



Forecast

MARCH 2018

NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE

Message from Mayor Mary Flynn

Several times this month, I found myself saying, "there's so much going on!" And indeed, there is. Here's a brief summary.

Purple Line: After great effort from the Special Committee on Purple Line Mitigation, we are beginning to obtain some information to share with residents, such as storm water management plans and potential impact of construction on nearby homes. Members of the committee and Town councilmembers are coordinating with neighboring communities to continue to push for more transparency and safe walks to school since the trail has closed. This has been a surprisingly long, difficult, and often disappointing process, but we are starting to see progress and continue to press on with support from County and State elected officials.

Bethesda: It seems that downtown building development applications are being approved every week now. As someone who was very involved in the multi-year Bethesda Downtown Plan process, I am taken aback by the speed and number of approvals granted for 200 to 300-foot buildings within such a short period of time, and with the special treatment some applicants have received. Considering the lack of commitment to improve pedestrian safety along East-West Highway since the trail closed, I am very concerned that multiple sidewalk closures during construction will compromise pedestrian safety and mobility over the next 5 to 10 years.

Another area of deep concern is the impact of new building development on our public schools. Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) and the Planning Board have yet to agree on a common and transparent method that links school capacity forecasting to new residential housing approvals. For example: they apply different build-out timelines; MCPS applies a 75% build-out multiplier that reduces forecast numbers; and the Planning Board has interpreted its authority to assess each building application in isolation, such that the cumulative impact of all approved developments on schools is not made public. With the rapid pace of development, our already overcrowded schools could be overwhelmed in a very short period. These are compounding problems and we must insist on balanced development.

Elections: Many of us in and outside the Town are trying to navigate the future in a way that embraces economic development without sacrificing our kids' education, public safety, or a reasonable quality of life. But we need to vote. Please use the guides in this Forecast and online to find candidates forums, and plan to vote June 26 at Chevy Chase Elementary School, or vote early at the Jane Lawton Community Center from June 14 to June 21. Thank you!



Thursday, March 1
Community Relations*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 2
Magic Show
Town Hall, 6 p.m.
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Monday, March 5
Long Range Planning*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 8
Discussion & Desserts
Town Hall, 7 p.m.
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Thursday, March 15
Public Services*
Lawton Center, 7 p.m.

Friday, March 16
Bunco & Beer!
Town Hall, 7 p.m.
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Monday, March 19
Council Work Session
Town Hall, 5 p.m.

Monday, March 19
Town Council
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 22
Land Use*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

* Town committee meeting

TOWN NEWS

Public Hearings Scheduled for March 19

At its March 19 meeting, the Town Council will hold public hearings on proposed amendments to the Town Ethics Ordinance and Building Code.

Ethics Ordinance -- The Town's Ethics Commission proposed certain amendments to the Town Ethics Ordinance. Some of these changes are mandatory, while others are optional. The mandatory amendments are a result of changes to the State's Ethics Law and include redaction of home addresses on the Financial Disclosure Statement if publicly inspected and prohibiting Town elected officials from engaging in lobbying in the Town for one year after leaving office. The optional amendments are proposed to exclude exchange-traded funds from reporting requirements, as allowed by new State law, and to add an example of an improper use of prestige of office, for clarifying purposes.

Building Code -- The Town's Land Use Committee has proposed several amendments to the Town Building Code with the goal of reducing burden on property owners where appropriate, without compromising protections for other property owners or the Town's character. In January, the Town Council held a work session to review the proposed changes and, at its February 12 meeting, introduced an ordinance to enact the changes, which include:

- Decoupling the front and side setback requirements for certain additions to existing houses from the established building line (EBL) setback measurement;
- Relaxing the setback requirements for front porch additions to existing homes;
- Allowing certain roof coverings over side entrances;
- Allowing additional plantings to be installed in the public right-of-way; and
- Making technical and organizational corrections to reflect current Town practices.

A complete copy of each ordinance and additional supporting documents are available for review on the Town website. If you are unable to attend the March 19 Council meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall, you may submit your comments on the proposed ordinances to the Town Office at 4301 Willow Lane or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.

Revitalizing the Climate & Environment Committee

Along with the appointment of a new chair, Irene Lane, the Climate and Environment (C&E) committee has announced some exciting initiatives for 2018, including hosting a Chevy Chase Green Town Fair, refreshing the *Shades of Green* pages on the Town website, and most notably creating a Climate & Environment Advisory Group (CEAG). The CEAG will be a virtual group that will provide occasional email feedback on C&E related initiatives. Whether you have a wealth of expertise in sustainability or just an interest in making the Town greener, we know that your time is valuable and invite you to join the CEAG. Contact TOCCFriendsofHealthyClimate@gmail.com for more information.

