

## Annual Town Meeting and Election Tuesday, May 5, 2009

<b>Voting:</b>	<b>8 a.m. – 8 p.m.</b>	<b>Town Hall</b>
<b>Reception:</b>	<b>7 – 8 p.m.</b>	<b>Social Hall</b>
<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>8 p.m.</b>	<b>Social Hall</b>

The Town Council has five elected members. Town residents will elect two candidates in the 2009 election to serve for two years. The polls will be located in the Town Hall at the Leland Center, 4301 Willow Lane. The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day. Any qualified voter may vote by absentee ballot. Residents desiring an absentee ballot must apply in writing to the Town Manager or fill out an absentee ballot request form provided by the Town.

The speaker at the Annual Meeting will be Montgomery County Police Community Services Officer Dana Matthis, who will speak about Neighborhood Watch programs.

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### Meeting Agenda

Welcome and Introductions	Kathy Strom, Mayor
Mayor's Report	Kathy Strom, Mayor
Neighborhood Watch	Dana Matthis, MCPD
Treasurer's Report	Linna Barnes, Treasurer
Public Hearing on the Proposed FY10 Budget	
Adjournment	Kathy Strom, Mayor

Election results will be posted on the Town's website,  
[www.townofchevychase.org](http://www.townofchevychase.org) on May 6, 2009.

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### Candidates' Forum – April 30

Residents are invited to attend this year's Candidates' Forum on **Thursday, April 30 at 7:15 p.m.** in the Town Hall. Candidates will provide an opening statement followed by a question and answer period. Charles Duffy, host of Montgomery Municipal Cable TV show "Political Pulse," has agreed to be moderator again this year. We ask residents to submit questions for the candidates in advance to the election board (listed on page 2.) Candidates will have the opportunity to provide their viewpoints on the issues important to all voters. We expect a good turnout based on last year's response.

# ELECTION 2009

## ELECTION DAY - MAY 5, 2009

Tuesday, May 5 is Election Day in the Town. The polls will be located in the Town Hall, 4301 Willow Lane. The polls will be open from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Election Day. The election will be administered by the League of Women Voters and monitored by the Town Election Board.

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 election, each to serve on the Council for a two-year term. The terms of Rob Enelow and Linna Barnes expire in May.

## CANDIDATES' FORUM – APRIL 30, 2009

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## THE NOMINEES

Short biographical sketches and statements of the Council candidates included in this issue of the Forecast can also be found on the Town's website [www.townofchevy Chase.org](http://www.townofchevy Chase.org).

## FLOOR NOMINATIONS

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

## ELECTION BOARD

Questions regarding the May 2009 election can be directed to the Election Board:

Costis Toregas, Chair - [toregas1@gwu.edu](mailto:toregas1@gwu.edu), 301-814-5613

Brenda Lizzio - [bren@brendalizzio.com](mailto:bren@brendalizzio.com), 301-656-8595

Hope Pinkerton - [the\\_pinkertons@yahoo.com](mailto:the_pinkertons@yahoo.com), 301-657-4486

## 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 any Town election and be a registered, qualified voter of the State of Maryland, Town of Chevy Chase to be eligible to vote. If you have recently moved to the Town of Chevy Chase or for other reasons are doubtful whether your name is on the list of registered, qualified voters of the State of Maryland, Town of Chevy Chase, you can call the Montgomery County Election Board at 240-777-VOTE.

## VOTING PROCEDURE

The polls will be located in the Town Hall, 4301 Willow Lane. The polls will open at 8 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. on Election Day, May 5, 2009. Names of candidates will appear on the printed ballot in alphabetical order. Voters may vote for no more than two candidates. There will be appropriate blanks on the printed ballot for the purpose of adding write-in candidates.

## VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Any qualified voter may vote absentee ballot. Residents desiring an absentee ballot must fill out the Absentee Ballot Request form and return it to the Town office. The form which is included in this newsletter, is also available in the Town office, or can be downloaded from the Town's website, [www.townofchevy Chase.org](http://www.townofchevy Chase.org). Once the Absentee Ballot Request form is received and processed, the Town will provide the resident with the absentee ballot along with an envelope that will ensure the necessary privacy for this voting process. To be counted, any absentee ballot must be received in the Town office by 5 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2009 or received by an election official during the election hours of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day, May 5. The ballot must be in the printed, numbered return envelope provided by the Town at the time the ballot was issued.

# MAYOR'S REPORT

Kathy Strom

The Town has had a very productive year. We extend our appreciation to the staff and to the Town Committees, without which the Town would not be able to accomplish so much. Some of the chief accomplishments of the past year are highlighted below.

