



Forecast

OCTOBER 2018

NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE

Thanks for Speaking. We're Listening.

I would like to thank all of you who have engaged this fall in discussing key issues, including the prospective development on the surface parking lots behind the Farm Women's Market and the various proposals for Zimmerman Park. We had a full house to hear from the lead developer of the potential project on the parking lots, and we've received many thoughtful comments from residents following that event. We've also heard from many of you regarding the proposed dog exercise area. I want to assure everyone that every comment that comes to the Town Office is distributed to all five Councilmembers, and we've sought to respond to each of you.

And a special thanks to all who helped organize the Town's first Green Fair. The event, with 22 eco-friendly vendors, had a steady stream of visitors on September 22. We look forward to this becoming an annual event, and we hope you enjoy the pictures posted on the Town website.

Proposed Parking Lot Development

The Town has prepared a letter to County officials outlining our position on the proposed development. This letter is available for review on the Town website. Our position reflects the extensive comments we received from residents. Some prefer no change from what we have today, while others are pleased to see the proposal as is. But the large majority of those who responded expressed support for parts of the project, including the expanded retail area and a new community park, but also serious concerns regarding the small size of the proposed park, inappropriate scale of the proposed buildings, and parking and traffic issues. Our letter reflects this majority view.

For those who were not able to hear the developers' presentation, there will be another opportunity. They will hold a community meeting to present their latest plans on Thursday, October 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at B-CC High School.

Safety for our Residents

Another issue in which residents have expressed interest, and the Town has engaged, is improving pedestrian safety along East West Highway, especially for students walking to B-CC. At the outset of the school year, we worked with residents to clear overgrown vegetation from the full width of the sidewalk to provide for unimpeded passage.

The Town also is looking to improve the safety of those who use Zimmerman Park to walk to and from school and downtown Bethesda. Potential plans include constructing a sidewalk and staircase in place of the existing dirt path. We hope to move forward on this project soon.

Finally, we are engaged in on-going discussions with the State Highway Administration and the County Police Department, seeking ways to further improve pedestrian safety by slowing traffic on East West Highway. I hope to have more to report soon.

– Mayor Barney Rush



Wednesday, October 3
Community Relations*
Lawton Center, 7 p.m.

Monday, October 8
Columbus Day
Town Office Closed

Monday, October 8
Long Range Planning*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

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

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

Monday, October 15
Council Work Session
Town Hall, 7 p.m.
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Wednesday, October 17
Flu Clinic
Town Hall, 4-7 p.m.

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

October 27 & 28
Trash & Treasures

Monday, October 29
Purple Line Mitigation*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

* Town Committee meeting

TOWN NEWS

Public Hearing on Lee Dennison Sustainable Garden

At its October 10 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on a proposal to use 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.

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.

If you are unable to attend the October Council meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall, you may submit comments on this proposal to townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.

Council Work Session on Town Voting Eligibility

On October 15 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall, the Town Council will hold a work session on the topic of allowing non-U.S. citizen residents to vote in Town elections. 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 to allow non-U.S. citizens who live in the Town to vote in our annual Town elections.

This work session will allow the Council to discuss the approaches taken by some of our neighboring municipalities, to ask questions, and to share thoughts about our voter qualifications. While there will not be an opportunity for public comment at the work session, residents are encouraged to share their thoughts on this topic with the Council by email to townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org. A public hearing will be held before any possible changes are implemented.

TOWN EVENTS

Sign-Up for the Flu Clinic!

Wednesday, October 17, 4 – 7 p.m., Town Hall

- Adventist HealthCare will administer flu shots on **Wednesday, October 17 from 4 to 7 p.m.**
- Shots will be administered to anyone nine years of age and up.
- The cost for the standard vaccine for those without Medicare Part B is \$30.
- There is no charge if Medicare Part B is your primary insurance.
- Cash and checks (payable to LifeWork Strategies) are accepted.
- A high dose vaccine (\$47) is available for persons 65 years of age and older.



