

JUNE 2016

NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE



Thursday, June 2
Community Relations
Committee,
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 8
Town Council Meeting,
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 9
The Who and The What,
Round House Theatre,
7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 11
Play Date in the Park,
Lawton Center
Playground, 9 a.m.

Monday, June 13
Climate and Environment
Committee,
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 14
Purple Line Mitigation
Ad Hoc Committee,
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 16
Public Services
Committee,
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Monday, June 20
Long Range Planning
Committee,
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 23
Land Use Committee,
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Mayor's Message

Scott Fosler

Let me first thank my fellow Council members for their confidence in electing me to serve as mayor of the Town for the coming year. And I would like to thank everyone who voted in the recent Town election, and all of the candidates, who ran strong and substantive campaigns. We had a record turnout of 1115 voters this year, and a lively conversation focused on the best ways to achieve an emerging consensus on our top priorities as a community. Democracy at its best.

And on behalf of the entire Town, I want to thank our dedicated departing council members for all they have contributed to the Town. Kathy Strom served for ten years on the Town Council, including three times as mayor. Al Lang served for eight years, including the past year as mayor. And Vicky Taplin served for two years. Together these three citizens served a total of 20 years on the council, volunteering countless hours and their abundant talents in service to the Town.

At our May meeting the Council voted unanimously to create two new Special Committees, on the Bethesda Downtown Plan and on Purple Line Mitigation. This will focus Town efforts on two of the most important issues that we must address over the next year, and which will affect our community far into the future.

My wife, Gail, and I love living in our Town, now as empty nesters, sharing so many experiences with friends and neighbors, and heartened by the arrival of new folks who bring fresh eyes, minds, and hearts – and a whole new generation of kids. We are enormously grateful for the kindnesses that have been shown us, and look forward to working with everyone on the common challenges we confront.

Public Hearing on Bethesda Downtown Plan Legal Assistance

At its June 8 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on a proposal to engage a law firm to assist the Town in continuing to respond to the proposed Bethesda Downtown Plan and its local impacts.

As development of the plan progresses, the Town Council wants to ensure that our concerns are given serious consideration by both the Planning Board and the Montgomery County Council. Accordingly, the Council has proposed to engage a law firm to assist in that effort. The length of the engagement will be approximately 7 months, to coincide with final approval of the sector plan by the County Council, with an estimated cost between \$40,000 and \$55,000.

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Volunteer for Town Boards & Committees

Dear Neighbor,

Our Town has a rich array of boards and committees through which the enormous talent and dedication of our residents is pooled and channeled into various Town and community activities. Let me give you a brief description of these, note a couple of changes the Council has made, and invite you to consider volunteering for them.

The Council shared its thinking on creating two new Special Committees on the Bethesda Downtown Plan and on Purple Line Mitigation in a recent *Town Crier* post, and I would encourage you to visit Town website for more detailed information. The two new special committees will not alter the basic structure of the Town's five standing committees, other than shifting principal responsibility for the Bethesda Sector Plan from the Long Range Planning Committee to the Special Committee on the Bethesda Downtown Plan. Meanwhile, the work of the existing Ad Hoc Purple Line Mitigation Committee will be folded into the Special Committee on Purple Line Mitigation.

Each year in June, the Town Council begins the process of seeking volunteers for the Town's standing committees and filling vacancies on the Town boards and commission. We encourage you to consider volunteering for one of these bodies so we can involve as many residents as possible in Town affairs.

In July, I will appoint, with the advice of the Town Council, residents to serve on each of the Town's five standing committees for a period of one year beginning in September. Following is a list of the committees, including a short description of each:

- **Climate and Environment:** Inspires and facilitates energy conservation and environmental stewardship by the Town and its residents.
- **Community Relations:** Encourages a strong sense of neighborliness through community activities and communications.
- **Land Use:** Guides building and redevelopment within the Town through the use of available planning tools.
- **Long-Range Planning:** Identifies, emerging issues that require longer-term planning and analysis. The Council is also considering asking this committee to take on greater responsibility for monitoring activities in county and state government likely to impact our Town.
- **Public services:** Advocates high-quality Town services for our residents.

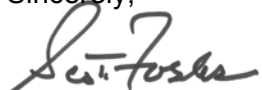
I will also appoint two residents to serve on the Town's Election Board, one resident to serve on the Town's Ethics Commission, and one resident to serve on the Water Board. Following are brief descriptions of these bodies:

- **Election Board:** Oversees all Town elections, including making appropriate provisions for nominations, printing ballots, appointing tellers and/or judges and supervising the polls.
- **Ethics Commission:** Receives, verifies and maintains all financial disclosure forms required by the State of Maryland.
- **Water Board:** Hears requests by property owners who have had a water drainage plan denied by the Town.

If you are interested in volunteering to serve on any of the Town's committees, boards or commission, please submit a brief note expressing your interest to the Town Office **by June 30, 2016**. Your correspondence may be submitted in person, by mail or by e-mail to townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org and should include your name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and a few sentences about why you would like to serve on that particular body.

On behalf of the entire Council, I would like to extend a special thanks to all of you who have served on one of these bodies over the past year. The dedication of your time and talents provides an invaluable resource to the Town and continues to strengthen and improve our community.

