



Forecast

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE



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Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Town Prepares for a Busy Fall

The Town Council and various committees will consider a number of significant issues this fall. Here is a quick overview of what will be on our agenda:

Prospective Developments in Zimmerman Park

Coincidentally, several proposals are being considered for projects in Zimmerman Park. These are:

- Use of a portion of the Lee Dennison bequest for a "Sustainable Garden." This would be a linear park, set out substantially in existing plant beds, in the portion of the park close to Lynn Drive. See page 2 for more information.
- Construction of a pathway and staircase to provide improved safety for pedestrians walking through Zimmerman Park to get to B-CC High School and downtown Bethesda.
- Potential construction of a fenced area where dogs could be off-leash for certain hours each day. See page 2 for details.

Parking Lots to Parks?

Bernstein Management Corp. and EYA Inc. are proposing to co-develop Bernstein's property where Villain & Saint is located, as well as the Farm Women's Market and two local surface parking lots, one directly behind the Market and the other between Leland and Walsh. Their plans would realize a long-standing vision of creating more parkland in this area but also would use some of the space for additional development. It is vital for the Town to engage in discussions with County officials and the developers to try to bring about a resolution that will be both compatible and exciting. The Long Range Planning Committee will host a presentation on September 5. See page 2 for details.

Purple Line Mitigation

We anticipate significant construction activity behind the Town starting in the fall. Meanwhile, we remain engaged in continued discussions of mitigation. The Town has now retained an acoustics consultant to help with noise assessment and abatement. We have done this in anticipation of receiving a quote for a change order to raise the height of the noise wall between the tracks and the Town. This will need to be carefully assessed, and, if the change order has merit, we will engage in a thorough public process before deciding.

Proposal to Allow Non-Citizens Residents to Vote

Following up on initial discussions in the past year, the Town Council will hold a work session on October 15 on the topic of allowing non-U.S. citizen residents to vote in Town elections.

On all these vital issues, we encourage citizen input. Please attend the relevant committee meetings, come to our Town Council meetings, or just let us know your views!

-Mayor Barney Rush

Proposed Development Around the Farm Women's Market and on Parking Lots 10 and 24

The Long Range Planning Committee invites all residents to a presentation on [Wednesday, September 5 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall](#) to hear from developers who are interested in working with the County on a new project that would substantially change the area adjacent to the Town's western border between Willow Lane and Walsh Street. Developers are proposing apartments, townhouses, a park, underground parking, and a revitalized Farm Women's Market on County-owned parking lots 10 and 24, the Farm Women's Market site, and the property currently housing Villain and Saint. The development group, EYA (www.eya.com), which will make the presentation, is partnering with the current owner of 7141 Wisconsin Avenue (the Villain and Saint building), Bernstein Management Corporation. Residents are encouraged to attend the meeting to learn about the proposal.

Sustainable Garden Proposed for Lee Dennison Bequest

The Town's Climate and Environment Committee, in consultation with the Town's Centennial Committee, has proposed using a bequest from late Town resident Lee Dennison to develop a sustainable garden in Zimmerman Park. The goal of the garden is to create a place that demonstrates and informs visitors about native plants and shrubs, water conservation and rain gardens, wildlife-friendly landscapes, and organic methods to maintain them. The garden is proposed to be located in existing planting beds on the southern end of the park near Lynn Drive. This site offers generous space and a variety of growing conditions that will allow the garden to address the planting challenges that many Town residents face in their own yards.

You can learn more and provide feedback about the proposed sustainable garden by attending a [forum on Saturday, September 22 at 1 p.m. at the Lawton Community Center](#) (the same day as the inaugural Chevy Chase Green Town Fair -- see page 3 for details). There also will be a public hearing on the use of the bequest, likely at the October Council meeting. Lee Dennison, a long-time former resident of the Town, passed away on August 31, 2012 and bestowed \$100,000 to the Town to support the beautification of public space within the Town. Lee was a gardener with a strong interest in health and wellness, and her support of the arts and social causes was well known and regarded. More information about the proposed sustainable garden and Lee Dennison is available on the Town website.

