

Forecast

MAY 2018

NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE



Tuesday, May 1
Annual Meeting &
Election

Thursday, May 3
Community Relations
Committee
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

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

Wednesday, May 9
Town Council
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 10
Public Services
Committee
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 24
Land Use Committee
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Message from Mayor Mary Flynn

As I approach the end of my term, I am very grateful to my colleagues on the Town Council, to our Town Manager, Todd Hoffman, our staff and contractors, and my fellow residents who volunteer time and talents to make the Town a welcoming and desirable place to live. I want to make a special note that Scott Fosler's leadership as mayor the prior year set a very high standard for professionalism, community outreach, and clarity of purpose. His hard work, extensive civic experience, and delightful wit helped us move forward together. I am personally in a great debt to Scott and thank him for his many contributions to the Town.

With substantial support from staff and invaluable volunteer assistance from residents, the Town Council accomplished a lot this year. Under Barney Rush's leadership, for example, we relaxed our building ordinance to make it easier and less costly for residents to improve their homes. Cecily Baskir brought together a panel of area leaders to discuss the merits of allowing residents who are not United States citizens to vote in Town elections. Joel Rubin organized an impressive community forum in response to the unsettling distribution of hateful literature in Town. I led the initiative to establish a policy to clear sidewalks of ice and snow along Bradley Lane and the exposed section of East-West Highway to improve pedestrian and resident safety.

As council members, we all contributed countless hours addressing two major projects along our borders: intensive Bethesda development and Purple Line mitigation. It is undeniable that residents who live near the Purple Line and downtown Bethesda will face an increasing amount of disruption and pedestrian safety concerns as construction accelerates. The challenge will be to clarify objectives, refine strategies, and mobilize appropriate resources to address neighborhood concerns, while at the same time understanding the limits of our authority, our scope of influence, and the reality of fast-paced change all around us.

Doing so requires discipline and leverage. One of the major accomplishments of the past two years was to build relationships with higher-level elected representatives, government officials, and neighboring civic groups. We have done well to use official channels to obtain information and ask for changes to enhance the safety and betterment of our community. The Town's relationships with nearby communities have been beneficial and effective, in that we share and receive information freely, so we can act more thoughtfully and effectively. One positive sign is that we continue to meet new community advocates who share our approach to collaborative problem solving. Considering that change is the only certainty, how we move forward with others is a critical determinant for our future welfare.

We cannot take these relationships for granted. I trust that the new Council will strive, as past Councils have, to nurture those relationships, remain open to all possibilities, and apply fair, firm, and discerning judgment when representing the Town and allocating resources.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve you. I hope the next Council enjoys working on behalf of the Town as much as I have, and I wish them great success.



Happy Birthday Town of Chevy Chase! Celebrate on June 3, 2018

Digging into the Next Century, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Our year-long Centennial Celebration starts with an afternoon of 10 fabulous Town gardens. Walk, bike, drive or hop on and off the Old Town Trolley to visit the gardens. The 36-seat trolley will stop at five or six designated locations within a short walk of each of the gardens. Neighbors may pick up a map and program at any of the gardens listed in the Forecast insert. There is no specific order for the tour. Gardens will be marked with signs and homeowners or neighbors will be on hand to welcome residents.

Centennial Toast, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Following the garden tour, drop by the Town Hall for a festive reception to thank our amazing Town gardeners and to toast our Town's 100th Anniversary.

Chevy Chase on My Mind

Our call for recollections and photographs in the April Forecast prompted a resident to email the Town. After spending time at the Montgomery County courthouse and the Chevy Chase Historical Society, she discovered some interesting facts about her home on Oakridge Avenue. The home was built in 1931 by Shannon & Luchs and sold for \$12,750. It had some fascinating owners, including the daughter of a Congressman and a lawyer involved in Watergate!

For more on this story and lots more history about our Town, come to the Town Hall on June 3. From 3 to 4 p.m., we will have fun activities for children and from 4 to 6 p.m., we will celebrate our Town's 100th anniversary with a special reception.

If you have a story, a house history or old photographs that you would like to lend to our on-going Town Hall exhibit, *Chevy Chase on My Mind*, please contact the Town Office at 301-654-7144.

Centennial Snipit: Why Chevy Chase?

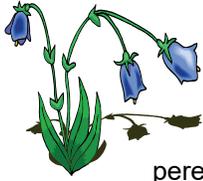
No, it's not named after a comedian. Our town's name derives from "Cheivy Chace" the name chosen by Colonel Joseph Belt when he received 560 acres from Lord Baltimore in 1725. It has historic associations to a 1388 battle between Lord Percy of England and Earl Douglas of Scotland. At issue in this "chevauchee" (a Scottish word describing a border raid) were hunting grounds or a "chace" in the Cheviot Hills of Northumberland and Otterburn.