Sincerely,



Scott Fosler
Mayor

TOWN EVENTS

Sponsored by the Community Relations Committee

Round House Theatre

Thursday, June 9, 7:30 p.m.



Join your friends and neighbors on Thursday, June 9, 7:30 p.m. at Round House Theatre to see the play “*The Who and the What*” by Pulitzer-prize winning playwright Ayad Akhtar. This fierce and funny new play explores issues of identity and religion. More information about the play is available at www.roundhousetheatre.org.

A discounted price of \$30 is available for tickets. Arrive for the show shortly before 7:30 and stay for the post-play discussion. Round House is at 4545 East-West Hwy, one block east of Wisconsin Avenue.

Please contact the Town Office at townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or 301-654-7144 to reserve your seat.

Play Date in the Park

Saturday, June 11, 9 a.m.,

Play Date in the Park returns Saturday June 11 at 9 a.m. Town toddlers, preschoolers and their families are welcome for a morning of play at the Lawton Center Playground. We will provide juice boxes, coffee and bagels.



Families with infants and all older siblings are welcome. Please RSVP to the Town Office at 301-654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.

Geraldine Brooks to Speak at CC@Home

Monday, June 6, at 7 p.m., Pulitzer Prize-winning author Geraldine Brooks will discuss her latest book, “*The Secret Chord*,” in a conversation with Guy Raz, host and editorial director of NPR’s “TED Radio Hour” at Phillips Hall, Chevy Chase United Methodist Church, 7001 Connecticut Ave. Following the talk, Politics & Prose will have books available for sale and signing by the author. Space is limited; register now at www.chevy Chaseathome.org or 301-657-3115. Members and Friends of CC@ H: \$10, General Public: \$15. For more information and a complete calendar, please visit www.chevy Chaseathome.org

Concert to Honor Memory of Kathleen Williams

Sunday, June 12, at 7:30 p.m., National Park Seminary

Former Town resident Jim Catlette will perform a program of classical and popular piano music honoring the memory of longtime resident Kathleen Williams at National Park Seminary, 9601 DeWitt Drive, Silver Spring. Kathleen Williams, a beloved artist, gardener and neighbor since moving to the Town in the 1950s, died last month at the age of 104.

In addition to tales about Kathleen woven throughout the concert, guests will enjoy champagne cocktails and dancing to popular tunes. A suggested donation of \$20 per guest will go in its entirety to the beautification of the wooded glen at National Park Seminary.

Space is limited; please RSVP at chchscholar@aol.com.

Public Hearing, from page 1

At the public hearing, residents may comment on this proposal. If you are unable to attend the Council meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall, you may submit comments to the Town Office at townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or at 4301 Willow Lane, Chevy Chase, MD 20815 prior to the hearing. The Town’s most recent position paper on the Bethesda Downtown Plan is available for review on the Town website.

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Mary Flynn, Scott Fosler & Barney Rush Elected to Serve on Town Council

A record 1115 residents voted in the 2016 Town Council election. **Mary Flynn, Scott Fosler and Barney Rush** were elected to serve on the Council for two year terms.

At the May 11 Council meeting, officers were selected for the coming year. **Scott Fosler will serve as Mayor, Mary Flynn as Vice Mayor, Fred Cecere as Secretary, Barney Rush as Treasurer and John Bickerman as Community Liaison.**

We extend special thanks to Town Election Board members Steve Lawton, Mike Lebowitz and Gloria Tristani for overseeing the election, and to Town Ethics Commission members Caleb Burns, John Fleder and Barry Hager for reviewing required financial disclosure forms.

Summer Safety Tips



The Town would like to remind residents of some simple yet important tips for summer safety. Remember to keep your house and car locked at all times; keep outside lights on at night; notify your neighbors when you will be away, and call 911 to report suspicious activity. More information is available on the Town website at www.townofchevyCHASE.org.

Town of Chevy Chase Independence Day Picnic & Parade



Monday, **July 4, 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.**
Lawton Center Grounds

RSVP by June 24, 301-654-7144
townoffice@townofchevyCHASE.org

Please RSVP to attend this event!



GET IN THE SPIRIT & DECORATE!

The Town will provide flags for residents to display in their yards. The flags will be available in the Town Office beginning June 15. If it's difficult for you to stop by the office during office hours, just email townoffice@townofchevyCHASE.org or call us at 301-654-7144 and we will deliver a flag to you.

CELEBRATE ON THE FOURTH

12 p.m. Parade

The parade will begin at 12 p.m. Come to the Lawton Center at 11:30 a.m. to decorate your bikes, scooters, wagons, and baby carriages. The Town will provide decorating supplies.

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Picnic

Town residents will be treated to barbeque catered by *Red, Hot & Blue* and the famous *Ben and Jerry's* ice cream truck. Vegetarian options are available upon request. Bring your appetite and picnic blanket!



12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m. Music and Games

We will have music and games for young and old alike!

READING THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

The reading of the Declaration of Independence at this event has become a tradition. We encourage readers of all ages to take part. If you would like to volunteer to read a few lines, please email Town Office at townoffice@townofchevyCHASE.org or 301-654-7144

A RED, WHITE, BLUE, (& GREEN) INDEPENDENCE DAY!

The Town will recycle and compost as much as we can. All picnic tablecloths, tableware and utensils will be compostable, so look out for the specially marked bins.

Interested in volunteering for the 4th? Contact the Town Office.