



# Forecast

DECEMBER 2018

NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE



**Tuesday, December 4**

Tri-Neighborhood  
Purple Line Meeting on Noise  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 5**

Community Relations Committee  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, December 6**

Free LED Bulb Swap  
Town Hall, 7-9 p.m.  
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**Friday, December 7**

Family Movie Night  
Town Hall, 6 p.m.  
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**Monday, December 10**

Town Council  
Voting Eligibility Hearing  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 11**

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

**Wednesday, December 12**

Seniors' Holiday Buffet  
Town Hall, 12 p.m.  
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**Thursday, December 13**

Land Use Committee  
Lawton Center, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, December 13**

Public Services Committee  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

**December 24 & 25**

Christmas Holiday  
Town Office Closed

**December 31 & January 1**

New Year's Holiday  
Town Office Closed

## Chevy Chase at Home is Here for Us

As we approach the winter -- and with a forecast for more snow than average -- my colleagues and I want every resident who thinks he or she may need extra help to be aware of the support that CC@H can offer to our senior and disabled residents. Shut in due to heavy snow? Power lines down? The CC@H "storm buddy" system will make sure someone is in touch with you and offers assistance if you're homebound. We can't control the severity of the weather, but we can work to ensure that all in our Town are cared for.

Postcards, with information on all CC@H has to offer as well as sign-up information, will be sent soon to all households in Town. In the meantime, contact CC@H directly at 301-657-3115 or [www.chevychaseathome.org](http://www.chevychaseathome.org). If the membership fee is of concern, CC@H can offer financial help to offset the cost.

The Town Council made a contribution to CC@H earlier this year because of the extraordinary value of this organization to our community, where many residents are choosing to age in place. Let this organization help you.

## Utility & Paving Work Update

Yes, the end is in sight. The scheduled upgrades to our gas and water systems are almost complete. The Town has a small amount of concrete work to do in the spring, and we will complete the final paving of the remaining disrupted streets between late May and October of next year. Additional system improvements in Town have not been scheduled, but we will provide additional information as it becomes available. Despite the inconvenience of this work, we should feel grateful for safe and reliable infrastructure.

## Upcoming...

We will have a busy winter. To name some of the key matters we're working on: Purple Line construction; potential redevelopment of the surface parking lots near the Town; construction of a path across Zimmerman Park to connect to East West Highway; improved safety along East West Highway; planning for a sustainable garden in Zimmerman Park; and further consideration of a dog exercise area. We appreciate the extensive volunteer help on these issues from so many residents. Thank you!

Have a joyous holiday season. As we work for needed change, let us also give thanks for what we have.

-- Mayor Barney Rush

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Gift Drive**  
*See inside for details*

## Public Hearing on Non-U.S. Citizen Voting Eligibility

On December 10, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on three charter amendments that would allow non-U.S. citizen residents to vote in Town elections. A number of residents asked the Council to consider this change, which is permitted by Maryland law. If you are unable to attend the December 10 meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall, you may submit comments on the proposed charter amendments to the Town office at [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org). The amendments, and a summary of them, are available for review on the Town website.

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# TOWN UPDATES

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## Leaf Vacuuming to End on December 17



Vacuum trucks will collect leaves continually, street by street, through noon on Monday, December 17. All leaves should be raked to the curb, not into the street. After collection has ended, please place leaves in reusable containers or paper yard waste bags and place them at the curb by 7 a.m. for Monday yard waste collection.

## Town Office Holiday Schedule

The Town office will be closed on December 24 & 25 and on December 31 & January 1. Town staff will check Town voicemail and email remotely on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve and will respond to any issues or emergencies reported on those days.

## Holiday Trash Collection Schedule

Household trash and organic waste will not be collected on Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25 or on New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1. Household trash will be collected on your next regularly scheduled trash day, while organic waste will be collected on the day after each holiday.

## Preparations for Winter Weather

The Town's Winter Weather Preparedness flyer is available on the homepage of the Town website.

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# AROUND CHEVY CHASE

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## CC@H Presents an Evening with Mark Shields

On Tuesday, December 4, 7 to 9 p.m., Chevy Chase resident and well-known political analyst **Mark Shields** will speak at the Chevy Chase Village Hall about current events, including the mid-term elections. Please register for this event at [www.chevy Chaseathome](http://www.chevy Chaseathome) or by calling 301-657-8847.

We invite you to our **Holiday Party** on Tuesday, December 18, also at the CC Village Hall, 2 to 4 p.m. There will be delicious holiday treats and special entertainment by "Now or Never," a local women's quartet, singing popular barbershop tunes and traditional songs of the season. Come join the fun!