Digging into the Next Century: A Call for Town Gardeners

The Town's Centennial anniversary date is just around the corner -- April 10, 2018. Look for more details in next month's *Forecast*. To launch our Town's year-long celebration, volunteers are already planning *Digging into the Next Century*. On Sunday, June 3, you will have a chance to visit some of our Town's most verdant backyard oases, environmentally sustainable gardens and creative outdoor living spaces. As you walk from garden to garden along our streets, you'll also learn about the Town's early 20th century development as one of the nation's first planned suburbs.

Is there a Town garden that you would like to see? Would you like to include your garden in the tour? Please contact the Town Office at 301-654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.

TOWN EVENTS

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

Magic Show with Michael Chamberlin

Friday, March 2, 6 p.m., Town Hall



Join us for a special family event featuring magician Michael Chamberlin. Using music & comedy, this master magician performs dazzling magic with hilarious audience participation routines. The show is fast-paced, original and spellbinding sorcery for the entire family. Please arrive at 6 p.m. to enjoy pizza and snacks before the show starts at 6:30 p.m. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Space is limited, so please RSVP to 301-654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.

Discussion & Desserts featuring Jeremy Eig

Thursday, March 8, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a professional musician, or what it takes to make it as a world class player? What does a musician do every day? What is the most exciting and not so exciting parts of playing with a military ensemble v. an orchestra? Chevy Chase is so lucky to be able to find out from Town resident and professional clarinetist, Jeremy Eig. Jeremy's musical interests run the gamut from solo performing to chamber music, teaching, commissioning new music and arranging/editing works for clarinet ensemble. He co-directs the Neighborhood Concert Series, teaches students at Chevy Chase Music Lessons, and performs with and serves as personnel manager and orchestra librarian with the New Orchestra of Washington. He has served in the U.S. Navy Band since 2012 and holds the rank of Musician 1st Class. RSVP to 301-654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.

Bunco & Beer!

Friday, March 16, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Just in time for St. Patrick's Day - please join us for a lively evening of fun playing Bunco. Bunco is a social dice game involving 100% luck and no skill, scoring and a simple set of rules. Savory foods and yes, beer, will be served, as well as non-alcoholic beverages. The Town Hall will be filled with people moving from table to table as we enjoy an evening of good conversations and silliness. Prizes will be won, and bells will ring. RSVP's are required, as we need to know how many card tables to set up and how much beer to buy. Please RSVP to 301-654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.

TOWN UPDATES

Native Canopy & Street Tree Plantings

The Town is preparing its spring tree planting list. If you have a spot in your yard suitable for a canopy tree, you might want to take advantage of the Town's Native Canopy Tree Planting program. Under this program, the Town will purchase and install a canopy tree on your property at no cost to you. Residents are responsible for the long-term care of the tree once installed.



You also may request to have a tree planted along the street in front of your home. The Town prefers to plant canopy trees when possible. Once the trees are planted, the Town will care for the trees for the first year by ensuring that they are watered. If you would like to request a tree, please contact the Town office at 301-654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.

AROUND CHEVY CHASE

New CC@H Class Offering & St. Patrick's Celebration

In March CC@H will offer a new weekly exercise class, **Dance and Song For Seniors**. It's an easy and creative way for anyone to increase coordination, flexibility, freedom of movement, and strength. A free demonstration class will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Village Hall. The 7-week session will begin on Wednesday, March 14, at the same time. Register at www.chevychaseathome.org or call the office at 301-657-3115.

Join us for our annual **St. Patrick's Day party** featuring refreshments and a lively performance by a troupe from the Culkin School of Traditional Irish Dance. March 13, 2 to 4 p.m., CC Village Hall.

The monthly **Brunch Bunch** at the Olympia Cafe on Brookville Road will be on Thursday, March 8. You're all invited to drop by anytime from 10 to 11:30 a.m. -- just buy a cup of coffee and pull up a chair at the CC@H table. It's always fun and a great chance to chat with neighbors.

An Evening of Wine, Chocolate & Cheese

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Educational Foundation invites you to an evening of wine, chocolate and cheese to celebrate and support academic excellence at B-CC High School and the Foundation programs that help our students succeed. **Thursday, March 8, 2018, 7-9 p.m.**, Woman's Club of Chevy Chase, 7931 Connecticut Avenue. RSVP by Sunday, March 4. Tickets are \$50 per person. To buy tickets or make a tax-deductible donation online, visit www.bccedfoundation.org. Questions: email bcchedfoundation@gmail.com.

