



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

and



BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Greetings from the Mayor

Kathy Strom

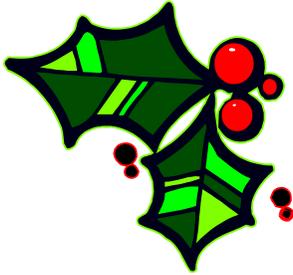
In December many of us turn to giving, giving our time, giving to others, our family and friends, giving to those in need. This year we know that many have been hard hit by the changing economic situation and are impacted in various ways. This month in the Town there are a number of activities which will provide the opportunity to participate in sharing with our neighbors and the greater community of which we are a part. Those who would like to help a needy family or child may participate in a new program organized by the Community Relations Committee which will help facilitate gifts from interested Town residents to specific needy families in the County who have sought assistance. Those who enjoy the "gift" of holiday music are invited to attend a free concert in Town Hall on December 7 directed by the East Avenue choir which is directed by a Town resident and also features some Town residents as singers. On December 18 the Town will give a special luncheon for all of our seniors who will gather together and share a festive lunch.

Giving is a well-established tradition in our Town. As neighbors we have a tradition of block parties and other ways of sharing with each other. As a community we have supported the County through efforts such as the establishment of the Leland (soon to be renamed as the Jane Lawton) Community Center which is available to residents of the entire County, through our support for our local schools such as Chevy Chase and B-CC High School, and most recently through our donations of residents' computers to students at Blair High School. Volunteerism is a key part of our Town governance system, through our numerous residents who serve on our boards, committees and council. We are grateful to those who give their time, ideas and hard work to make our community a better, safer place for all of us to live in and enjoy. More than one non-resident has commented on the amazing number of volunteers hard at work for our Town!

Best wishes to each and every one of you for a wonderful holiday season!

DECEMBER 2008

DATES TO REMEMBER



Thursday, December 4, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Environment Committee Meeting

Sunday, December 7, 4 p.m., Town Hall
East Avenue Ensemble Concert

Monday, December 8, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Land Use Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 9, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall
Public Services Committee

Wednesday, December 10, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Council Meeting

Monday, December 15, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Long Range Planning Committee

Wednesday, December 17, 7 p.m., Town Hall
Community Relations Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 18, 12 noon, Town Hall
Holiday Luncheon for Seniors and Retirees

Thursday, December 25, Christmas Day
Town Office Closed



HOLIDAY TRASH PICKUP

Trash will not be picked up on Thursday, December 25 or Thursday, January 1. Pickups scheduled for those days will be picked up on Monday, December 29 and Monday, January 5.

PUBLIC HEARING ON CLIMATE PROTECTION PLAN

At its December 10 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing and consider adopting the *Chevy Chase Challenge*, a climate action plan proposed for the Town by the Town's Climate Protection Committee. The Town Council held a work session in November with the Climate Protection Committee to discuss the plan. Judy McGuire, the resident chair of the Climate Protection Committee, presented the plan and outlined its major provisions.

The Chevy Chase Challenge is a four year plan to reduce the Town's greenhouse gas emissions by 7% below 1990 levels by 2012. To achieve this goal, established by the U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement, the proposed plan focuses heavily on motivating residents to improve home energy efficiency; inspiring people to reduce their car use by walking, biking, carpooling, and using mass transit; promoting renewable energy production in town; and encouraging the Town's use of energy efficient streetlights. Residents may review the entire plan on the Town's website at www.townofchevy Chase.org.

Residents are invited to attend the public hearing and comment on the proposed plan. Residents also may submit comments on the plan by e-mail to townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or by mail to Town of Chevy Chase, 4301 Willow Lane, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

COUNCIL ADOPTS TOWN CRIER POLICY

At the November Council Meeting, the Council adopted a policy for the use of the Town Crier, the Town's e-mail alert system. The Community Relations Committee presented a proposed policy to the Council, which the Council adopted unanimously with one correction. The policy has been posted on the Town website home page under "News and Information".

