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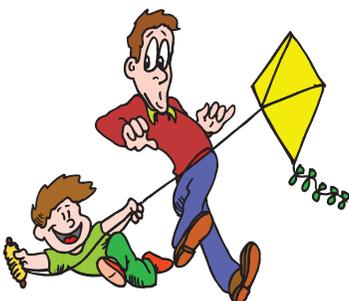
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Participate in the 2011-12 Budget Process

Linna Barnes, Treasurer

March 2 Public Meeting on Budget

March 23 Council Budget Work Session

April 13 Approval of Proposed Budget and Tax Rates

May 3 Public Hearing on Proposed Budget and Tax Rates

May 11 Adoption of Budget and Tax Rates

As we announced in the February Forecast, the Town Council is holding a public meeting on **Wednesday, March 2** to hear from residents regarding next year's budget. This meeting will allow residents to participate in the budget process from the very beginning. Following this meeting, the Council will hold a work session on **March 23** to review the proposed budget that the staff and treasurer have prepared. Another discussion of the budget will occur at the **April 13** Council meeting, at which time residents will again be able to speak during the public comment portion of the meeting. There will be a public hearing at the Annual Meeting on **Tuesday, May 3** on the final proposed budget, before the Council adopts the budget for the next fiscal year at either the May or June Council meeting.

As many residents know, the Town, like other governmental entities, has been affected by the downturn in the economy. Current projections indicate that revenues for this year will fall below the amount projected in the Town's budget, though the amount does not appear to be substantial in the context of the Town's healthy reserves. Next year's tax revenues will likely remain lower than in the past. However, even while maintaining a sizable rainy-day fund, the Town possesses sufficient funds to maintain current service levels as well as to fund necessary capital projects and other initiatives. The Council wants to hear suggestions from residents about what projects they would like to see funded. Residents can also recommend areas in which the Council might spend less.

In addition to comments on expenditures, the Council welcomes input on setting next year's tax rates. Two years ago, the Council cut Town property taxes by one-half and eliminated the dump fee. Residents can comment on whether the Council ought to restore taxes to previous levels or keep them at the current rates. We look forward to hearing from you at these meetings. If you are unable to attend in person, please submit written comments to the Town Office, 4301 Willow Lane or to townoffice@townofchevyCHASE.org.

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Greetings from the Mayor

David Lublin

Montgomery County has commenced a development review of Chevy Chase Lake (CCL)—the area where the Capital Crescent Trail intersects Connecticut Avenue—with an eye to increasing the size and height of buildings in anticipation of the arrival of a Purple Line light-rail stop at that location.

Chevy Chase Lake Sector Plan

As a nearby neighbor of Chevy Chase Lake, the Town is taking an active role in the process in order to work toward the best possible outcome for the Town and whole community. Towards that end, the Town has joined together with 22 other neighboring municipalities and civic associations to form the Connecticut Avenue Corridor Committee. Created in large part due to the leadership of Councilmember Pat Burda, the goals of the group are to exchange information and to advocate more effectively with the Planning Board staff and the land owners.

While members of the Connecticut Avenue Corridor Committee (CACC) have a variety of positions on the Purple Line, the purpose of the Town's participation in CACC is not to oppose this line, but to ensure compatible development in this area, with or without the Purple Line. One major focus will be traffic in the area because, as any resident knows, Connecticut Avenue traffic is already a concern, particularly during the rush hours. In fact, the County's own measurements currently show the presence of two failing intersections near CCL without any new development.

Thanks to a new Planning staff process, residents as well as Town representatives will have the opportunity to share their thoughts on a vision for the future of Chevy Chase Lake. We want to encourage residents to join the Chevy Chase Lake Sector Plan Community Design Workshop being held at the Chevy Chase Library on March 12. Six one-hour sessions are forming between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Residents need attend only one hour and can register in advance at the Chevy Chase Lake Sector Plan website at <http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/chevychaselake/>.

