



## Message from Mayor Scott Fosler

Let me begin my last “mayor’s message” with heart-felt thanks for the privilege of serving as Mayor of the Town of Chevy Chase. What a great experience it has been to work with our Town Council, special committees on the Bethesda Downtown Plan and Purple Line Mitigation, standing committees, staff, contractors, and our residents, who are the heart and soul -- the very definition -- of our community.

Since I recently sent you an “annual report” in the election edition of the *Forecast*, permit me to reflect a bit on this past year as mayor from the perspective of having first held this position about four decades ago. Back then the title was “Chairman of the Town Council of Chevy Chase Section Four.” But it’s the same position, on the same five-member Town Council, with essentially the same municipal charter.

Have things changed since then? Some things, yes, some no. The Town itself is a little bigger thanks to the annexation of “Chevy Chase Section Eight” neighborhoods on the western and northern borders of our Town along Wisconsin Avenue and the Capital Crescent Trail. But we’re still basically the same “tiny Town of Chevy Chase” (as the *Washington Post* has characterized us) that we have been for the past century (next year is our centennial).

We now have a full-time, professional Town Manager, which has permitted us to step up our game in successfully shifting public service responsibilities from the state and county levels in order to literally bring government “closer to the people” with greater efficiency, quality, choice and accountability. And while the size and composition of our staff have changed over the years, total staff numbers and costs have decreased recently given greater operational efficiencies and technological advancements.

Government, like much else in our lives, is more complex today. So the combination of core professional staff, improved digital communications, and expanded volunteer participation has been both a much needed and welcome change from years ago.

This additional capacity is all the more important given the increasing pressure on our schools, streets and recreational facilities. We can now more effectively represent our Town’s interests in Rockville and Annapolis, as demonstrated in our recent efforts to shape a better Bethesda Downtown Sector Plan. Several County Councilmembers have commented to me how impressed they’ve been with the analysis, intellect, commitment and civility exhibited by our Town’s volunteers.

During my first stint on the Town Council we used to store Town records in our homes and meet in councilmembers’ living rooms, or in St. John’s Church, where occasionally we would cram ourselves into undersized kid chairs and desks when the grown-up facilities were in use. Now all the records are safe and sound in a permanent Town Office, next to the Town Hall, where we can all get together, in small groups or in a full Town Meeting, as well as enjoy the wide array of community programs for residents of all ages organized by our volunteers.

Most important is that over these past several decades the community norms that I’ve always valued so highly have remained alive and well, and they still define the very character of our Town: openness, trust, civility, inclusiveness, respect for privacy, and a fundamental neighborliness. Honoring these norms not only makes for a more pleasant place to live, but it’s also a far more efficient means of governance -- resolving differences and pursuing common interests -- than otherwise relying too much on laws and regulations.

I’ve got another year on the Town Council left in my term, and I look forward to giving my successor as mayor the same kind of strong support I’ve had from my Council colleagues, as well as from residents. Thanks again for the honor of serving as your mayor.

# FY18 Budget Process Continues

Residents are encouraged to review and comment on the Town's proposed FY18 budget. A summary of the proposed budget was included in the Election issue of the *Forecast*, and comprehensive budget documents are available on the Town website ([www.townofchevy Chase.org](http://www.townofchevy Chase.org)).

The Town Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget at the May 2 annual meeting before adopting a final budget for the next fiscal year. Comments on the proposed budget may be sent to the Town office at [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org).

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## TOWN UPDATES

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### Tree Plantings

In April, the Town completed the spring tree planting program. In addition to planting 37 public trees in the Town rights-of-way, the Town planted 19 canopy trees on private property as part of the Native Canopy Tree Planting Program. Information about these programs is available on the Town website.

### Overgrown Vegetation

As a reminder, residents are asked to keep all streets and sidewalks clear of overgrown vegetation. Please prune vegetation to ensure unobstructed sight lines for pedestrians and motorists. The Town's vegetation maintenance standards are available for review on the Town website. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep Town streets and sidewalks safe.

### Block Party

The Town encourages residents to participate in a block party with their neighbors. The Town offers a subsidy of up to \$150 to cover expenses incurred by the party organizer. The organizer must submit receipts for reimbursement following the party. Receipts may not include expenses for alcohol. The block party petition can be downloaded from the Town website. For more information, please contact the Town office at [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org) or 301-654-7144.