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TOWN COUNCIL

Mary Flynn, Mayor
Barney Rush, Vice Mayor
Cecily Baskir, Secretary
Scott Fosler, Treasurer
Joel Rubin, Community Liaison

COUNCIL ELECTION 2018

TOWN ELECTIONS

Town elections are governed by the provisions of Chapter 8 of the Town of Chevy Chase Municipal Code and election procedures adopted by the Town Council.

Town residents will select three candidates in the 2018 election, each to serve on the Council for a 2-year term. The terms of Mary Flynn, Scott Fosler and Barney Rush will expire in May.

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for office, a candidate must be a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, have resided in the Town for at least one year immediately preceding the election, and be a registered voter of the State of Maryland in Montgomery County.

NOMINATING PROCEDURES

To be designated as a candidate on the printed ballot, a resident must submit a completed [nominating petition](#) to the Town office before **5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10**, the 3rd Tuesday preceding the election. The petition must show the consent of the individual to become a candidate and hold office. A petition must contain the signatures of five qualified voters of the Town other than the candidate. Nominating petitions are available in the Town office and on the Town website as a convenience to residents. Nominating petitions are public documents and are subject to public inspection.

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

To be qualified for election, a write-in candidate must file a certificate of candidacy before 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, April 24**, the 7th calendar day preceding the election. There will be appropriate blanks on the printed ballot for the purpose of adding write-in candidates at the time of the election.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

A candidate for office is required to submit a [financial disclosure statement](#) at the time the candidate submits a nominating petition or certificate of candidacy, as applicable. The financial disclosure form is available for review in the Town office. Once filed, financial disclosure statements are public documents and are subject to public inspection.

CANDIDATES' FORUM

The candidates will be invited to participate in a moderated forum and dialogue with the community on **Wednesday, April 25** at **7 p.m.** in the Town Hall.

The Election Board will accept questions in advance from Town residents. Please email questions to townoffice@townofchevychase.org.

NOTICE OF CANDIDATES

Information about the nominated candidates will be mailed to all residents 2 weeks preceding the election. Notice of the filing of a certificate of candidacy for a write-in candidate will be provided to Town residents within 24 hours of the filing of the certificate.

VOTING ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to vote, a person must be a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, have resided in the Town for at least 30 days immediately preceding the election, and be a registered voter of the State of Maryland in Montgomery County.

POLL LOCATION AND HOURS

The poll will be located in the Town Hall, 4301 Willow Lane. The poll will be open from **8 a.m. to 8 p.m.** on **Election Day, Tuesday, May 1, 2018**.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee ballots will be available in the Town office as soon as they are printed, but no later than **Tuesday, April 17**. Any qualified voter may vote by absentee ballot. Residents desiring an absentee ballot must apply individually in writing (by mail, fax, email or in person) to the Town office. The requests are considered public documents and are subject to public inspection.

Once an absentee ballot request has been received, the Town will mail or hand deliver a ballot and return envelope to the requestor in a sealed envelope. The original absentee ballot must be returned in the printed envelope provided by the Town. To be counted, any absentee ballot must be received by the Town office by **8 p.m.** on **Election Day, Tuesday, May 1, 2018**.

ELECTION BOARD

Residents with questions on any aspect of the election are encouraged to contact a member of the Election Board:

Mike Lebowitz, Chair, 301-466-1204
Chris Wright, 301-656-3307
Rob Enelow, 301-664-6430

While voting will continue to be done by paper ballot, the Town has contracted to provide optical scanning and electronic counting of ballots.



WHY VOTE IN THE PRIMARIES JUNE 26, 2018

Q: What percentage of Montgomery County's registered voters turned out to vote in the 2014 primaries?

A: 17.6%

COUNTY & STATE RACES ARE WIDE OPEN

Because of Montgomery County's new term limits and public financing of campaigns, scores are running for county offices. State races are also active with most of our representatives moving on to other races. Incumbents will leave all of these posts:

Montgomery County

County Executive
County Council Member, District 1
County Council, 3 of 4 At-Large Members

Maryland District 18

State Senator
State Delegates, 2 of 3

YOUR VOTE COUNTS

59 Democrats and 6 Republicans are running for these 10 seats and for governor. That's why it is more important than ever to get out and vote in the primaries. The primaries will determine which major-party candidates appear on the ballot on November 6, 2018.

