



Forecast

JANUARY 2018

NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE



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

Friday, January 5
Family Movie Night
Town Hall, 6 p.m.
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Monday, January 8
Long Range Planning*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 10
Town Council
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, January 11
Town Council Work Session
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, January 11
Public Services*
Lawton Center, 7 p.m.

Monday, January 15
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Town office closed.

Wednesday, January 17
Purple Line Mitigation*
Lawton Center, 7 p.m.

Thursday, January 25
Land Use*
Lawton Center, 7 p.m.

Sunday, January 28
Bourbon Tasting Event
Town Hall, 4:30 p.m.
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* Town Committee meeting

Message from Mayor Mary Flynn

Happy New Year! 2017 kept the Town Council and our dedicated Town staff quite busy, and 2018 promises the same. Below is a summary of some of our work, and ideas on how you can help.

Downtown Bethesda: Downtown Bethesda will change dramatically in as little as 5 years. The Apex building will anchor a new skyline to the south of Old Georgetown Road, and the new Marriott headquarters will anchor the north. As more buildings go up and new applications come in, communities must stay alert to how large-scale developments impact public school capacity, road and sidewalk congestion, and desirability factors such as public gathering spaces, green cover, and access to light and air. While regulations and guidelines exist to protect and promote public interests, commercial developers can and do ask for waivers, or present plans that clearly do not meet requirements. Councilmembers, in collaboration with other communities, will continue to do our homework so we can advocate on behalf of our residents in an informed, respectful, and effective manner.

Purple Line: As Purple Line construction proceeds, we continue to work with our elected representatives, state officials, and Purple Line Transit Partners/Constructors to mitigate its impacts on our residents. We are pressing hard for safety improvements along East-West Highway (MD 410), which is now the path to school for approximately 50 B-CC high school students and many others who walk to the Metro and other points downtown. The Special Committee on Purple Line Mitigation is leading an effort to evaluate the impact of the Purple Line stormwater management plans on nearby residents' properties, and other concerns. To learn more, please check the schedule to the left or the Agendas & Minutes page on the Town website for the next committee meeting.

On the following page, you'll see that the Council is considering many more issues of interest to our residents, including initiatives intended to reduce regulatory burdens, extend voter franchise to legal residents who are not U.S. citizens, and respond thoughtfully and equitably to the increasing number of traffic complaints. We encourage and welcome your participation. Please attend work sessions to learn alongside council members, and share your opinions at public hearings, Town Council meetings, or by writing to the Town office.

Finally, it's not too early to think about running for Town Council yourself! Our next election is May 1. Please contact the Town office to learn about council responsibilities or other opportunities to volunteer and be active in the Town.

TOWN NEWS

Public Hearing on CCHS Contribution Request

On January 10, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on a contribution request of the Chevy Chase Historical Society (CCHS). CCHS has asked the Town to donate \$10,000 to \$15,000 to help it build-out and occupy a new Archive and Research Center. A complete copy of the contribution request is available for review on the Town website.

If you are unable to attend the January Council meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall, you may submit your comments on this request to the Town Office at 4301 Willow Lane or townoffice@townofchevychase.org.

Council to Discuss Possible Building Code Changes

On Thursday, January 11 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall, the Town Council will hold a work session to discuss some possible changes to the Town's building code. The changes are intended to reduce the cost and burden to residents of complying with Town building regulations, without diminishing the intended effect of the regulations. The Town's Land Use Committee has been considering possible changes and will present its recommendations to the Town Council at the January work session. Any changes that the Council supports will be well publicized and subject to a public hearing.

Public Forum on Resident Voting Eligibility – February 7

On Wednesday, February 7 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall, the Town Council will hold a public forum on the idea of extending participation in Town elections to non-U.S. citizen residents of the Town.

As permitted by Maryland law, several nearby communities allow their residents to vote in their local elections regardless of citizenship. Town residents have asked the Council to consider amending our charter similarly to allow non-U.S. citizens who live in the Town to vote in our annual Town elections.

This forum will provide an educational opportunity to learn more about the approaches taken by some of our neighboring municipalities, to ask questions, and to share thoughts about our voter qualifications in a moderated discussion. No voter qualification changes will go into effect for the May 2018 election.

Neighborhood Watch Block Captains Needed

The Town is seeking resident volunteers to serve as block captains for our Neighborhood Watch Program. The number of block captains has declined over the past few years, and the Town hopes to increase participation in the program. If we determine that there is insufficient interest among residents, the Town may choose to discontinue the program and rely solely on the Town's communication tools, such as Town Crier and Alert TOCC, to inform residents of public safety issues and incidents.



