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Town Election and Annual Meeting**Tuesday, May 5, 2009****Voting: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.****Reception: 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.****Meeting: 8 p.m.**

The Town Council, in accordance with the Enabling Act of the Town of Chevy Chase, will hold the Annual Meeting on the proposed budget and tax rate for the 2010 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2009, and the Annual Election of Town Councilmembers. The speaker at the Annual Meeting will be Montgomery County Police Officer Dana Matthis, Community Service Outreach, who will speak about Neighborhood Watch Programs.

Leland Neighborhood Playground Reopening**Leland Community Center****Saturday, April 18, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.**

Join friends and neighbors in thanking representatives from the Montgomery County Department of Parks who worked closely with representatives from the Town, led by Susan Reynolds Milner and Anjali Prakash (now members of the Town's Parks and Playgrounds Commission), to insure that the newly designed playground meets the needs of the growing number of children in the community. From the number of children that the playground is attracting, we can assure you that their efforts were a success!

We hope that you can attend this special event, which will feature a performance by Magicians Without Borders. Please RSVP by calling the Town Office at 301-654-7144.

Elm Street Park Renovation Project Underway

In early March, Donahoe Development Company started the renovation of Elm Street Park. This project is an off-site amenity requirement for the Air Rights Building's new Hilton Hotel development. The renovation includes altering the pathways to promote more pedestrian traffic and less cutting through the grassy areas, raising the pathways to protect trees, adding benches, improving the landscaping and replacing the pedestrian lights. The project should be completed in two months.

After the project is completed, the Town will evaluate the lighting in the park. If the lighting is not sufficient, representatives of the Town will meet with residents on 46th Street to explore ideas for additional lighting. We will continue to keep residents informed about this project on the Town website and in the FORECAST.

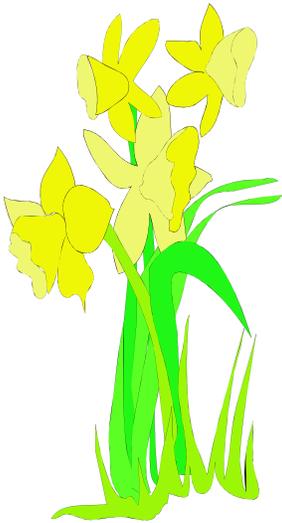
Greetings from the Mayor

Kathy Strom

Welcome to spring, a chance to get outside and join in some fun and worthwhile community activities! We hope all of our families will join us to celebrate the opening of the new community playground at the Leland Park on **Saturday, April 18**. Following our meeting last month on public safety, on **Thursday evening, April 16**, we will hold a meeting for those interested in learning more about or volunteering for a Neighborhood Watch program for the Town. The Town's annual spring Trash and Treasures event on **April 25 and 26** offers a chance to do some spring cleaning and to recycle some of our used items or donate them to those in need. And please join us as well at the pre-Earth Day celebration and the Step Up to the Challenge finale with the Climate Protection Committee on **Sunday, April 19**.

Our annual Town election where we select two members of the Town Council will be on **Tuesday, May 5**. Inside this edition of the Forecast is information from our volunteer Election Board about the election and voting. Watch for the election edition of the Forecast, which will announce information about all of the candidates. We look forward to your participation in the election and invite you to join us at our Annual Meeting on May 5.

APRIL



- Wednesday, April 1 – Budget Worksession
- Thursday, April 2 – Environment Committee Meeting
- Friday, April 10 – Spring Holiday, Town Office Closed
- Monday, April 13 – Land Use Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 14 – Public Services Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 15 – Community Relations Committee, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, April 16 – Neighborhood Watch Program, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 18 – Leland Center Playground Grand Opening
Special Guests – Magicians Without Borders
- Sunday, April 19 – Step Up to the Challenge Finale, 2 p.m.
- Monday, April 20 – Long Range Planning Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 21 – Nominating Petitions Due by 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 22 – Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, April 23 – Gardening Group, 7 p.m.
- Saturday-Sunday, April 25-26 – Trash and Treasures
- Tuesday, April 28 – Climate Protection Committee
- Thursday, April 30 – Candidates' Forum

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please check the Town website for up-to-date details about Town events and meetings.

www.townofchevy Chase.org

TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

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 2009 election, each to serve on the Council for a two year term. The terms of Linna Barnes and Rob Enelow expire in May. Linna Barnes will seek re-election. Rob Enelow has not made a final decision about running for re-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 eligible to vote in the above election.