I hope that many residents will choose to participate in the process so that the Planning Board and County Council adopt the best possible plan for the community.

March

Tuesday, March 1 – Purple Line Mitigation Advisory Group, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 2 – 2011 - 2012 Budget Public Meeting

Thursday, March 3 – Community Relations Committee, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 9 – Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 10 – Public Services Committee, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 13 – Annual Town Bake-Off, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Monday, March 14 – Land Use Committee, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 15 – Environment Committee, 7 p.m.

Monday, March 21 – Long Range Planning Committee, 7 p.m.

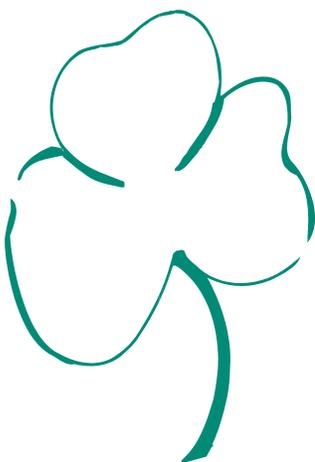
Tuesday, March 22 – Climate Protection Committee, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 23 – Council Budget Work Session

Thursday, March 24 – Dinner Out, Ri Ra Restaurant, 7 p.m.

Please check the Town website for up-to-date information about the Town.

www.townofchevychase.org



COUNCIL ELECTION 2011

Town Elections are governed by the provisions in Chapter 8 of the Town of Chevy Chase Municipal Code, which state:

“..an election shall be held on the first Tuesday in May of each year to elect members of the Town Council. Three (3) members shall be elected in even numbered years and two (2) members in the odd numbered years”

Town residents will select two candidates in the May 3, 2011 election, each to serve on the Council for a two year term. The terms of Linna Barnes and Pat Burda will expire in May. Both Linna and Pat will be candidates in the May 3 election.

NOMINATIONS ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for nomination, a resident must have resided in the Town for at least one year immediately preceding the election and be a registered voter in the State of Maryland, Town of Chevy Chase.

NOMINATING PROCEDURES

Residents are encouraged to present by petition their names or those of Town residents who are willing to serve on the Town Council. Blank petitions are available in the Town Office, 4301 Willow Lane, 301-654-7144.

Petitions must contain the following information: name, address, occupation, length of residency in the Town, a short biographical sketch and a short candidate's statement (limit to 400 words or less), confirmation of his or her willingness to serve if elected, and the endorsing signatures, addresses and telephone numbers of at least five persons, other than the candidate, eligible to vote in the above election.

Petitions must be delivered to the Town Office before 5 p.m. on April 12, 2011, the third Tuesday preceding the election, in order for the candidate's name to appear on the printed ballot.

Petitions may be inspected at the Town Hall on **Tuesday, April 12** between the hours of 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Any challenges to the form of the petitions or the persons signing the petitions must be made in writing and delivered to the Election Board at the Town Office no later than 9 a.m. on **Wednesday, April 13**. The Election Board may make additional nominations and must do so if an insufficient number of candidates have been nominated by petition to insure that at least one candidate is nominated for each opening on the Town Council.

CANDIDATES' FORUM

Candidates will participate in a dialog with the community in the Town Hall on an evening in the last week of April.

FLOOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations from the floor cannot be considered at the Annual Meeting since voting will begin in advance of the meeting.

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

There will be appropriate blanks on the printed ballot for the purpose of adding write-in candidates at the time of the election.

NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS

The names, short biographical sketches and short statements of all nominees will be mailed to all residents two weeks preceding the election.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

There is no requirement for candidates in the Town of Chevy Chase to file a financial disclosure statement for these volunteer positions.

VOTING ELIGIBILITY

A resident must be a citizen of the United States, at least eighteen years of age, have resided within the corporate limits of the Town for thirty days preceding the Town election and be a registered, qualified voter of the State of Maryland, Town of Chevy Chase to be eligible to vote.