If you are interested in serving as a block captain, please contact Dave Eason, Chair of the Town's Public Services Committee, at deason@martoneconstruction.com for more information.

Speed Humps Suspended Pending Policy Review

At its December 13 meeting, the Town Council agreed to temporarily suspend consideration of new and pending speed hump requests. The Council also asked the Town's Public Services Committee to recommend revisions to the speed hump policy and explore more effective ways to address traffic complaints and pedestrian safety concerns. The suspension will last until June 2018 when the Council expects to consider the committee's recommendations.

TOWN EVENTS

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

Family Movie Night – “Moana”

Friday, January 5, 6 p.m., Town Hall



From Walt Disney Studios comes "Moana," a sweeping, animated film about an adventurous teen who sails on a daring mission to save her people. During her journey, Moana meets the mighty demigod Maui, who guides her quest to become a master wayfinder. Together, they sail across the ocean on an action-packed voyage, encountering monsters and impossible odds, and along the way, Moana fulfills the quest of her ancestors and discovers the one thing she's always sought: her own identity. Music by Lin-Manuel Miranda. Movie rated PG. 103 minutes long. Pizza and snacks at 5:30; movie starts at 6:00. Space is limited, so please RSVP to townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or 301-654-7144. A responsible adult must attend the movie with their children.

Join Us for a Bourbon Tasting

Sunday, January 28, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Town Hall

Join 40 fellow bourbon lovers for a guided tasting led by an expert, who will pour and discuss the history of bourbon, where it is made and how. As you taste a range of bourbons from inexpensive to expensive, our guide will explain variations and nuances of each bottle. Savory foods will be served. RSVP's are a must for this event. 40 people is the absolute maximum. Don't wait to call the Town office at 301-654-7144 or send an email to townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.

Winter Outerwear Clothing Drive

Continues until February 28

The Town's Community Relations Committee, working with the Lawton Community Center, is collecting clean, gently-used or never used warm coats, gloves, mittens, scarves, hats, sweaters, pants, and socks to donate to local charities serving those in need. Clothing boxes for your donations are in the Town Hall and the Lawton Community Center.

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

Seriously Fun Singers, Sunday, February 11, 4-6 p.m., Town Hall

Seriously Fun Singers (SFS) began three years ago when two friends in Town were looking to sing popular and "fun" music in a small group setting. They organized SFS, recruiting many like-minded, musically-talented Town residents. SFS performs programs of eclectic popular music, and offers a blend of 60's pop, traditional folk, and Broadway standards, with a special focus on LOVE as Valentine's Day is on the 14th! Refreshments will be served. Space is limited. RSVP by calling 301-654-7144 or by email to townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.

Volunteers Needed for Town's Centennial Committee

2018 is the Town's centennial, and we are seeking resident volunteers to join a Town Centennial Committee to help plan and organize an April event and other activities. Town resident Bridget Hartman has agreed to chair this committee. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact the Town office at 301-654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org. We look forward to celebrating our 100th anniversary with all of you!



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Recycle Your Christmas Tree!

The Town offers curbside pickup of Christmas trees. All wire, ornaments and tinsel must be removed. Please place the tree at the curb by 7 a.m. on Monday for regular yard waste collection.



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AROUND CHEVY CHASE

HAPPY 2018 FROM CHEVY CHASE AT HOME!

CC@ H begins the New Year with an informative question and answer session with **Ken Hartman**, the director of Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center. Come to the Chevy Chase Village Hall on Tuesday, January 9, 2 to 4 p.m., and learn what's happening in our area now, as well as plans for the future, especially regarding construction projects, transportation and services.

New 9-week sessions of our popular exercise programs, **Gentle Seated Pilates/Balance** begin on Wednesday, January 10 (10:30 - 11:30 a.m.) and Thursday, January 11 (2:30 - 3:30 p.m.). **Zumba Gold** also starts on Wednesday, Jan. 10 (11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.). Call the office at 301-657-3115 or go to www.chevyCHASEathome.com for details and to register.

Come to **Brunch Bunch** at the Olympia Cafe on Brookville Road on Thursday, January 11, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Just drop in, buy a cup of coffee, and join neighbors at the CC@ H table for convivial conversation! Open to all.

New **CC@ H Volunteers** are always welcome. Please consider becoming part of our wonderful team in 2018. New Volunteer Training will be held on Thursday, January 18, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., at the Town of Chevy Chase Town Hall. Registration is required by Thursday, January 11, online or by calling the office at 301-657-3115.

In 2018, **MVA on Wheels** will begin its twentieth year of service in Friendship Heights. The bus will park on Friendship Boulevard adjacent to the Village Center from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** on **January 29, February 26, March 19, April 23, May 29, and June 25.** For more information, call 301-656-2797.