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Emergency Numbers

Emergency: 911

**Police non-emergency:
301-279-8000**

Power Outages

To report a power outage at your home or to report street lights that are out, call 1-877-737-2662. To report downed wires or other emergencies to PEPCO, call [202-872-3432](tel:202-872-3432).

Downed Trees

Report downed trees to the police by calling **911** if it is a life-threatening emergency. Call the non-emergency number for non-life threatening situations: **301-279-8000**.

Water Service

To report a water or sewer line break, sewer back-up or stoppage, or fire hydrant leak, call the WSSC Emergency line at [301-206-4002](tel:301-206-4002).



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Public Hearing on Purple Line Funding

On [Wednesday, July 8](#), the Town Council will hold a public hearing on funding for continued professional assistance in responding to the proposed Purple Line project.

Depending on Governor Hogan's decision on the light rail project, the Town Council will need to determine whether to focus efforts on the formal elimination of the project from the state's transportation plans or on mitigation of the project's anticipated local impacts. Over the past 18 months, the Council has worked with Buchanan Ingersoll and Rooney (BIR) and its subcontractors to raise awareness among state and federal decision makers of the financial, technical and environmental problems with the proposed project.

At the public hearing, residents may share their thoughts on whether the Town should allocate additional funding towards future efforts. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, which begins at **7 p.m.** in the Town Hall, you may submit comments to the Town Office at townoffice@townofchevychase.org or at 4301 Willow Lane, Chevy Chase, MD 20815 prior to the hearing.

Volunteer for Committees and Boards

Deadline Extended Until July 22

The Council has extended until [Wednesday, July 22](#) the deadline to submit requests to serve on a Town committee or board for the coming year. Information about the various committees and boards is posted on the Town website.

If you are interested in volunteering, please submit a brief note expressing interest to the Town Office. Your correspondence may be submitted by mail or e-mail to townoffice@townofchevychase.org and should include your name, address, telephone number, email address and a few sentences about why you would like to volunteer to serve.

Connect with the Town

Residents may sign up on the Town's website to receive Town Crier emails, Alert TOCC voice messages and an electronic copy of the FORECAST newsletter. Information on how to connect with the Town using Facebook and Twitter also is posted on the Town website (www.townofchevychase.org).

Mayor's Message

Al Lang

Over the next few months, the Town Council will focus on three priority issues facing the Town: the Purple Line, the Bethesda Downtown Plan and the Town's budget. The Council has asked Grant Davies and Kathie Legg, interim Long Range Planning Committee (LRP) Co-Chairs, and Fred Cecere, Council Liaison to the LRP, to address with the LRP the first two issues, and the Council has established a Revenue Working Group, led by Zach Gast, Tricia Daniels and Fred Cecere, Treasurer, to address the revenue side of the budget.

Once Governor Hogan makes a decision on the Purple Line, which we anticipate will be very soon, the Council will need to determine the level of Town efforts moving forward. On July 8, the Council will hold a public hearing on funding for additional professional assistance with the proposed Purple Line project (see article on page 1). We encourage you to attend this hearing or to send in your comments if you cannot attend.

The Town submitted and presented testimony on the staff draft of the Bethesda Downtown Plan at the Planning Board public hearing on June 24. As the plan progresses through review by the Board and the County Council, the Town Council will continue to advocate for Town interests. We are specifically interested in working with Montgomery County planners and other stakeholders to establish a greenway connecting the Crescent Trail and potentially the Pearl Street District, as well as connecting Elm Street Park along a Bethesda Eastern Greenway with Bradley Lane; to address development along the Town's borders; to provide additional green space in the planning area; and to assure that the necessary infrastructure is included: safety, fire, police and emergency services, roads, and schools. The testimony is available from the Town office and is posted on the Town's website.

As many of you know, we are facing declining income tax revenue this year, which will be exacerbated by the recent Supreme Court decision. Given these budgetary shortfalls, the Council established a Revenue Working Group to look at Town revenue sources and to help better project Town revenue over the next several years to assist the Council in future planning. See the article on page 3 for more information about this group.

While we address these three issues, it is important to look forward to the summer. I wish all a very happy summer. And I do look forward to seeing everyone at the Town's July 4 celebration.



Thursday, July 2 – Community Relations Committee, 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 4 – Picnic and Parade, 12-2 p.m., Leland Park

Wednesday, July 8 – Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 11 – Play Date in the Park, 9 a.m., Leland Park

Monday, July 13 – Long Range Planning Committee, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July, 14 – Climate and Environment, 7 p.m.