PURPLE LINE UPDATE

At its November 6 meeting, the Town Council retained the law firm of Sidley Austin to perform a pro bono legal analysis of the Purple Line Alternatives Analysis and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (AA/DEIS) released by the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) on October 17. The AA/DEIS, which is posted in its entirety on the MTA's Purple Line website (www.purplelinemd.com), discusses the goals for the Purple Line project, reasonable alternatives to address the goals, and potential impacts of the project alternatives, both positive and negative.

Recognizing that the AA/DEIS would require both a legal analysis as well as a technical one, the Town Council appointed a search committee of Town officials and committee members to interview law firms to provide analysis of the AA/DEIS in anticipation of the document's October release. Mayor Kathy Strom, Councilmember Linna Barnes, Town Manager Todd Hoffman and Long-Range Planning Committee Chair Pat Burda served on the search committee and interviewed firms, each of which has experience in environmental law. At its November 6 meeting, the Council chose Sidley Austin due to its demonstrated experience in the environmental field and its willingness to provide its services at no cost to the Town.

Sidley Austin is now working with Town officials and the Town's Purple Line engineering consultant, Sam Schwartz, to respond to the legal aspects of the AA/DEIS. Sidley Austin is assisting with preparation of proposed written comments regarding compliance of the AA/DEIS with relevant federal laws. The comments, which will be submitted by the Town to the MTA, discuss and evaluate arguments made within the AA/DEIS in support of or in opposition to construction of the Purple Line, the proposed location(s) for such construction, and the impact of such construction on the aesthetic and natural environment, existing infrastructure, and Town residents. In November, Sidley assisted the Town in preparing oral testimony that was delivered by Town officials at the MTA's November 18 public hearing on the AA/DEIS. This hearing, which was held at the National 4-H Conference center, was one of four hearings on the AA/DEIS held by the MTA in November. A summary of the Town's position on these issues is located on the Town's website at www.townofchevy Chase.org under the heading "Purple Line".

If you were unable to attend the MTA's November public hearings on the AA/DEIS or if you wish to submit written comments on the record, you may submit comments on the Purple Line project between now and January 14 by:

- Submitting electronic statements on the Purple Line website (www.purplelinemd.com)
 - E-mailing your statement to purpleline@mtamaryland.com.
 - Sending written comments to: Diane Ratcliff, MTA Director of Planning, 6 St. Paul Street, 9th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202
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TOUR OF THE TOWN WEBSITE

www.townofchevy Chase.org

The home page of the website is designed to give you easy access to information about all of the current top issues in the Town. By clicking on the topic, you will be able to obtain documents about the issue – often links are provided so that you can get additional information. The other features on the home page include a calendar of events and meetings, a list of important telephone numbers, quick links to the most used topics and the weather report for our Town.

The pull down menu on the home page offers easy access to information about a variety of subjects ranging from All About Town, Boards and Committees, Community Links, E-Docs, Permits and Regulations, Services, and Council and Staff. We encourage you to take a few minutes to visit and explore our website.

TOWN TOPICS

RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE!

The Town offers curbside pickup of Christmas trees. All wire, ornaments and tinsel must be removed. The deadline for pickup is January 15.

OVERGROWN OR OVERHANGING VEGETATION ON SIDEWALKS

First and foremost, thanks to the residents on East West Highway, Connecticut Avenue and Bradley Lane for responding to the notices from the Town to trim the overgrown and overhanging vegetation from the sidewalks. In our continuing effort to make the Town pedestrian friendly, we hope that all residents join with us to insure that the sidewalk abutting your property is clear of all obstacles. If you receive a notice from the Town about clearing sidewalks and have questions, please do not hesitate to call the staff to discuss the issue.