Please e-mail townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or call 301-654-7144 by Friday, October 12 to sign up for the program. **You must sign up to receive a flu shot.**



BOO! Just in time for Halloween -- join the Community Relations Committee to decorate a small pumpkin & trick or treat bag. Crafts & snacks for the children, wine for the grownups. Sunday, October 28, 3-5 p.m. in the Town Hall. You must RSVP by calling 301-654-7144 or emailing townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.

TOWN UPDATES

Trash and Treasures Rescheduled to October 27 & 28

The Town's Trash and Treasures event has been rescheduled to the weekend of October 27 & 28. More information about the event is available in the September Forecast and on the Town website.

Town Councilmembers to Hold Office Hours in October

Beginning this month, come join individual Councilmembers in the Town Hall to share thoughts or questions you have about issues in the Town or just to say hi and enjoy a cup of tea. Joel Rubin will be available on Wednesday, October 3 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Wicca Davidson will be available on Thursday, October 11 from 4 to 6 p.m., and Cecily Baskir will be available on Wednesday, October 17 from 12 to 2 p.m. Please check the Town website for future dates and any changes.

Leaf Collection to Begin in Mid-October

Leaf vacuuming will begin in mid-October and will continue through mid-December. Please rake leaves to the edge of the curb to be vacuumed. Leaves must be free of debris such as sticks, bottles, cans and rocks. A map of the leaf collection schedule can be found on the Town website.

Permit Parking Enforcement

Due to increased complaints about non-resident parking in the Town's permit parking areas, the Town has asked police to step up enforcement and issue citations to vehicles not displaying a valid parking permit. Residents in permit parking areas should ensure that their vehicles display a valid permit parking sticker and that all visitors' vehicles display a valid guest pass.

AROUND CHEVY CHASE

Marvin Kalb, Intrepid Traveler Tales, and More from CC@H

Where in the World? Join our intrepid traveler **Jan Augustine** on Saturday, **October 13, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Chevy Chase Village Hall**, for some fascinating virtual world travels!

And back by popular demand, the **Smart DriverTec Workshop** will again be offered by AARP on **Tuesday, October 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the CC Village Hall**. This 90-minute workshop will identify new vehicle safety technologies and demonstrate how they work to help you be a smarter, safer driver. Pre-registration with CC@H is required. Email info@chevychaseathome.org or call 301-657-3115.

On **Thursday, October 18, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.** we've scheduled another round of **Home Safety Visits**, performed by the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service. Please call 301-657-3115.

And don't forget to drop by the Olympia Cafe on Brookville Road for **Brunch Bunch** on **Thursday, October 11, between 10 and 11:30 a.m.** to enjoy good conversation at the CC@H table.

Chevy Chase At Home will co-host **An Afternoon With Marvin Kalb** on **Thursday, October 25, at 1:30 p.m. at the Town of Chevy Chase Town Hall**. Mr. Kalb, a long-time resident of Chevy Chase and one of America's most experienced and admired journalists, will discuss his new book, *Enemy of the People: Trump's War on the Press, the New McCarthyism and the Threat to American Democracy*. Seating is limited, so registration is required at info@chevychaseathome.org or 301-657-3115.

29th Annual Taste of Bethesda

Saturday, October 6, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Woodmont Triangle

Bethesda's famous food and music festival brings 60 restaurants and five stages of entertainment to Bethesda's Woodmont Triangle. For more information, visit www.bethesda.org/bethesda/taste-bethesda.



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Centennial Snipit: A Community Floral Playground

For decades beginning in the 1930s, Fred and Carl Zimmerman lived across the street from what is known today as Zimmerman Park. Fred, an avid gardener, used the space as a plant nursery of sorts. As the garden grew, neighbors began to support his efforts taking turns watering and protecting the area, even contributing funding. Fred called it his floral playground.

In 1986, the Town of Chevy Chase assumed ownership and maintenance of Zimmerman Brothers' Park. The work of the Zimmerman brothers was lauded by neighbors and County officials alike. Learn what U.S. President personally added his thanks:

<https://www.townofchevy Chase.org/DocumentCenter/View/160/Zimmerman-Brothers-Park?bidId=>