Town Considers Potential Improvements to Zimmerman Park

On [Wednesday, September 26 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall](#), the Town will host a forum to hear from residents about potential improvements to Zimmerman Park. The contemplated improvements include an off-leash dog exercise area as well as a paved pathway and staircase leading to the sidewalk along East West Highway. The former improvement is in response to a petition from over 300 residents asking for an area in Town where dogs can exercise off-leash during certain limited hours each day. The latter improvement is in response to the closure of the Capital Crescent Trail and the Town's interest in providing pedestrians with a safer route to downtown Bethesda and B-CC High School.

Two options have been suggested for the dog exercise area -- either to fence a large portion of the grassy area in the northern portion of the park and allow dogs to exercise there during limited hours each day, or to fence a small area at the northern end of the park for a dedicated dog exercise area. The Town's Land Use Committee prepared a report to the Town Council on issues related to a dog exercise area, and this report is available for review on the Town website. The proposed pathway and staircase would be constructed to follow the existing dirt path now being used by students and other pedestrians traveling to and from the Town along East West Highway.

The purpose of this forum is to provide residents with information about the potential improvements, receive feedback, and answer questions. The information gathered at this event will help the Town understand community sentiment and address residents' concerns and comments if the Town Council chooses to proceed with developing more detailed plans to present to the community. Any final decisions regarding these improvements would be subject to a public hearing.

TRASH & TREASURES

The Town's fall Trash and Treasures is scheduled for the weekend of **September 15 & 16**. The Town offers this bulk trash pickup so that residents can dispose of items that are no longer usable, such as appliances (doors must be removed for safety), furniture, rolled rugs, mattresses, games and bikes. If the items are usable, we encourage you to review the list of **Alternatives to Trash and Treasures** (see reverse). We have tried to give you a variety of options.

GUIDELINES

- Please remember to bag, box or contain all of your discards.
- Please do not put items on the curb before Friday afternoon, September 14.
- The following items will not be picked up:
 - NO construction debris
 - NO parts of junked automobiles (engines, transmissions), boats or trailers
 - NO loose glass of any kind
 - NO firewood or fencing of any kind
 - NO paint cans
 - NO flammable or hazardous liquids or solids
 - NO recyclable items, such as newspapers, mixed paper or cardboard, landscape pots, old books and magazines, large plastic bins - please recycle!
 - NO shrubbery cuttings, yard clippings, leaves or grass – recycle with yard trash!

If you have questions about how to discard any of these items, please call the Town Office at **301-654-7144**. We will be happy to help you arrange a special pick-up for items that are not included in Trash and Treasures. There is a charge for a special pickup.

PICK-UP SCHEDULE: At 7 a.m., **Monday, September 17**, a crew will begin clearing feeder streets to Chevy Chase Elementary School. During non-rush hours, the peripheral streets will be cleared. After these priority streets are cleared, the truck will proceed according to a pre-arranged schedule. Once a street has been cleared, the contractor will *not* return to that street. Residents who discard items after the street has been cleared will have to arrange for a special pick-up.

Hazardous Waste Disposal

The Household Hazardous Waste receiving area at the Shady Grove Transfer Station is located in the recycling drop-off section of the Public Unloading Area, 16101 Frederick Rd, Derwood, MD 20855. Please use the car entrance to the facility. The drop-off is open Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Household hazardous waste can be received only during these hours -- please do not drop off this material at other times. Batteries are accepted (alkaline batteries may be put in regular trash) as are fertilizers with herbicides; fluorescent light tubes and bulbs, including CFLs; herbicides; insecticides; mercury containing items; oil-based paints; paint thinners; pesticides; and used motor oil and most other oils. For a complete list of items accepted or for more information, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling.