Petitions must be delivered to the Town Office before 5 p.m. on April 21, 2009, the second 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 21** 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 22, 2009**. 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 **Thursday, April 30**. Look for more details in the May newsletter.

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 one week 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 5, 2009**.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

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. Absentee ballots will be available in the Town office on **Wednesday, April 22** 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 5:00 p.m. on **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, 2009**.

Residents with questions on any aspect of the Town Council Election are encouraged to contact a member of the Election Board: Costis Toregas, 301-654-5074; Brenda Lizzio, 301-656-8595 and Hope Pinkerton, 301-657-4486.

Crimewatch

Crimes reported to the Town Office since the last issue of the FORECAST:

3/5/09

Resident in the 3900 block of Thornapple Street reported that on 2/26 or 2/27 someone smashed the rear window of her car.

3/2/09

The Town's overnight security officer reported that six unlocked cars were entered on 2/27 - 2/28 on Oakridge and Ridgewood Avenues. Mostly change was stolen. A resident reported that an iPod was taken from her unlocked car in the 7200 block of Ridgewood Avenue.

We cannot overemphasize the importance of reporting all crimes to the police at 301-279-8000. These reports result in increased police coverage. In addition, please report incidents to the Town office so that we can notify our off-duty Montgomery County police officers and our overnight security service. Any information you can give to the police about criminal or suspicious activity in Town will help to make us safer. Also, when you contact the Town Office at 301-654-7144 to report crimes, you help us provide accurate crime information in Town Crier notices, in the FORECAST and on the Town website.

Neighborhood Watch—It's Your Program

Join Us on Thursday, April 16, 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall

Following strong resident interest in the proposed Neighborhood Watch Program at the recent Public Safety Meeting, a follow-up meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 16, 7:30 p.m.** in the Town Hall for residents to discuss this program in more detail. Neighborhood Watch, tailored to meet the needs expressed by residents, is a communication system organized around a coordinator and a series of block captains, each of whom is responsible for 10 homes. Block captains work with their neighbors as the eyes and ears of their area, reporting recent crimes, watching for suspicious activity, providing safety tips, and possibly monitoring one another's homes when residents are away. Block captains will receive training by Officer Dana Matthis and other County police. Neighborhood Watch would operate in coordination with the police. All residents are strongly encouraged to provide input for designing this program at the April 16 meeting.

Step Up to the Challenge Finale

You might see lots more people walking around Town this month. Close to one hundred people stepped up to the challenge to walk more and drive less between mid-March and mid-April. There is hot competition for the prizes to be awarded at the Climate Protection Committee's mini-Earth Day celebration on **April 19, 2-3 p.m.** in Elm Street Park. Who will win the prize for the most walking? How far will the longest walk be? What's the most creative way to replace car travel with walking? At this pre-Earth Day event, we will give away free compost bins and Ben and Jerry's ice cream. We'll have Earth Day activities for kids and info booths for adults. Come to the festivities and cheer for your neighbors!

Net- Zero Energy House

Judy McGuire, Climate Protection Committee

Vicky Taplin, Environment Committee

Ever wonder how "green" a normal house could be? Mark your calendars for what promises to be a most interesting and inspiring presentation. Town residents and architects Marcie Meditch and John Murphey are currently constructing a Net-Zero energy house down the road, in the Bannockburn community (Bethesda, MD). The Environment Committee and Climate Protection Committee are sponsoring this presentation so Town residents can learn about the house's design, materials, and systems, many of which may be applicable to your home or renovation. The house is designed to produce as much energy from solar collectors as it consumes. To minimize energy use, it has a host of conservation features. But that's only part of the story! Water management, environmentally sustainable building materials and landscaping, recycling and re-use strategies all contribute to the total package. The architects believe that the house will receive a Platinum rating under the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED for Homes program once it is completed. The presentation will be held on **Tuesday, April 21 at 7 p.m.** in the Town Hall. Call the Town Office at 301-654-7144 to RSVP so we have enough seats, handouts, and refreshments!

Events In And Around Town

APRIL

LELAND CENTER PLAYGROUND GRAND OPENING AND MAGICIANS WITHOUT BORDERS

On **Saturday, April 18, 1 p.m.**, we will celebrate the renovation of the Leland Neighborhood Playground with a performance by Magicians Without Borders and a reception in the Town Hall. Details on page 1.

STEP UP TO THE CHALLENGE FINALE AND EARTH DAY CELEBRATION, APRIL 19

Details on page 4.