### Household Organic Waste Collection

The Town continues to offer curbside household organic waste collection in partnership with The Compost Crew. Residents must choose to receive this service by submitting a request on the Town website or by calling the Town office at 301-654-7144. Participants receive a 5-gallon bin with gamma seal lid and compostable liner. Every Tuesday, the contractor collects the bins at the curb, wipes them down, replaces the liner and returns the bins to the curb.

### Connect with the Town

Residents may sign up on the Town's website to receive Town Crier emails, Alert TOCC voicemail messages and an electronic copy of the *Forecast* newsletter. Information on how to connect with the Town using Facebook and Twitter also is available on the Town website.



# May

**Tuesday, May 2**  
Town Election  
Town Hall, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Annual Meeting  
Lawton Center, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, May 4**  
Community Relations\*  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

**Friday, May 5**  
Bob Brown Puppet Show  
Town Hall, 6 p.m.

**Saturday, May 6**  
Spring Festival  
Lawton Center, 12-4 p.m.

**Monday, May 8**  
Climate and Environment\*  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 10**  
Town Council  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, May 11**  
Public Services\*  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

**Monday, May 15**  
Long Range Planning\*  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 17**  
Purple Line Mitigation\*  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, May 25**  
Land Use\*  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

\* Town Committee meeting

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# TOWN EVENTS

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*The following events are brought to you by the Town's Community Relations Committee.*

## Spring Festival 2017

Saturday, May 6, 12- 4 p.m., Lawton Community Center & Town Hall

This event, co-sponsored by the Community Relations Committee and the Lawton Community Center, is a festive celebration for all ages. Come out for Mariachi music, a moon bounce, games, crafts, food trucks, henna tattoos and more! Please bring cans or boxes of non-perishable food for Manna, as the truck will be collecting food for the hungry in Montgomery County. No RSVPs needed!



## Breakfast and a Walk with the Town Arborist

Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m., Town Hall



Join residents of all ages at the Town Hall for breakfast with Dr. Tolbert Feather, the Town arborist, followed by his annual walk and talk through the Town. This event gives residents the opportunity to learn more about Town trees and how the weather affects trees in this climate. Come loaded with questions! Please RSVP to the Town office at 301-654-7144 or [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org).

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# AROUND CHEVY CHASE

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## CC@H May 2017 Events

On **May 16, 7-9 p.m.**, **David Duberman**, a retired senior CIA officer, will discuss two outstanding intelligence operations run by the KGB and the CIA. The KGB operation involved five upper-class Cambridge graduates -- the so-called Cambridge 5 -- who provided the Soviet Union with a wide range of important intelligence from the 1930s through World War II and the beginning of the Cold War.

The second operation was brilliantly conducted in Moscow during the Cold War by an elite group of CIA operations officers (several of whom were Mr. Duberman's friends), and which, until its tragic end, provided invaluable intelligence to the U.S. A fascinating presentation at the CC Village Hall!

**Brunch Bunch** holds its monthly get-together on **May 11, 10-11:30 a.m.** at the Olympia Cafe on Brookville Road. Come join the CC@ H table for coffee and conversation.

Our next **Volunteer Training** is **May 18, 10 a.m.- noon**. Please consider becoming a volunteer with your neighborhood Senior Village. See our website at [www.chevy Chaseathome.org](http://www.chevy Chaseathome.org) for more information.

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## Lawton's Antiques Roadshow-Style Event

Tuesday, June 6, 2 - 4 p.m., Lawton Community Center

Who hasn't watched PBS' Antiques Roadshow and wondered about their own antique or collectable? Find out what your stuff is worth! Bring your artwork, family heirlooms, cherished items and more to the Lawton Community Center's own Antiques Roadshow-Style event!! Expert John Caplan Harris, certified appraiser/antiques shop owner, will give a general appraisal of objects LIVE, on-the-spot, while lecturing on history and market value of collectibles today! This event is free and all are welcome. For more information, call **240-777-6853** or **240-777-6855**.

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## Annual Town Meeting and Election

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Voting	8 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Town Hall
Reception	6:30 p.m.	Lawton Center Social Hall
Annual Meeting	7 p.m.	Lawton Center Social Hall

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

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