Want to learn the whole story? Go to <http://www.townofchevyCHASE.org/DocumentCenter/View/267> and scroll to page 8. Or, visit the Town's website, click on the first Quick Link, view the full History Book and scroll to page 8.

Digging into the New Century

Sunday, June 3, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Linna Barnes and Chris Mixter - 7112 Ridgewood Avenue



The garden is the culmination of six years of staged work that created the result you see. The north side of the property is an under-story woodland garden with foam flowers, azaleas, oak leaf hydrangeas and dogwoods with daffodils blooming in the spring. A sunken garden on the south side of the property is planted with a variety of plants that thrive in the shady environment created by the canopy trees. Plantings in all shades of green give texture to the garden. Stairs lead to the lower garden with its central lawn and borders of azaleas and shade-loving perennials. A gazebo with wisteria and roses, a fountain corner and a sculpture with a fox complete this area. The garden was designed by Melissa Clark, APLD, of Landscape Projects in Bethesda.

Tina and Michael Coplan - 7003 Meadow Lane

When we moved to our Colonial-style home 35 years ago, the garden was not among its attractions. Back then, the rear yard's main features were cinderblock steps, random bamboo and a ground cover of tenacious weeds. Landscape architect Lila Fendrick came to the rescue, rethinking the modest space with a two-tiered terrace that reflects the formal symmetry of the house. The curved lines of the beds draw the eye inward, away from surrounding distractions. Mature evergreens and a shifting backdrop of plants and perennials provide a changing display throughout the seasons, forming a nearly enclosed retreat to contemplate the cycles of nature.

Christina Files and Richard English - 7212 Maple Avenue

Our garden has changed dramatically in 16 years. Since buying our house in 2002, many trees have come down, but we have added lots of trees, shrubs and perennials, a flagstone patio and two fountains. The front garden, with its English garden feel, is framed by one large oak tree and three small trees, a bird sculpture on a tree trunk and various shrubs and perennials. The back garden has a sweeping view over a small hill and watershed, with an inviting small gate (from India), two fountains for attracting birds and many different sitting areas and perspectives. Hornbeams, magnolia, holly, cherry, ginkgo and Japanese maple trees, andromeda and foxglove hydrangea and other shrub complement the three garden areas of colorful perennials. Flagstone pathways allow the spirit to wander.



Marcy and Arthur Forrest - 4136 Leland Street

The Bearhouse Garden will be easy to spot. Our carved Papa Bear and Baby Bear will welcome you as you arrive. When we bought this property in 1994, it was a tangle of weeds, overgrown ivy, root balls and pebbles. But I saw the potential immediately. I loved the tiered front. I planted a tapestry of rounded evergreen mounds, different texture ground cover and rock paths. I wanted an absolute care free yard that had definition. I chose iris, lilies, peonies and azaleas as flowering additions that would return each year. The one bit of gardening labor is the annual planting of tulips. I change the color scheme each year and enjoy that burst of color each spring. Liriope and a few well-placed stepping stones fill the area between the sidewalk and the curb. The Bearhouse philosophy is function first, followed closely by style.

Nicolynn Green and David Valenstein - 6908 Oakridge Avenue



We moved into our house in 2000 intending to develop a garden from a backyard of grass and an old swimming pool surrounded by tall bamboo. It was a creative process that lasted over a decade. With the bamboo gone, we added sinuous stone dry stacked walls to terrace the slope into garden beds. Made with western Maryland stone, they are a unifying element that layer the view of plants and trees. Specimen plants are spread around the garden including a Paperbark Maple, Seibold Magnolia, Japanese Umbrella Pine and various viburnum and hydrangeas. A renovated pool complements the now maturing trees. Potted tropical plants add variety to hardscape elements, which we overwinter in a greenhouse. The front garden of our Tudor-style 1930 home features other specimen plants.

Jill and Jerry Howe - 4007 Bradley Lane

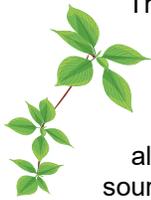
I have been working on the garden since we moved in 1995. The original back garden had a pool and five enormous 40 foot Leland Cypress across the back. My original plan was to create a green and white oasis that felt modern and private similar to gardens I've seen. I ripped out the Lelands and planted holly trees with crepe myrtles in front. Hosta, roses and crepe myrtles all bloom white. The hydrangea however I keep blue. It's magical in the evening. We redid the pool deck a few years ago to create a more modern look. The Manhattan euonymus along the perimeter fence creates a greener, softer look. I was inspired by the one at the Red Fox Inn garden in Middleburg. Boxwoods are planted for symmetry. White impatiens and lavender with gardenia topiary trees in the large containers anchor the pool seating.