POLL LOCATION AND HOURS

The polls will be located in the Town Hall, 4301 Willow Lane. The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on **Election Day, May 3, 2011**.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Any qualified voter may vote by absentee ballot. Residents desiring an absentee ballot individually must apply in writing (by mail, fax, email or in person) to the Town Office. Absentee ballots will be available in the Town office on **Wednesday, April 13** after 12 p.m. The absentee ballot must be returned in the printed envelope provided by the Town. To be counted, any absentee ballot must be received in the Town Office by 8 p.m. on **Election Day, May 3, 2011**.

Residents with questions on any aspect of the Election are encouraged to contact a member of the Election Board: Brenda Lizzio, 301-656-8595; Ed Finn, 301-657-4607 and Hope Pinkerton, 301-657-4486.

Committee Corner

One Disappointment, Two Modest Successes

Mary Anne Hoffman, Chair, Purple Line Mitigation Advisory Group

The Town's Purple Line Mitigation Advisory Group (MAG) has worked hard over the past 14 months to mitigate negative impacts on the Town if the Purple Line project is built.

Over that time, MAG has met with State and County transportation planners on four separate occasions, including a May 2010 walk on the Georgetown Branch of the Capital Crescent Trail, to discuss access and safety issues. Although MAG devoted its early months urging that the transitway be built north of the trail as envisioned in the original Purple Line master plan, the Montgomery County Council voted in July to amend the plan to put the trail north of the tracks.

MAG was successful, however, in persuading the State to conduct additional noise studies to establish a more realistic base line of ambient noise levels at the Town's border. MAG had argued that earlier noise studies taken at East West Highway did not accurately portray current noise levels in the quiet backyards on Elm Street. These new studies will make clearer the extent of noise mitigation that will be needed if the Purple Line is built.

On MAG's recommendation, Mayor Lublin wrote the Maryland Transit Administration in October to detail the Town's top three concerns: noise, visual impact and safety, along with specific suggestions on mitigating these impacts. The State has heeded the most urgent of the Town's concerns – to consider alternatives to the proposed *at-grade* crossing at Lynn Drive where trains will be passing at 45 mph. At MAG's February meeting, MTA presented three concepts for grade-separated alternatives for that crossing and, following the meeting and at MAG's request, has gone back to further modify those three grade-separation ideas.

We are working with the State and County to minimize the impacts the Purple Line will bring to our community if it is built. We will continue to share information with Town residents as more specifics come forward. MAG's minutes and correspondence can be found under "Committees" at www.townofchevy Chase.org. Thanks to the following residents for their dedicated service on MAG to date: Jacob Bardin, Rich Brancato, John Burnes, Andy Hill, Leslie Hill, Joan Rood, David Salzman, and Pat Burda, Council Liaison.

What Do You Want at Chevy Chase Lake?

Imagine you are the urban planner for Chevy Chase Lake.

- Gucci or DSW?
- Lemon Drop or Macy's?
- Vace's or California Pizza Kitchen?
- Chevy Chase Market or Wegman's?
- Offices or Residences?
- Highrises or Garden Apartments?
- Pedestrian Boulevards or a Road Network?
- Parks or Parking Lots?



You will have the chance to tell the Planning Board staff what you'd like to see at Chevy Chase Lake at the **Chevy Chase Lake Sector Plan Community Design Workshop** being held at the Chevy Chase Library on **March 12**. Six one-hour sessions are forming between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Residents need attend only one hour and can register in advance at the Chevy Chase Lake Sector Plan website, <http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/chevychaselake/>.

Crimewatch

No crimes were reported to the Town Office in February.

Please report all crimes to the Montgomery County police at the non-emergency number 301-279-8000. For emergencies, call 911. In addition, please report incidents to the Town Office at 301-654-7144. When you report crimes to the Town Office, you help us provide accurate crime information in the newsletter. Crimes reported to the police are included in Montgomery County, Bethesda Station, Second District crime reports. We provide a link to those reports on our website.