And don't forget to drop by **Brunch Bunch** on Thursday, December 13, any time between 10 and 11:30 a.m. at the Olympia Cafe on Brookville Road. Everyone is welcome at this informal gathering.

## Club Friday and Paint & Chill at the Lawton Center

**Club Friday** returns to the Lawton Community Center (January 18 & 25; February 1, 15 & 22; March 1, 15 & 29; and April 5). Students in grades 3 through 6 are guaranteed two hours of games, sports, movies, music, prizes and a snack bar each Friday from 7 to 9 pm. Visit [www.activeMontgomery.org](http://www.activeMontgomery.org).

On December 18 from 4 to 6 p.m., the Lawton Center will host the first **Paint & Chill**, an activity catered to local teenage youth (ages 11-13) in a safe structured environment. Participants will paint under the instruction of *Pinot's Palette* while enjoying light refreshments in a fun and engaging setting. There will be limited seating of 20 spots. Register in person at the center.

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# TOWN EVENTS

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## Family Movie Night – “UP”

Friday, December 7, 6 p.m., Town Hall

Family Movie Night is back! Friday, December 7 at the Town Hall. Join the Community Relations Committee for the screening of “UP.” Ed Asner stars as the irascible senior citizen who ties thousands of balloons to his home, taking flight with an excitable 8-year-old stowaway. Rated PG. 89 min. Come at 5:30 for pizza, snacks, and juice. Movie starts at 6 p.m. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. RSVP to [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org) or by calling 301-654-7144.

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## 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Buffet for Seniors and Retirees

Wednesday, December 12, 12 p.m., Town Hall

Join friends and neighbors at the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Holiday Buffet for Town Seniors and Retirees on **Wednesday, December 12** at noon in the Town Hall. While you feast on a delicious meal, you will have a chance to visit with old friends and meet some new ones. Please RSVP to [301-654-7144](tel:301-654-7144) or [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org). We look forward to seeing you!

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## Brighten the Holidays for Domestic Violence Victims



It’s time for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Gift Drive when we collect donations for local victims of domestic violence and their children, who are clients of the Montgomery County Family Justice Center and Chesapeake Counseling. As in past years, we ask you to be generous and extend a helping hand to these needy families. This drive is coordinated by the Community Relations Committee.

There are two donation options: 1) gift cards in denominations from \$10 to \$50 for stores such as Target, Marshalls, Kohl's, Ross, Giant, or Sears or 2) checks made out to MCFJC Foundation. Please deliver your donation to the Town Office or mail it to 4301 Willow Lane, Chevy Chase, MD 20815 (to receive an acknowledgment for tax purposes, be sure to include your name and e-mail address).

Gift cards and checks for the Holiday Gift Drive will be collected through Monday, December 17 but will be accepted gratefully at any time of year. If you prefer to “adopt” a family and shop for specific items for them, contact Cathy Wolf at [cathrynwolf2@gmail.com](mailto:cathrynwolf2@gmail.com). Thanks in advance for your generosity!

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## Winter Outerwear Clothing Drive

November 1 – 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 a local charity serving those in need. Clothing boxes for your donations are in the Town Hall (Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and the Lawton Community Center (Monday thru Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.).

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## Holiday Light Recycling – Free LED Bulb Swap

Thursday, December 6, 7-9 p.m., Town Hall

We all know that LEDs are way better for the environment than their incandescent forefathers. But, if you’re still teetering on the fence between LED and incandescent, the Montgomery County Department of the Environment has offered Town residents an incentive -- swap your old incandescent bulbs, fluorescent lights and holiday lights for FREE LED bulbs. Limit of 3 LED bulbs per person.

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### TOWN COUNCIL

*Barney Rush, Mayor*  
*Cecily Baskir, Vice Mayor*  
*Kirk Renaud, Secretary*  
*Joel Rubin, Treasurer*  
*Wicca Davidson, Community Liaison*



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## *Centennial Snipit: The Evolving Town Government*

The Town of Chevy Chase's government evolved from a Citizens' Association at its inception in 1918 to the Town Council we have today.

The government has always comprised five elected citizens. They have always been volunteers. Until 1955, they were always men. The first paid employees in the 1920s were part-time: a building inspector and a health officer. The former's duties included ensuring that fences were no higher than five feet, garages were not lived in, and trash was not dumped on empty lots. The latter investigated contagious diseases and quarantined homes.

In 1972, the Town Council hired its first full-time town manager, whose office was rented in St. John's Church. When the 4-H Center expanded -- with the support of the Town Council -- it agreed to provide the Town with office space and parking for Town trucks. The Town Office was located in the Center's Turner Hall for 15 years until the Leland Center was completed in 1989.

Want to learn more? Visit the Town website, select the history book under *Quick Links*, and choose "Town Government."