are the largest example of each tree species in an area. Montgomery County's Champion Siberian Elm Tree stands in the front yard of Jean Shorett's Oakridge Avenue home. It is also the third largest Siberian Elm in Maryland. Since 1989, the Montgomery County Forest Conservancy District Board has been identifying Champion Trees for 154 native and non-native species. The Oakridge Avenue Siberian Elm is 12'7" in circumference, 103' tall with a 76' crown span. For more information on Maryland Champion Trees, go to www.mdbigtrees.com. To measure the size of trees in your yard, see an article on Champion Trees in the April 13th Washington Post 'Kids Post' section.

Please note that you are looking for the Champion Elm vs. a backyard garden at this address.

Around and About Chevy Chase

CC@ H TO HOLD FUND RAISING EVENT

Saturday, May 17

“What’s It Worth? Trash or Treasure?”

Join Chevy Chase At Home on **Saturday, May 17 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.** at the CC Village Hall and bring your hidden treasures with you. Expert appraisers from Sloans & Kenyon will be on hand to estimate their worth. Registration is required to attend (\$35 in advance until May 12, or \$45 at the door), and each person registered will receive a verbal appraisal for up to three items. You may register online at www.chevychaseathome.org or by calling the CC@ H office at 301-657-3115. Come join the fun at our fund raiser -- you may even win a door prize!

On **Tuesday, May 6** at 11 a.m., we have arranged an exclusive guided tour of this year’s D.C. Design House, at 4600 Linnean Avenue, with a box lunch included in the price. Meet at the CC Village Hall ahead of time to carpool. Call 301-657-3115 to register.

At an Evening program on **Wednesday, May 14** at 7:30 p.m. in the CC Village Hall, Dr. Joel Engelstein will discuss ‘Cataracts, Glaucoma, Corneal Problems and Dry Eyes’. Dr. Engelstein is Chief of Ophthalmic Surgical Training at the Georgetown University - Washington Hospital Center residency program, and is in private practice.

There will be a demonstration by Vicki Melzer of “Ikebana: The Ancient Japanese Art of Flower Arrangement” on **Tuesday, May 20** from 2 to 4 p.m. at the CC Village Hall,

Brunch Bunch meets at the Olympia Cafe on Brookville Road on **Thursday, May 8** from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Come buy a coffee and join the conversation.

Introduction to Excel, a new 2-session tech class, will be offered on **Thursday, May 1** and **Thursday, May 8**, from 1 to 3 p.m. Register at www.chevychaseathome.org.

The Volunteers of Chevy Chase At Home have been chosen as recipients of a 2014 Montgomery Serves Award for outstanding community service by a group! If you would like to join our award winning group, the next training session will be May 1.

Bethesda Community Garden Club Plant Sale

May 15, 2014, 7a.m. – 1 p.m.

Bethesda Women’s Farm Market, 7155 Wisconsin Avenue

Gardeners and anyone who loves plants won’t want to miss the Bethesda Community Garden Club’s annual plant sale. Find wonderful buys on a large selection of perennials, native plants, herbs, annuals, and shrubs grown in members’ well-tended gardens.

“Save the Trail!” 5K in Chevy Chase on May 24



The third annual “Save the Trail” 5K will be held on **Saturday, May 24** at 9 a.m., beginning in Elm Street Park. Join friends and neighbors in this fun race 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. Visit the Friends of the Capital Crescent Trail website at www.SaveTheTrail.org for more information.

Information about the event and on-line registration can be accessed at the the following website raceinfo@SaveTheTrail.org.

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Annual Town Meeting and Election

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

Voting	8 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Town Hall
Reception	7 p.m.	Social Hall
Annual Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Social Hall

Details in the Election Issue of the FORECAST and posted on the Town website.

www.townofchevychase.org



Who Represents You?

At-Large County Council Candidates Come to Town Wednesday, May 21, 7 p.m., 4-H Center

Come find out where At-Large County Council incumbents and their challengers stand on issues you care about, at a forum on [Wednesday, May 21](#), at the 4-H Center. Democratic, Republican and Green Party candidates will participate.

Voters across the county this year will select four at-large members representing the county's approximately one million residents. The nine-member Council is the legislative branch of county government that decides on the Bethesda master plan, school construction, and lots more that affect the way we live.

Moderator Charles Duffy, host of "Political Pulse" on Montgomery Municipal Cable TV and a Town resident, will focus on issues of primary interest to our community.

[Decide which candidates would represent you best, then vote in the primaries on June 24 before choices are narrowed in the fall general elections. Early primary voting takes place June 12 to 19.](#)

County Council Candidates Speak Out

Current At-Large Councilmembers

Marc Elrich

I'm a champion of our communities working to insure that, as the County grows, the concerns of 1,000,000 current residents are heard. I've taken the lead on key county-wide issues: protecting neighborhoods during the zoning rewrite, leading the successful regional minimum-wage effort, advancing tree protection legislation, and saving Ten-Mile Creek.

Nancy Floreen

I want to continue my commitment to improving our schools, reducing the achievement gap, growing the economy and finding transportation solutions that work for everyone. We must remember that, with full community engagement, we are building a sustainable framework in which families and communities can flourish long into the future.

George Leventhal

As Chairman of the County Council's Health and Human Services Committee, I have used, and will continue to use the power of government to help those in the greatest need: the poor, elderly, sick, homeless, mentally ill, disabled, and abused and abandoned children. My priority is service to my constituents.

Hans Reimer

I love Montgomery County. As parents of young children, my wife and I cherish Montgomery County's high quality of life. As your councilmember, I am dedicated to improving it by strengthening education and child care, preserving our environment, improving transportation, enhancing our parks, protecting our vulnerable residents. Let's work together.

Democratic Primary Challengers

Beth Daly

I am running for office to improve the way the Council works. I will listen to you and lead on issues such as preventing growth from out-pacing infrastructure (schools, transit, roads, police and fire, libraries); providing affordable housing for seniors, young professionals and families; and protecting our green spaces.

Vivian Malloy

Vote Vivian Malloy, as your next County Council At-Large Member. She is committed to working families and dedicated to progress. Vivian is the people's champion for addressing issues that matter to our communities. With experience as an elected official, a healthcare professional, and a veteran, Vivian is the right choice!

Candidates in the Fall Election

Robert Dyer (Republican)

I'll fight tooth and nail to stop the urbanization of suburban areas like Westbard and Chevy Chase Lake. Transit alone won't end traffic gridlock. I respect the right of communities to incorporate as municipalities. I want to bring large, high-wage companies to MoCo. This council hasn't in a decade.

Tim Willard (Green Party)

I am running to address sustainability. We face the problems of climate change, environmental degradation, and an increasingly polarized economy. To preserve our prosperity, we must plan for a 100% renewable energy economy, plan to end suburban sprawl and limit urban congestion, and create a green economy that benefits everyone.