To make our neighborhood safer, volunteer for the Town's **Neighborhood Watch Program**. Please contact Warren Rizzi at the Town Office at 301-654-7144 to get more information and/or to become a block captain.

Town Chefs Shine at the Food Fest

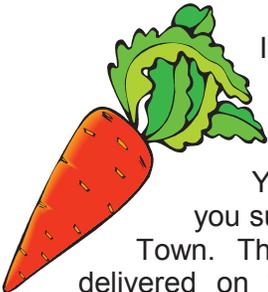
It was standing room only on January 30 at the Town's Food Fest. After viewing an inspiring documentary called "Fresh", attendees munched on fabulous dishes made by Town chefs. The purpose of the evening was to show how eating in a more environment-friendly way can be easy and delicious. Dishes embodied the principles promoted in the movie: local ingredients, organic



produce, sustainably-raised animal products, and/or vegetarian dishes. Sweetgreen (Bethesda Avenue) donated two large bowls of organic salads to complement the home-cooking and Twin Springs Fruit Farm gave us a discount on the cider and produce. Guests sipped on local cider and Virginia wines as well as milk and yogurt drinks donated by South Mountain Creamery (Middletown, MD). While people tasted the delicious food, they could talk to a local farmer, Matt Rales -- of Grassential Farm in Potomac which raises rabbits, chickens, pigs, and lambs sustainably -- and with two master gardeners from Montgomery County who provided information about growing your own organic fruits and vegetables. The movie can be borrowed from the Town Office (contact Warren Rizzi). The recipes and more information about eating in more climate- and

environment-friendly ways can be found on Shades of Green on the Town website. Thanks go to the cooks and organizers: Margaret Bright, Linda Button, Elizabeth Carder, Cheryl Fisher, Carla and Stephen Graeff, Mary Anne Hoffman, Betsy Johnson, Sally Kelly, Debby Litt, Peggy and Don MacGlashan, Judy McGuire, Elizabeth Mottur, Elizabeth Mumford and Joe Gitchell, Christine Real de Azua, Vicky Taplin and Ruth Ward. The Climate Protection and Environment Committees co-sponsored this event.

Community Supported Agriculture Coming to Town! Sign up now!



In response to demand from many people who attended the Food Fest, we have arranged to have a **Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)** program in the Town. A CSA is a program where you buy a share in a farm in the spring and the farm delivers weekly produce to you over the summer.

You get the freshest possible produce delivered to your neighborhood, and you support local farmers. The Sandy Spring CSA has agreed to open a site in

Town. This is organic produce (some fruit is near-organic) sufficient for 3 to 4 people, delivered on Wednesdays, from May 11 to Oct. 26 for \$742. You can sign up at

<http://sandyspringcsa.com/join/> by clicking on the West Chevy Chase site (actually 3916 Underwood St.). If anyone would like just a half share, contact Judy McGuire who will match up

people who want just half shares.



Power Up!...but Skip Pollution and Noise

From the Environment Committee

PEPCO's recent performance has residents scrambling to prepare for the NEXT power outage. Many residents are focusing on fossil fuel burning backup generators, but they have drawbacks.

- Of course, they produce carbon dioxide and other pollutants.
- Portable generators burning gasoline must be constantly refilled/restarted.
- When producing more than 2 kilowatts of power, noise will likely exceed the county's 55db night limit*
- Expensive baffle systems can't always serve to avoid penalties, and neighbor's complaints.
- Regular maintenance and periodic running are required to ensure that they function properly.
- They can be dangerous -- causing fires and leading to as many as 100 deaths every year.

A lean, green Battery Backup System sits quietly in a corner of your basement, charged by your regular household power, and requires just a flip of a switch to send stored power to the items you choose.

Consider what this system can do for you and your neighbors:

- no air pollution, period!
- no noise; it's inside and quiet . . . there are no moving parts!
- low maintenance, safer operation, and more convenient.
- Solar recharging options.