- The Town continued to provide excellent services to its residents, including backdoor trash collection, sidewalk snow removal, and tree plantings.
- The Town Council donated funds to, and Town residents worked with, Park and Planning to replace the playground at the Leland Community Center.
- The Town requested, and gained approval for, renaming the Leland Community Center after former delegate Jane Lawton.
- The Town installed new sidewalks on Oakridge Avenue and Thornapple Street to improve pedestrian safety.
- The Town worked with Chevy Chase Elementary School to engineer and implement a new traffic circulation pattern around the school in order to improve student safety and reduce vehicle backups on Rosemary Street.
- Montgomery County completed Phase One of the storm sewer replacement project in Town.
- WSSC completed its the water main replacement project in Town.
- The Climate Protection Committee developed, and the Town Council adopted, *The Chevy Chase Challenge* to help the Town reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- The Community Relations Committee hosted a variety of new events, including a Chevy Chase dinner club and the Turkey Trot walk.
- The Environment Committee began the *Shades of Green* initiative to help residents make more environmentally sustainable choices of products and services.
- The Land Use Committee worked to refine Town building regulations and streamline Town permitting procedures.
- The Long Range Planning Committee assisted the Town Council in responding to the proposed Purple Line project.
- The Public Services Committee studied traffic control, public safety initiatives and potential street light acquisition.

# **MEET THE CANDIDATES**

Linna Barnes

**Patricia Burda**

**David B. Eason**

**Deborah A. Vollmer**

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# Linna Barnes

## 7112 Ridgewood Avenue

### Candidate's Biography and Statement

My family and I have lived in the Town for 22 years, and I pleased to have served as a Council Member for six of those years with service as Mayor and more recently as Treasurer. In addition to my Town duties, I am active in the county's branch of the Maryland Municipal League and regularly lobby elected officials on issues important to the Town. I produce a television program on Channel 21 and work with many county non-profits including the League of Women Voters, Committee for Montgomery, and Interfaith Works. Formerly, I was active in PTAs, including being president at Rosemary Hills. While now a non-practicing attorney, I received my degrees from the University of Georgia, Duke Law School, and Columbia School of Architecture and Preservation.

It is amazing to think of all that has been accomplished over the last four years in the Town. The playground at the Leland Center has wonderful new equipment and planning is beginning for renovating the Elm Street tot playground. The county has completed Phase I of the reconstruction of storm sewers and replaced water pipes. Sidewalks have been added on Thornapple and Oakridge to increase the safety of walkers to school and the Leland Center. The Town's building regulations were revised to allow houses which are both appropriate in the Town's landscape and which also provide for modern living spaces. The budget process has been opened up with additional public forums to encourage resident participation. Spending on security has increased over 50%, as the Council extended the hours of patrols to seven nights a week and replaced the security service with off-duty police. These are just some of the projects I worked on during the last two years for the betterment of everyone in the Town.

I am proud of what the Council and I have accomplished, but I know it has been with the assistance of residents who have volunteered many hours to the Town through committee efforts. If elected again, I will continue to use my skills as a Town advocate in the county and state, as a consensus builder on the Council, and as a supporter of community participation to further these efforts.

Serving on the Council has been both a great honor and wonderful experience. I hope you will support me for another two years so that I may continue to work on your behalf.

# Patricia Burda

## 4108 Woodbine Street

### Candidate's Biography and Statement

I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you through my work on the Town's Visioning Committee which was responsible for the plan that created the citizen committees now accomplishing so much for our community, and through my current role as Chair of the Long-Range Planning Committee. I am particularly proud of our work following important community border issues and advocating for a potential win/win Purple Line alternative. We have helped foster strong relationships outside the Town both with neighboring communities and with our elected officials.

Until about six years ago, I worked in the museum field, including more than 10 years with a consulting firm specializing in strategic planning. More recently, I started my own interior design business which I have enjoyed since. Throughout my professional life, I have learned to take the long view, and to listen to opposing points of view in order to bring people together for a common goal.

I graduated from the University of Virginia and have an M.A. in Art History from the University of Maryland. My husband, Joe Guerra, recently left his law firm to join the Department of Justice. Our son Alex is at college, and our daughter Annie is a junior at B-CC High School. We moved to our house on Woodbine Street in 2000. Along with my work for the Town, I have volunteered over the years with my kids' schools and regional arts organizations.

Growing up in a 1960s subdivision with two (and only two) small trees on every lot made me value all the more the beauty of the Town with its tree-lined streets and eclectic mix of houses. I appreciate the steps we've taken to ensure that these characteristics are celebrated and protected while still allowing the Town to grow and change. It is the people of the Town, however, and their willingness to give of their time that I have come to cherish most.

I believe that today we have found good, effective ways to communicate, connect and work together on community priorities such as playgrounds, new sidewalks, green endeavors and enhanced security. I want to continue to promote open hearings and civil debate yet also encourage sharing ideas in more informal, relaxed settings.

I hope you will agree that my experience, dedication and involvement in Town issues make me especially qualified to serve on the Town Council.