VOTE ON JUNE 26, 2018

Chevy Chase Elementary School, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

EARLY VOTING

**Jane Lawton Community Center, June 14 - June 21, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
4301 Willow Lane**

Check www.TownofChevyChase.org
for candidates forums, including Council District 1, March 14, 4H Center, 7 p.m.,
and voter registration information



IMPORTANT RACES AND CANDIDATES

County and state elected officials pass laws that affect our infrastructure, school resources, built and natural environments. They determine how much we pay in county and state taxes and how those monies will be spent.

Montgomery County Executive

The job: *The County Executive develops policies and proposes budgets, legislation, plans and programs to the County Council. The County Executive also provides political leadership to the community and executive direction to the county government, and appoints residents to boards, commissions and committees.*

Candidates D: Roger Berliner, David Blair, Marc Elrich, Bill Frick, Rose Krasnow, George Leventhal; **R:** Robin Ficker

Montgomery County Council

The job: *The County Council's nine members (4 At-Large, 5 for separate districts) appropriate money for the County's capital and operating budgets, set the local property tax rate and other local taxes, approve all land-use plans such as the Bethesda Downtown Sector Plan, act on zoning changes, and appoint members of the County Planning Board and Board of Appeals, among other responsibilities.*

District 1

Candidates D: Bill Cook, Pete Fosselman, Andrew Friedson, Ana Sol Gutierrez, Jim McGee, Regina "Reggie" Oldak, Dalbin Osorio, Meredith Wellington; **R:** Richard Banach

At Large

Candidates for 4 seats—D: Gabe Alborno, Rosemary Arkolan, Marilyn Balcombe, Charles Barkley, Shruti Bhatnagar, Cherri Branson, Brandy Brooks, Craig Carozza-Caviness, Ron Colbert, Bill Conway, Hoan Dang, Lorna Phillips Forde, Loretta Jean Garcia, Paul Geller, Evan Glass, Richard Gottfried, Neil Greenberger, Seth Grimes, Ashwani Jain, Will Jawando, Melissa McKenna, Danielle Meitiv, Hans Riemer (incumbent), Michele Riley, Darwin Romero, Mohammad Siddique, Steve Solomon, Chris Wilhelm; **R:** Chris P. Fiotes, Jr., Penny Musser, Shelly Skolnick

Governor

The job: *The Maryland governor is among the most powerful in the nation. The governor presents a proposed budget to the Maryland General Assembly, which can then decrease but never increase the amount or transfer funds. The governor chairs and sits on the Board of Public Works with two other members—the Comptroller and Treasurer. That Board has broad powers to approve the sale of bonds, allocate funds for school construction and state contracts over \$200,000, and establish the state property tax rate. The Governor appoints, with the State Senate's consent, all judges that serve on the trial and appellate courts of the state's judicial system. The Governor also appoints members of nearly 300 advisory boards, commissions, task forces and committees.*

Candidates D: Rushern Baker, Benjamin Jealous, Kevin Kamenetz, Richard Madaleno, Alec Ross, Jim Shea, Krish Vignarajah; **R:** Larry Hogan (incumbent)

State House

State Senator (MD District 18)

Candidates D: Dana Beyer, Jeff Waldstreicher

State Delegates (MD District 18)

Candidates for 3 Seats—D: Al Carr (incumbent), Ron Franks, Mila Johns, Helga Luest, Leslie Milano, Joel Rubin, Emily Shetty, Jared Solomon



CANDIDATES FORUM

MARCH 14, 2018

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1

County Council Members appropriate money for the County's capital and operating budgets, set the local property tax rate and other local taxes, approve all land-use plans such as the Bethesda Downtown Sector Plan, act on zoning changes, and appoint members of the County Planning Board and Board of Appeals, among other responsibilities.

District 1 encompasses all of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase area. With term limits in place, this race is now wide open and 9 candidates are vying for County Council Member Roger Berliner's seat.

Come hear District 1 candidates answer questions about infrastructure, school resources, parks and built and natural environments – issues important to your quality of life.

This forum is co-sponsored by: Town of Chevy Chase, Edgemoor Citizens Association, Hillmead Citizens Association, East Bethesda Civic Association, Town of Somerset, Chevy Chase West, Battery Park Citizens Association, Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase, Chevy Chase Village, Coquelin Run Civic Association, Chevy Chase Hills, the Village of Martin's Additions and the Coalition of Bethesda Area Residents (CBAR)

7:00 pm
**National 4-H
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**Development
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**Primary Voting
June 26, 2018
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