Like a T-shirt, choose your size. It depends on what you really need to run, for how long, and your budget:

Small: (around \$2,500) Runs for about one day – produces enough power to keep the furnace and refrigerator running, a modicum of lights on, your telephone system available, a smaller sized TV on for a few hours, your computer and router for a few hours, a ceiling fan (on low setting) to keep you cooler all night, and a clock or radio. (But NOT a 52 inch TV, electric stoves, electric hot water heater, clothes dryer, iron or hair dryer.)

Medium: (around \$7,000) Runs for about 3 days – will allow longer operating times, and allow irons, hair dryers, a larger TV, and short-time cooking with an electric stove.

Large: (about \$12,000) Runs for about 5 days - will run almost any appliance in a normal fashion for a medium sized home.

If you want something portable, choose Extra Small: (Under \$500) A small, portable battery generator can be wheeled into the room where you need it, and can power limited lighting, a mini frig for medications, etc. but little else.

Battery life will depend on how you conserve power. Using efficient CFLs and LEDs, unplugging appliances that use “phantom power” even when off, and keeping that refrigerator door closed can extend battery time for many hours.

Solar backup is an option in two ways: If your home has solar panels to generate electricity, these can be used to recharge any of the battery systems described above. Plus, some portable systems used by emergency responders, boat owners, and journalists come with solar panels to recharge.

Battery backup systems need to be installed by a qualified electrician and checked from time to time to make sure they are operating properly. The batteries will need to be replaced every 5 to 7 years. (Recycle them so they don't end up in a land fill!) Also, batteries used in the smaller systems tend to be “wet cell” batteries like those in your car, and must be vented when used indoors.

*Montgomery County regulations on generators:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dectmpl.asp?url=/Content/dep/community/generator.asp>

For more information about battery backup systems, click on Shades of Green under “Quick Links” on the TOCC home page. And if you would like to learn about a group purchasing effort organized by Common Cents Solar, send an email to KetchRyan@gmail.com or KirkRenaud@aol.com.

Celebrating Chevy Chase

On May 1, the Town and the Historical Society will highlight many of the wonderful snapshots of early life in the Town of Chevy Chase at *Celebrating Chevy Chase* at the Town Hall and the Lawton Center. The *Citizens' Committee Minutes from 1918-1923*, recently donated by the Town to the Chevy Chase Historical Society along with other early municipal records, chronicles the pressing, yet all too familiar issues, of our community.

90 Years Ago

... the Town of Chevy Chase was in its infancy of local government. A five-person Citizens' Committee governed Section IV (now part of the Town of Chevy Chase).

On February 7, 1921, "Mr. Blum discussed in detail with the Committee the result of his interview with the officials of the Potomac Electric Power Co with reference to new street lights and renewal of existing contract with said company for lights." Thomas W. Perry's bill for \$289.42 for stone and dust for work on the roads was approved for payment, but the report from the Roads Committee suggests that work was still not complete. Two months later, repairs to roads, electric lights, cutting of weeds and removal of ashes and garbage topped the list as the most pressing work of the Committee.

(Thirteenth in a series of historical vignettes published in the FORECAST.)

Family-Friendly "Celebrating Chevy Chase Day" is May 1

Town residents of all ages, mark your calendars now for an afternoon of old-fashioned fun to be hosted by the Chevy Chase Historical Society (CCHS) and the Town's Community Relations Committee on Sunday, May 1 at the Jane E. Lawton Center, 4301 Willow Lane.

Residents from the Town and the other historic Chevy Chase neighborhoods will be invited to celebrate our community's shared history by videotaping your own Chevy Chase story, checking out new items in the CCHS collection, watching kids complete a special art project and enjoying old-time party games. And, since 2011 marks CCHS' 30th anniversary, a special birthday cake will be served.

Be on the lookout for more information as May 1 draws closer. If you'd like to volunteer to help for a while at this fun event, drop a line to chevychasehistory@msn.com.