Betsy Johnson - 4413 Ridge Street

A number of years ago, I met Edamarie Mattei and asked her if she could design a front yard native plant and vegetable garden. After several consultations, we came up with a plan and executed it. You can see pictures of the result on the Backyard Bounty website: <http://backyardbounty.net/portfolio/ridge/>. Since then, I have turned over my backyard to native plants with Edamarie's help. While not a conventional garden, it has given me a great deal of pleasure and, as it matures, it has been easier and easier to maintain. One of the most important things about native plants is their ability to thrive in the local climate. They need less watering than imported plants and tend to stay within their boundaries. I'm hoping that Edamarie herself will be with me in the garden on June 3 so you will be able to talk to her.

Rich & Lynn Matheny - 4119 Stanford Street



This is our third year growing vegetables year-round in five raised beds. The beds, totaling 148 square feet, are fitted with PVC hoops held into place with sunken rebar. In the summer, the beds are covered with netting and filled with tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, green beans, and other crops. We stabilize the tomato plants using a "Florida weave" system. In the winter and transitional seasons, the beds are covered with Agribon row covers and plastic when very cold, allowing overwintering of crops like mustard greens, spinach, arugula, bok choy, garlic, without any source of heating. We designed and built the beds to fit the space, installing drip irrigation controllable via WiFi. We improve the soil with oak leaves, grass and kitchen waste composted on site. Please excuse the rest of the landscaping. That is a future project!

Marcie Meditch and John Murphey - 4002 Underwood Street

The garden's simple bold lines reflect the clean-lines of the home while furthering goals of solar gain, rain harvesting and reuse and food production. Paved surfaces are limited, for water to penetrate into the site wherever possible. The front garden planting beds camouflage geothermal wells, supporting home heating and cooling; and rain gardens, in the rear yard, collect and slow down runoff from off-site, allowing it to be absorbed back into the ground, reducing erosion. The native and drought tolerant trees, shrubs, vines, and ground covering embrace seasonal change as well as sustainable objectives. Rooftop trees and plants in deep planters provide screening from neighbors, natural shade during the summer and insulation year-round. The rooftop vegetable garden allows the owners to enjoy fresh tomatoes and salad greens over three seasons.

Jean Shorett - 7107 Oakridge Avenue

In the front yard is Montgomery County's "Champion" Siberian Elm tree, the largest of its species in the County and third largest in Maryland. The Elm was measured at 12'7" in circumference, 103' tall with a 76' crown span. Since 1989, the MoCo Forest Conservancy District Board has identified Champion Trees for 154 species. See www.mdbigtrees.com. In the back yard, part of a sad 1950s cement block patio was transformed into a rain garden and planted with (mostly) native species of perennial shrubs, ferns and flowers. The garden blooms from April to October, attracting birds and butterflies. It also qualified for MoCo RainScapes Rewards rebates because of its improved storm water management. See www.montgomerycountymd.gov/water/rainscapes for more options for building RainGardens.



TOWN UPDATES

Tree Plantings

In May, the Town will complete its spring tree planting. In addition to planting 15 public trees in the Town rights-of-way, the Town will plant 6 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.



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.

Coming Soon! -- Town resident **David Zeigle** and several of his vintage guitars -- for a Sunday afternoon concert and exploration of fingerstyle acoustic guitar in folk, ragtime, jazz, and blues styles. Learn how the sounds that a Martin guitar made in the 1920's and '30's differ from other guitars made earlier or later. Add in his acoustic slide guitar and possibly some musical friends of David's, and we have a very enjoyable couple of hours to look forward to on June 10, 4-6 p.m. in the Town Hall. Appetizers, wine, and music -- perfect for a Sunday in June.

AROUND CHEVY CHASE

CC@H IN THE MARVELOUS MONTH OF MAY

Did you know that the Montgomery County Police force has a **K9 Unit**? Meet one of their amazing four-legged members, along with its handler, at the Chevy Chase Village Hall on Tuesday, May 8, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m., to learn all about it. The officer/handler will give a presentation about the Unit and the various specific tasks the dogs are trained for, such as detecting drugs, explosives, and weapons -- or even tracking lost persons. And then the dog will perform on command. Don't miss this!

Drop by **Brunch Bunch** at the Olympia Cafe on Brookville Road anytime from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 10. This monthly no-host gathering is a great time to get together with neighbors -- just buy a cup of coffee and pull up a chair at the CC@H table. All are welcome.

Calling all seniors! Come take a free **Senior Yoga class**, offered by Town of Chevy Chase resident, Susanna Montezemolo, certified yoga instructor and AARP employee. The class will be held at the Town of Chevy Chase Town Hall on AARP's volunteer project day, Thursday, May 17, 10 to 11 a.m. Interested in becoming a Chevy Chase At Home volunteer? Our New Volunteer Training will take place on Thursday, May 3, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Town of Chevy Chase Town Hall. For more information please visit www.chevychaseathome.org or call 301-657-3115.

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Annual Town Meeting and Election

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

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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