GREEN GARDENING CHOICES

Master gardener Amanda Laudwein will be our guest speaker on **Thursday, April 23, 7 p.m.** in the Town Hall. Ms. Laudwein, whose talk will focus on water conservation, has a background in horticulture and has had an integrated pest management business for 12 years. For the past six years, she has worked with the agricultural community on managing the use of nutrients. Please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144 to RSVP for this event.

TRASH AND TREASURES, April 25 and 26

Are you ready to do your spring cleaning? Details on page 6.

MAY

The **EAST AVENUE ENSEMBLE** will present a concert of vocal jazz songs at the Town Hall on **Saturday, May 9, at 8:00 pm.** Music on the program includes selections in a variety of jazz and popular styles. Town residents Mary Anne Hoffman, Lance Hoffman and Miriam Goldberg perform with the ensemble. There is no admission charge and everyone is invited. People planning to attend should be aware that a large event is planned for the other part of the Center so parking will be limited.

WINE AND CONVERSATION

On **Saturday, May 2** from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m., the Community Relations Committee will host an evening of Conversation and Wine. Our wine consultant will select wines that will be perfect for summer parties from casual to elegant. Space is limited to the first 65 residents who RSVP to the Town Office at 301-654-7144.

TRIPLE HEADER GARDENING EVENT

On **Saturday, May 16**, the Town will offer three special events for nature lovers of all ages. Tolbert Feather, the Town's Arborist, will host the annual Tree Walk through Town; the Town will organize a plant swap for Town gardeners and will sponsor the annual Garden Tour. We will have more details in the May FORECAST.

Gardeners: We hope that this is the year that you will decide to include your garden on this year's Town garden tour – "Through the Garden Gate." If you are not quite sure and would like to find out more about the tour, please give the Town staff a call at 301-654-7144. If you would like for your garden to be included on the tour, please sign-up by e-mail at townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or call 301-654-7144.



TOWN COFFEE

Please join us for the next Town Coffee on **Thursday, May 21**, at the home of Asha Scielzo, 4317 Stanford Street, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Please reach out to new residents and invite them to come along with you and meet others in the neighborhood. All Town residents are welcome, but please RSVP to Asha at (301) 643-5207. If you have questions or would like to volunteer to host a coffee, please call Maria Olsen at (301) 652-4370.

Manna Food Center Collection Community Relations Committee

We encourage you to participate in the Town's on-going food drive for the non-profit Manna Food Center. Food will be collected in the Town Office on an ongoing basis and at major Town events, including the re-opening of the Leland Center playground in April, the wine and cheese event in May, the gardening event in May and the July 4 picnic and parade. To date, residents have donated 100 pounds of food to Manna. Each time you shop you may wish to simply buy one extra item for the food drive. When a grocery bag is full, take it to the Town office (301-654-7144) or call (301) 785-0933 for a pick-up. If you are interested in assisting with this project, please contact the Town Office.

TRASH AND TREASURES

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Our spring Trash and Treasures is scheduled for the weekend of **April 25 and 26**. The Town provides this special service to residents, who may assemble at curbside unwanted discards from garages, basements, attics and yards. You can dispose of 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 on the next page. 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, please 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 24.

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 newspapers, mixed paper or cardboard – 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 give the Town staff a call at 301-654-7144. We will be happy to help you arrange a special pick-up for items, which are not included in Trash and Treasures. There will be a charge for a special pickup.

PICK UP SCHEDULE: At 7 a.m., **APRIL 27**, 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 Satellite Collection Sites

Save yourself a trip to the Shady Grove Transfer Station's hazardous waste collection drop-off by taking advantage of the satellite collection sites scheduled this spring. The collection events operate from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – no commercial vehicles or non-residential waste is accepted.

Saturday, May 16

Silver Spring International Middle School

313 Wayne Avenue

Saturday, June 13

Westland Middle School

5511 Massachusetts Avenue

All 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 County website, www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling.



Bike Recycling

Bikes for the World (BfW) is 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. Please visit the BfW website, www.bikesfortheworld.org, for details or call the Town Office.

ALTERNATIVES TO TRASH AND TREASURES

Donate or Recycle Computer Equipment

If you would like to donate or recycle computer equipment, please bring the equipment to the Leland Center parking lot on **Saturday, April 25**. As part of Trash and Treasures, the Town will park a truck in the Leland Center parking lot from **10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** to collect your donations. As we did in our fall 2008 Trash and Treasures, we will deliver the computers to Montgomery Blair High School. The school's all-volunteer program BlairConnect refurbishes the higher-end usable computers and installs a number of freeware programs. Their goal is to make sure that every student has a computer in his or her home, with access to the Internet.