Sunday, July 19 – Summer Concert & Good Eats at Leland Park, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 21 – Land Use Committee, 7 p.m.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 22 – Calling All Rising K thru 2nd Grade Children and Parents for a Play Date in the Park, 10:00 a.m., Leland Park

Town Updates

Council Establishes Revenue Working Group

The Town Council has established a Revenue Working Group to assist the Council in projecting future Town revenue sources and receipts. This group will be led by Councilmember and Treasurer Fred Cecere and Town residents Zach Gast and Tricia Daniels.

The Town has seen a significant reduction in income tax revenue this year and expects to see further reductions based on the recent Supreme Court ruling that will require the State of Maryland to offer residents a full credit for income taxes paid to other states on income they earned in those states. In addition, the Town will not receive a municipal tax duplication reimbursement from the County in FY16.

The Revenue Working Group will hold work sessions, open to the public, to discuss and understand the income tax distribution process and to detail all other Town revenue sources. With this information, the group will attempt to develop a revenue model to help predict with greater accuracy total Town revenue over the next several years. The group also will consider whether to seek assistance from an auditor to review the Town's income tax receipts from the state.

The group will provide progress reports to the Council on a monthly basis and present their findings to the Town Council and Town residents once their work is complete.

Additional residents are invited to apply to join this group. If interested, please contact the Town Office at [301-654-7144](tel:301-654-7144) or townoffice@chevychase.org and submit a brief statement of qualifications -- financial, economic and state income tax experience is welcomed.

RainScapes Rebate and Technical Assistance Program

As part of the FY16 budget, which was adopted at the June meeting, the Council decided to eliminate funding for the Town's RainScapes Rebate and Technical Assistance Program.

The Town's program supplemented Montgomery County's RainScapes program by providing additional reimbursement to Town homeowners for costs associated with designing and installing eligible RainScapes projects. Since the Town's program was only in place for eight months, the Council realizes that some residents may have incurred costs for their RainScapes project with the expectation that they would ultimately receive financial assistance from the Town. Therefore, the Council has agreed to allow those who have incurred any costs as of May 29, 2015 to move forward with their project and be eligible to receive both the reimbursement for landscape technical assistance and the matching rebate from the Town until June 30, 2016. Participants must provide proof that an eligible expense was incurred for their project prior to May 29, 2015 along with the Town application for reimbursement and supporting documents.

The Town will not accept new applications to participate in the program from residents who have not incurred any costs associated with a RainScapes project prior to May 29. For more information, please contact the Town Office at [301-654-7144](tel:301-654-7144).

Town Teen List

For the most current list, please email townoffice@townofchevychase.org or call the Town office at [301-654-7144](tel:301-654-7144).

Chevy Chase at Home in the Good Old Summertime

Summer vacation time is here, but if you should be in town and looking for something fun to do, come to the Chevy Chase Village Hall on **Tuesday, July 21 at 2 p.m.** to see CC@ H's free screening of ***The Maltese Falcon***. Cool refreshments will be offered!

Also in July, a mini-session of **Gentle Pilates and Balance** begins **Friday, July 17** at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church. Call [301-657-3115](tel:301-657-3115) for more information and to sign up.

Join us for **an Ice Cream Social** on **Tuesday, August 18, from 2 to 4 p.m.** at the Chevy Chase Village Hall.

Town Events

Play Date in the Park

Saturday, July 11, 9 a.m., Leland Park

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

Summer Concert & Good Eats at Leland Park

Sunday, July 19, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Leland Park

Enjoy some of Montgomery County's favorite food trucks and listen to one of the county's premier concert bands without leaving the Town of Chevy Chase! In the spirit of summer fun, four of the area's best food trucks including: [Go Fish](#), [Linda's Luncheonette](#), [Curley Q's](#), and [Carmen's Italian Ice](#) will be on hand for some great food at reasonable prices. Bring your appetite and a sense of adventure.



And, what's an outdoor picnic without an all-American band? The [Rockville Concert Band](#) has been entertaining young and old for more than 50 years. This 60-piece band will be playing well known concert music to help us celebrate and enjoy a summer evening.

Calling All Rising K thru 2nd Grade Children and Parents for a Play Date

Saturday, August 22 10 a.m., Leland Park

Gather together on Saturday, August 22 at 10 a.m. at Leland Park for light breakfast fare, coffee and juice and reduce first-day-of-school jitters. Sponsored by the Community Relations Committee, the event has an RSVP deadline of August 18 to the Town Office at townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or 301-654-7144.

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