Montgomery County State's Attorney, John McCarthy, Picks up the Banner

Joan Hoover, CC@H

Never did we imagine last month that Chevy Chase Village Police Chief, Roy A. Gordon would not be our speaker on March 1, but sadly fate intervened. The much-revered Chief succumbed to leukemia on January 28. Amid words of praise and appreciation, some 200 of his colleagues, as well as our community, said farewell with an Honor Guard, mounted police and pipers at a service at All Saints Episcopal Church.

With special consideration for his friend, Montgomery County State's Attorney John McCarthy, has offered to fulfill Chief Gordon's role as our speaker for the CC@H meeting on [March 1](#). At that time, we will continue our important discussion of the proliferation of "scamming", and how we can protect ourselves from this serious crime. Please plan to join us on March 1, not only for your own benefit, but in appreciation of John McCarthy's thoughtful contribution and in memory of Chief Gordon's concern for us all.

On [March 15](#), we will once again celebrate the grand traditions of St. Patrick's Day. We will burst forth with familiar old songs, music and lore, and an exchange of blarney and shamrocks at every turn. Grace Bouton will thrill us with her lovely native brogue as she reads aloud from some of the classic Irish folktales. Be sure to wear "something green," even if it's only your emeralds, and just let the luck of the Irish follow you to our annual Irish Fling. (Leprechauns only, no snakes allowed.) Both events will take place between 2 and 4 p.m., at the Chevy Chase Village Hall, 5906 Connecticut Avenue.

MARYLAND RESIDENT TAX RETURN 2010 - FORM 502

FORM **502** MARYLAND
RESIDENT INCOME TAX RETURN

OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 2010, ENDING

| | | | |
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| Social Security number | | Spouse's Social Security number | |
| Your First Name | Initial | Last Name | |
| Spouse's First Name | Initial | Last Name | |
| Present Address (No. and street) | | | |
| City or Town | | State | Zip Code |
| Name of county and incorporated city, town or special taxing area in which you resided on the last day of the taxable period. (See Instruction 6) | | Maryland County | City, Town, or Taxing Area TOWN OF CH CH |

Print Using Blue or Black Ink Only

A major source of revenue that the Town receives each year is the Town's share of income taxes, which each resident pays to the State of Maryland. Remember to write *Town of Chevy Chase* in the box marked city, town or taxing area. If you use a tax form online, please type TOWN OF CH CH in the box (there is not enough space for the complete spelling). This will insure that a portion of your tax dollars will return to the Town so that the Town is able to provide you with municipal services. Do not assume that people at the state level understand the different municipalities that share the 20815 zip code.



Manna Food Collection

Thanks to all of you who continue to donate food to Manna Food Center. Town residents have donated over **2021 pounds** of food. We hope you will continue dropping your donations by the Town Office during office hours, 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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TOWN COUNCIL
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Kathy Strom, Vice Mayor
Al Lang, Secretary
Linna Barnes, Treasurer
Pat Burda, Community Liaison

TRASH AND TREASURES

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

The Town's spring Trash and Treasures is scheduled for the weekend of **Saturday, April 9 and Sunday, April 10**. 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, but if the items are usable we encourage you to review the list of **Alternatives to Trash and Treasures**. We have tried to give you a variety of options. If you have an item that you are not sure how to dispose of it, consult Shades of Green on the Town website "Quicklinks" or give the Town staff a call at 301-654-7144.



GUIDELINES

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BAG, BOX OR CONTAIN ALL OF YOUR DISCARDS.

PLEASE DO NOT PUT ITEMS ON THE CURB BEFORE FRIDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 8.

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 for bird/pet food– 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 will be a charge for a special pickup.

PICK UP SCHEDULE: At 7 a.m., **Monday, April 11**, 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 schedule arranged with the Town Manager. An account of daily progress will be kept in the Town Office. 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 – for a fee.