Donate or Recycle TVs and Electronic Equipment

The Town will provide another truck on **Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 12 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. If you have a question about items not listed, please call the Town office at 301-654-7144. E-Structors, Inc., a vendor recommended by the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection, will pick up the items and recycle them.

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 two **BookShare** events. At these events the teachers can choose as many books as they want to take back to their classrooms. If you have children's books to donate (NO textbooks), just drop them off on Melissa's front porch from April 1 until May 1. If you would like to volunteer to help sort the books, please call her at 301-656-3251 or e-mail spivakfox@comcast.net. Visit www.capitalbookshare.org for more information.

Donate Your Treasures

As you're doing spring cleanup and getting ready for Trash and Treasures, keep in mind that local charities can benefit from many of the items you're ready to part with. There are two non-profit charity thrift shops right in our neighborhood:

Montgomery County Thrift Shop
7125 Wisconsin Ave.
301-654-0063
Website: www.mocothrif.org

The Opportunity Shop
(St. John's Episcopal Church, Norwood Parish)
4504 Walsh Street
301-654-4999
Website: www.stjohnsnorwood.org/opshop/index.html

Both shops accept donations (which are tax-deductible) and take items on consignment. The proceeds from sales support local charities. Please see their websites above or call the shops for details. Please only donate items that are "clean and usable" and "ready to sell." The volunteer staffs of the shops cannot, for example, repair broken household items, fix non-working electronic gear, mend or clean torn or stained clothing, etc. Also, neither shop is set up to take large furniture items. If you're unsure whether an item is appropriate for donation, please call the shops to inquire.

A Wider Circle

We are happy to continue our four-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 Leland parking lot on **Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** If you have household items in good condition that you would like to donate, please bring them to the drop-off. The items may include furniture, lamps, mattresses, bedding, household goods, dressers, tables and chairs. Computers are not accepted.

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 301-657-1010 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 Leland Center parking lot on **April 25 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** to shred papers for residents. Shred-It is bonded and insured.

Shades of Green #4: Trash IS Treasure Environment Committee

On Saturday, April 25, the Town is offering a variety of recycling opportunities for residents as part of Trash and Treasures. Please checkout the Alternatives to Trash and Treasures on page . We encourage you to participate in the Town's efforts to recycle on that day and on an ongoing basis.

Here's how:

- **Metals:** Return metal hangers to your drycleaner. Turn scrap to cash by taking to a scrap dealer or donate to local scrap drives sponsored by schools, scout troops, churches.
- **Plastic:** Plant pots, kitty-litter and other large buckets can now go into weekly recycling. Return plant flats/pots to the nursery and plastic bags to the grocery. Take styrofoam pellets to any packaging store.
- **Electronics:** Donate working computers, computer accessories, & cell phones, toys, gadgets, and small appliances to local charities or take them to an "e-cycling event" (two coming up on April 26 at Baker Middle School in Damascus, and June 7 at B-CC High School. Both from noon to 4 p.m.) The US Post Office now offers FREE mail-in prepaid pre-addressed packages for phones, computer cartridges, and small electronics.
- **Shoes and Clothing:** Your old clothing may enable someone to attend school or get a job. Donate locally or through an internet-based international organization.
- **Books and Magazines:** Donate to used book sales, library/literacy programs, and homeless shelters. Outdated or damaged ones-even hardbacks-can go in your weekly curbside recycling!
- **Furniture, household items, and toys:** Give to a nearby charity. Many offer pick-up service. A Wider Circle will be at the Leland Center on Saturday, April 25 and has urgent need for beds and cribs.
- **Construction "leftovers":** Old or new windows or doors, light fixtures, lumber and trim, tile, cabinets, and more can all be donated to help low-income families improve their homes.
- **Rubber:** Tires can go to any tire company or service station for recycling into playground "turf", roof shingles, or road surfaces. Rubber hose repair is an easy do-it-yourself project.
- **Bikes:** Bikes for the World or other charities accept bicycles.
- **Textiles:** Animal shelters and rescue organizations use sheets and towels for bedding. Drapes, cloth, and clothing too damaged to donate can go to the Mont. Co. Recycling Center.
- **EVERYTHING!** You'd be amazed at what people on the Freecycle network will take! Visit www.freecycle.com to join a group based in Bethesda/Chevy Chase.

The information and links you need to do this and more can be found on the Town's website, www.townofchevy Chase.org, (Click Community Links in the top menu bar, then, click Green Pages.) And we encourage you to share your recycling successes, ideas, and questions on the Town Neighbors list serve.