New Homes for Old Bikes



Bikes for the World's mission is to collect valuable but unwanted bicycles and related material -- parts, tools, and accessories -- in the United States and deliver them at low cost to community development programs assisting the poor in developing countries. If you have a bike you would like to donate, please take it to City Bikes Tenleytown, 4810 Wisconsin Avenue, **202-558-0055**. A \$10/bike donation is suggested to defray shipping to overseas charity partners. Receipts will be provided for all material and cash donations.

For more information, please visit www.bikesfortheworld.org.

*(See reverse side for **Alternatives to Trash & Treasures**)*

ALTERNATIVES TO TRASH AND TREASURES

Donate Books

The Town will be collecting books for the Friends of the Library, Montgomery County (FOLMC) on **Saturday, September 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Town Office**. There are 17 FOLMC chapters at branches throughout the county, including Chevy Chase, Little Falls and Bethesda. Please bring gently used books (no damaged or mildewed books accepted) in a box or bag. Textbooks are welcome, but no magazines or encyclopedias will be accepted. The donations will benefit the libraries in Montgomery County.



Recycle Clothing and Home Goods



Recycle your gently used clothing and home goods and preserve our planet while helping your Montgomery County neighbors in need. The Interfaith Clothing Centers provide clothing/home goods free of charge to low income County residents. Please put items in secured plastic bags. Your donations are tax deductible. Interfaith Works will have a truck in the Lawton Center parking lot on **Saturday, September 15 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Donate Furniture and Household Items

If you have furniture or household items that you would like to donate, please bring them to the Lawton Center parking lot on **Saturday, September 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** The Town will accept donations for *A Wider Circle*, which collects gently-used items for families in need. Accepted items include beds, clean mattresses, dressers, tables and chairs, living room furniture, bedding, dish sets, baby items, professional clothing, and children's clothing up to size 4T. If you have items that are too large to bring to the drop-off, please contact *A Wider Circle* at furnish@awidercircle.org or **301-608-3504**, and they would be happy to schedule a pick-up date.

Shred Your Documents

Back by popular demand! The Town has contracted with SHRED-IT to have a truck in the Lawton Center parking lot on **Saturday, September 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** to shred paper for residents. Staples and paper clips are okay. Shred-It is bonded and insured. If you have additional questions, please call the Town Office at **301-654-7144**.



Recycle Electronic Equipment

The Town has contracted with *Potomac eCycling* to have a truck in the Lawton Center parking lot on **Saturday, September 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** for the collection of the following electronic equipment: TVs, monitors, printers, copiers, stereos, VCRs & DVD players, camcorders, CD players, fax machines, calculators, scanners, electronic toys and microwaves. You can recycle any item with a plug. *Potomac eCycling* does not provide tax deduction receipts. If you have a question about items not listed, please call the Town Office at **301-654-7144**.

Donate Sports Equipment

Leveling the Playing Field (LPF) gives underprivileged children the opportunity to enjoy the mental and physical benefits of youth sports participation. They do this through the donation of used and excess sporting equipment to programs and schools serving low income communities. LPF will collect sporting equipment in the Lawton Center parking lot on **Saturday, September 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Donate Building Supplies

The following organizations accept donations of reusable or new building materials. Please visit their websites or give them a call. For large items, both organizations will arrange special pickups.

Community Forklift www.communityforklift.com 301-985-5180

Habitat for Humanity www.habitat-mc.org 301-947-3304

TOWN EVENTS

Chevy Chase Green Town Fair

Saturday, September 22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Lawton Center

Mark your calendars for the inaugural Chevy Chase Green Town Fair. Learn how easy and affordable it can be to 'go green' and lower your carbon footprint. We'll be showcasing proven solutions for: green landscaping, home efficiency, clean energy, green roofing, residential solar, air quality, Rainscapes rebate program, DIY beekeeping, recycling, composting, green catering, water conservation & more!

There will be a plant exchange, food, music, speaker presentations, and a raffle giveaway! In addition, we invite you to a community forum to learn more about the benefits of and proposed features for the Lee Dennison Sustainable Garden.