Hazardous Waste Disposal

The Household Hazardous Waste receiving area at the Shady Grove Solid Waste 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 daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Monday - Sunday) Household Hazardous Waste can only be received during these hours -- please do not drop off this material at other times. Batteries are accepted (alkaline batteries may be put in regular trash), fertilizers with herbicides, fluorescent light tubes and bulbs, including CFLs, herbicides, insecticides, mercury containing items, oil-based paints, paint thinners, pesticides, used motor oil and most other oils. For a complete list of items accepted or more information, visit the website, www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling.

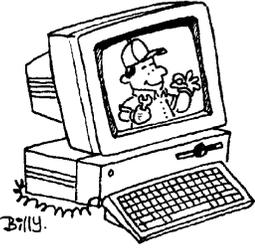
New Homes for Old Bikes



Bikes for the World (BfW) is a project sponsored by the Washington Area Bicyclist Association whose 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 bring it to **Bike Day, May 15, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.** at Chevy Chase Elementary School or take it to City Bikes, 8401 Connecticut Avenue, 301-652-1777. A \$10/bike donation is suggested to defray shipping to overseas charity partners. Receipt provided for all material and cash donations. For more information, please visit the BfW website, www.bikesfortheworld.org.

ALTERNATIVES TO TRASH AND TREASURES

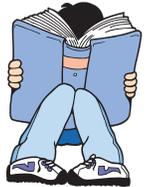
RECYCLE TVs and Electronic Equipment



The Town has contracted with CDM eCycling to have a truck in the Lawton Center Parking Lot on **Saturday, April 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** for the collection of TVs and the following electronic equipment: monitors, printers, copiers, stereos, VCRs & DVD players, camcorders, CD players, fax machines, calculators, scanners, electronic toys and microwaves. CDM does not provide tax deduction receipts. If you have a question about items not listed, please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144. CDM eCycling was recommended by the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection.

Donate Childrens' Books

Town resident Melissa Fox, 4123 Aspen Street, and seven other volunteers run **Capital BookShare**, a small non-profit organization that organizes book drives to collect books for kindergarten through 6th grade children in the metro area. Teachers from the seven under-resourced schools in the District are invited to events to choose as many books as they want to take back to their classrooms. If you have children's books (only new books and books in good condition can be accepted) to donate (NO textbooks), you can drop them at the Town office during the month of April and/or in the Lawton Center parking lot on **Saturday, April 9 from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.** If you would like more information, visit the website www.capitalbookshare.org.



Interfaith Works



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. Your donation is tax deductible. Interfaith Works will have a truck in the Lawton Center parking lot on **Saturday, April 9, 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.**

A Wider Circle

We are happy to continue our six-year partnership with A Wider Circle to collect usable items for families in need. The mission of A Wider Circle is to work to reverse the cycles of poverty and poor health by providing programs and services free of charge to needy families in the Washington, DC, area. A Wider Circle will have a truck in the Lawton Center parking lot on **Saturday, April 9, 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.** If you have household items in good condition that you would like to donate, please bring them to the drop-off. Our families always need these items: Beds (Mattresses, Box Springs, and Frames); Cribs, Changing Tables, Strollers, High Chairs, and other baby items; Dressers; Kitchen Tables and Sets of Chairs; Sofas and living room chairs in very good or excellent condition - no rips or stains please; End Tables, Coffee Tables, and Lamps (with Shades); Televisions – with remote if available; Kitchen Items - sets of dishes, silverware, pots & pans, toasters, and microwaves; Fans/Air Conditioning Units -clean and in good working order and Sheets and Towels. If you have larger items of furniture in good condition such as mattresses, box springs, chests and tables that you would like to donate, you can call A Wider Circle at 301-608-3504 to ask if the items are needed. (Mattresses and box springs are desperately needed!) In some cases, A Wider Circle will arrange to pick up the items.



Shred-It – 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, April 9, 10 a.m. – 2 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.

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 <http://communityforklift.com> **301-985-5180**

Habitat for Humanity <http://www.habitat-mc.org> **301-947-3304**