WALKABILITY

To continue with the Step Up to the Challenge walkathon theme, we decided to revive our "Walkability" column. In this monthly column, we highlight events happening within walking distance of the Town.

Bethesda Literary Festival

Bethesda Urban Partnership (BUP) will host the 10th annual Bethesda Literary Festival from Friday, April 17 through Sunday, April 19. The festival showcases local and national authors, poets, journalists and other literary artist in event held throughout downtown Bethesda's book stores, art galleries and community centers. For the complete schedule of events, times and locations, visit BUP's website, www.bethesda.org.

Bethesda Art Walk and Tour

On Friday, April 10, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., thirteen galleries and studios will be open. Free guided tours will be offered at 6:30 p.m. leaving from the Bethesda Metro Center.

The Leland Center Is A Busy Place

Ingrid St.Villier, Director

- The Leland Community Center will be giving persons 55 years and older an opportunity to attend a clinic designed to inform beginners about the basics of healthful activity and how to utilize the exercise facilities at the center. The clinic will take place at the center on **April 30** from 7 pm to 9 pm. The clinic will be conducted by a Professor of Health at Montgomery College is free to the public. Pre –registration is necessary. Those interested in registering for this event should come into the Leland Community Center and fill out a registration form. Please use course number 249575 when registering.
- On **Thursday April 2** from 9:30 am to 10:45 am there will be a FREE Gentle Yoga Class for Seniors (ages 55 and better). The class will take place at the Leland Community Center. In this class, lead by instructor Robin Richmond, participants will learn how to work at your own pace, promote a calm, relaxed mind and a flexible healthy body.
- On **Monday April 6** from 9 am to 10 am, Leland Community Center will be hosting a FREE coffee and muffin social for seniors (ages 55 and better). Come out and mingle!
- On **Monday April 27** there will be a Spring Luncheon for Seniors (ages 55 and better) at the Cozy Country Inn. The restaurant located on 103 Frederick Rd, Thurmont, MD, 21788; has a huge buffet as well as a small museum. A bus is scheduled to leave the Leland Community Center at 10 am and return around 2 pm. Those interested need to register at the center (use Course number 235744) and pay a \$7 transportation fee. The fee DOES NOT include the cost of the buffet. All other costs associated with the trip are payable, by you, on the day of the trip. Space is limited to 20 persons.
- Leland Community Center is now offering Bone Builders, an osteoporosis prevention and management exercise program, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:15 am - 10:15 am. This free class is open to seniors (ages 55 and better). For more information please contact the instructor, Petra van der Boomgaard, at 301-664-9231.

Programs for all ages are offered at the Leland Center. Visit the Montgomery County Department of Recreation website, www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec, to check out all the possibilities!

Chevy Chase at Home: Senior Village Update

Caroline Michaelis

The establishment of a community Senior Village, CHEVY CHASE AT HOME (CC@H), is moving right along. Within 18 to 24 months, CC@H plans to offer a support system of volunteers, a comprehensive clearing house of vetted service providers to help our older residents remain safely and comfortably in their own homes, and a social network for its members. After a very encouraging response from more than 70 households, a steering committee has been formed of representatives of the Town of Chevy Chase, Chevy Chase Village, Section 3, Section 5, and Martin's Additions. Subcommittees and task groups have been set up. A ListServ for prospective members will soon be up and running, and a survey questionnaire is being developed to be sent out to all residents of the five communities. This questionnaire will help identify the needs and concerns of seniors in our community, as well as potential volunteers of any age. For more information or to volunteer to work on this exciting project, please call or e-mail: Naomi Kaminsky, 301-657-8070, ikeok@verizon.net; or Joan Urban, 301-652-4743, jbumoscow@aol.com.

Host Families Needed

The Washington-Ireland Program for Service and Leadership (WIP; www.wiprogram.org) and the South African Washington Intern Program (SAWIP; www.sawip.org) are seeking host families for university students from Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and South Africa. These programs bring together students from post conflict societies to aid in peaceful resolution of historic divides. The WIP students arrive June 7 and depart August 2 and the South African students arrive June 14 and depart July 24. If you are interested in the program, please call 202-772-3824 or email office@wiprogram.org for more information and to RSVP for the information night. Please call Town resident Terry Eason at 301-657-4343 if you have any questions.

MARYLAND TAX RETURN 2008 -- FORM 502 RESIDENT

One of the major sources 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.** When using a tax preparation software, look for the "Town of Chevy Chase" in any pull-down menu. If you experience problems indicating that you reside in the Town, please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144. The Town will inform the State of the problems you are experiencing.

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