- 10 a.m.: Green Town Fair begins with plant exchange, exhibitors, food & music
- 11:30 a.m.: Marcie Meditch, an award-winning architect, will discuss the revolution happening in sustainable home design
- 12:15 p.m.: Michael Whelan, an energy audit expert, will discuss reducing your home energy usage while increasing comfort
- 1 p.m.: Town forum on the Lee Dennison Sustainable Garden project
- 2 p.m.: Green Garden Basket -- Raffle Giveaway (must be present to win)

Connect with your neighbors and celebrate the start of fall. This event is brought to you by the Climate & Environment Committee Advisory Group and will be held rain or shine (with the rain location inside the Lawton Center).

Visit the Bethesda Farm Women's Market!

Located at the intersection of Willow Lane and Wisconsin Avenue, the Farm Women's Market features great food, drink and music with artisans, crafts and boutique businesses from around the mid-Atlantic region. Local vineyards and breweries provide tastings, and food trucks offer a quick meal. The market is open **Wednesday, Friday & Saturday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Vendor hours vary.



Centennial Snipit: From Vacations to International Events

During hot Washington summers in the 1890s Washingtonians could be found vacationing in the nearby Spring Hotel at 7100 Connecticut Avenue. In September these visitors returned to their DC homes. The Chevy Chase Land Company built the hotel as part of its larger development scheme. Although the hotel was full in the summer months, few patrons vacationed during the rest of the year. The venture failed. In 1903 the hotel became the Chevy Chase College for Young Ladies. In 1927 until 1950 it was Chevy Chase Junior College. In 1951 the National 4-H Foundation bought the property and leased it to the Department of the Navy for eight years. After extensive renovations in 1959, the National 4-H Center opened its doors. Other renovations followed. Today the Center hosts meetings and conferences with participants from around the country and the world. Visit <http://www.townofchevychase.org/DocumentCenter/View/156/> for more information.

Centennial Event Photos Now Online: Visit the Town website to enjoy wonderful photographs from the June 17 Centennial Garden Tour & Reception and the July 4 Centennial Celebration.

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***Chevy Chase At Home* Helps Seniors Age in Place**

Learn more below or get the “full scoop” at www.chevychaseathome.org or by calling 301-657-3115.

Join:

Membership is for households with one or more seniors (60+) who may need assistance that our volunteers provide. Thanks to recent funding from the Town of Chevy Chase, CC@H offers free or reduced fees for Town residents who qualify for the Naomi Kaminsky Membership Support Fund. Members may receive rides to medical appointments, classes, shopping, or events; light household assistance, such as changing batteries and light bulbs; technical assistance; and visits, including respite visits, pet visits, and a “Storm Buddy” during times of inclement weather.

Be Our Guest (Open to all Town Residents):

Getting ready for Trash and Treasures? If you’re feeling overwhelmed by your “stuff,” you’ll want to attend a free CC@H presentation by [Donna Eichelberger](#), owner of Graceful Transitions, on September 11, 2 p.m., at the Chevy Chase Village Hall. She’ll have great tips on organizing and de-cluttering. Curious about the birds you will see this season along the waterways? Join us for [Coastal Birds Nearby](#), September 5, 1 p.m. at the CCV Hall. Need to move? Our exercise classes resume this month. [Gentle Pilates](#) is adding a new Monday class to its Wednesday and Thursday line-up at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church. [Zumba Gold](#) and [Dance and Song for Seniors](#) both meet on Wednesdays at the CCV Hall. To register go online to our event calendar or call the office for specific dates, times and prices. And drop by [Brunch Bunch](#), at the Olympia Cafe on Brookville Road, September 13, 10 to 11:30 a.m., for coffee and conversation.

Volunteers are the heartbeat of CC@H and now is the perfect time to train. On September 27, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, we’ll hold [New Volunteer Training](#) at the TOCC Town Hall. Registration is required by September 24, so visit www.chevychaseathome.org or call 301-657-3115 to apply.