# David B. Eason

7507 Lynn Drive

## Candidate's Biography and Statement

My name is David Eason and my wife Terry and I have resided in the Town of Chevy Chase on Lynn Drive since 1984. I currently serve as the Town representative on the Police Advisory Board for the Bethesda Station of the Montgomery County Police Department and an ad hoc member of the Public Services Committee. In addition, I have been on the Pastoral Advisory Council of our local church and served as President of the Purchasing Management Association of Washington, DC. I was also Vice President of the Edgemoor Club and headed its Building and Grounds Committee. Other service activities include being the liaison coordinator for the Washington Chapter of the American Field Service High School Exchange Program. My wife and I have hosted twenty-five children to date as part of this program as well as Project Children and the Washington Ireland Program.

Over the years, we have seen the Town government evolve from a small group of volunteers and Council members to a more formal bureaucracy that exists today. The Town is very fortunate to have so many residents willing to serve on the numerous committees that we have today. I am a proponent of "small town" government and I like to see basic Town services handled in a timely and cost effective way and eliminating cumbersome and sometimes exhaustive over regulation.

The recent FAR construction regulations and proposed Noise Initiative recommendations have, in my opinion, seriously divided the Town. Now is the time to start to mend these divisions. I am running as an "independent." If elected to the Town Council, I will work for a cohesive Town government. I will work to ensure that all residents feel safe and secure in our Town. As an elected member of the Town Council, I will explore the possibility of having our own police presence in the Town in lieu of the current outside contract services and look to implement a Neighborhood Watch program. Finally, I will work to adopt Council term limits to not exceed six years, thus giving more Town residents the opportunity to serve our community. If elected, I will serve our residents to the best of my abilities.

# Deborah A. Vollmer

## 7202 44<sup>th</sup> Street

### Candidate's Biography and Statement

I am Deborah A. Vollmer, a candidate for the Town Council, for the Town of Chevy Chase. I was born on January 15, 1948, and grew up with my parents and my older sister, Susan, in the house I still call home. My father, Erwin Vollmer, an endocrinologist working at Naval Medical and then at NIH, was an early advocate for the inclusion of our neighborhood in the Town. My mother was an artist, Aline Fruhauf Vollmer. As a child, I attended Chevy Chase Elementary School, Leland Junior High School, and B-CC.

After graduating from Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School in 1966, I attended and graduated from Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts, with a B.A. in Government, which I received in 1970. Then I attended the University of Maryland School of Law, obtaining my J.D. in 1973. Then I moved to California, where I worked as an attorney for the United Farm Workers of America, AFL-CIO. After that I worked for a legal aid office in Bakersfield, California, and after that I went into sole practice which consisted primarily of court appointed criminal cases, representing low-income clients.

In 1997, I moved back to my childhood home, to stay with my father who passed away in 2004, at the age of 98. I have continued to live in our family home. I have been active working on issues concerning peace and social justice. I am also a Board member of the Greater Bethesda-Chevy Chase Coalition. I have testified numerous times at various hearings in support of preserving the Georgetown Branch, Capital Crescent Trail, and in opposition to putting a light rail train on the surface of the Trail. Our Trail is a linear park with precious trees and greenspace, an oasis that we desperately need to hold on to, as Bethesda continues to become more and more developed.

I have recently had the experience of having the house next door to mine sold to new owners who seek to have that house (built in 1928, and well-maintained over the years) torn down and replaced with a huge new structure. This ongoing battle has brought home to me that our current building ordinance is not adequate to protect residents from the negative environmental impacts of teardowns and new construction. I have some specific suggestions for strengthening the building code, and I look forward to sharing these ideas with Town residents.





Saturday, May 2 – Conversation and Wine, 6 – 8 p.m.

Tuesday, May 5 – Election, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Tuesday, May 5 – Reception for Residents and Invited Guests, 7 – 8 p.m.

Tuesday, May 5 – Annual Meeting, 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 7 – Environment Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 9 – East Avenue Ensemble, 8 p.m.

Monday, May 11 – Land Use Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 12 – Public Services Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13 – Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 14 – Energy Efficiency and Rebates, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 16 – Tree Walk, 9 a.m.

Monday, May 18 – Long Range Planning Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 20 – Community Relations Committee, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 21 – Discussion and Desserts, Charlie Cook, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 26 – Climate Protection Committee, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 28 – Dinner Out Club, 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 31 – Climate Corps, 7 p.m.

[Check the Town website for up-to-date details about Town events and meetings.](#)

[www.townofchevychase.org](http://www.townofchevychase.org)

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The May issue of the FORECAST will be delivered in early May.

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# ELECTION ISSUE

Election Information is posted on the Town website,  
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[Absentee Ballot Request Form Enclosed](#)

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## MANNA FOOD COLLECTION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE POUNDS TO DATE

We encourage you to participate in the Town's on-going food drive for the non-profit Manna Food Center by bringing food items to the annual meeting to add to the collection bin. To date, residents have donated 231 pounds of food to Manna.

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### **Town of Chevy Chase**

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Chevy Chase, MD 20815

#### **TOWN COUNCIL**

*Kathy Strom, Mayor*  
*Robert Enelow, Vice Mayor*  
*David Lublin, Secretary*  
*Linna Barnes, Treasurer*  
*Al Lang, Community Liaison*