ELECTION DAY VOLUNTEERS

The Community Relations Committee wishes to acknowledge the following Town residents who offered to drive people to vote on Election Day: Rose Miller, Melissa Davidson, Marcie Meditch, Maria Olsen, Barbara Oppen, Francine Raizes, Kirk Renaud and Katie Rooney. Thanks for being on standby.

LEAF VACUUMING ONGOING

Until December 15, please continue to rake your leaves to the right-of-way near the curb – NOT INTO THE STREET. Please ask your landscape contractor not to place leaves in the street. Make sure that your leaves are not contaminated by cans, sticks, bottles, or rocks. Vacuum trucks pick up continuously Monday through Friday, street by street. We have a street map on the website that indicates the estimated day of the week the truck will be on your street. After December 15, leaves should be placed in paper lawn bags or placed in reusable containers for yard trash recycling.

DOGGIE DO – DOGGIE DON'T

We have received calls from residents asking us to remind dog owners to be sure that they do not allow their pet to defecate on a neighbor's property. Also, it is important to keep your pet on a leash when not on your private property. Although a pet owner might feel that their pet is under their control, a surprise encounter with an unleashed dog can be frightening. We encourage you to visit the website, www.montgomeryparks.org, for information about dog exercise parks in Montgomery County.

CRIMEWATCH

Crimes reported to the Town Office in November:

11/12/08

Police reported assault near the Thornapple Path that connects Thornapple Street to Leland Street.

11/06/08

Resident in the 3900 block of Aspen Street reported that his bike was stolen from his back yard.

Resident in the 7500 block of Meadow Lane reported that his unlocked car entered between 12–6am, GPS and change stolen.

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. As a result of the number of thefts from cars, the Town has increased the overnight security. 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, the FORECAST and on the Town website.

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DECEMBER TOWN EVENTS



HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

The Town's Community Relations Committee is sponsoring a gift drive for County children who are victims and/or witnesses of domestic violence. The Montgomery County Abused Persons Program will partner with the Town in this effort and furnish names, ages, sizes and "wishes" of the children (and sometimes the mother). Residents can select a family to assist from a list in the Town Office and gifts will be collected at the Town Office. If preferred, gift cards to a store such as Target, Marshall, Kohl's, Ross or Sears would be an option in lieu of specific articles.

The Community Relations Committee is enthusiastic about this new project and hopes it will become an annual Town "event"! Please contact Belinda Wilborn at 301-654-7144 or Cathy Wolf at 301-654-2254.

The East Avenue Ensemble, Sunday, December 7 at 4 p.m., Town Hall

The choral group conducted by Bob Johnson, a Town of Chevy Chase resident, will present a Concert of Christmas and winter music at the Chevy Chase Town Hall on Sunday, December 7th, at 4:00 p.m. The Ensemble, now in its second season, will include the long-time favorite, "Twas the Night Before Christmas" as part of the concert repertoire. Other selections will include an up-tempo arrangement of "Jingle Bells" and Morten Lauridsen's "O Magnum Mysterium", a contemporary setting of the ancient sacred text. Town residents Mary Anne and Lance Hoffman have joined the choral group and will be performing at this year's concert.

TOWN COFFEE, DECEMBER 10

Please join us for the next Town Coffee at the home of Lori Shore (7415 Oak Lane) on Wednesday, December 10, from 9:30-11:00. 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 Lori at 301-907-9031. If you have questions or would like to volunteer to host a coffee, please call Maria Olsen at 301-652-4370. We hope to see you on the 10th!

HOLIDAY BUFFET FOR SENIORS AND RETIREES, DECEMBER 18

The Council will host the fourteenth annual Holiday Buffet for Town Seniors and Retirees on Wednesday, December 18 at 12 p.m. in the Town Hall. This event gives residents a great opportunity to enjoy a delicious lunch with friends and neighbors. If transportation is a problem for you, we will be happy to pick you up and deliver you back home. Just let us know when you RSVP. Please give us a call at 301-654-7144 by Friday, December 12 to RSVP. We look forward to seeing you!



SUNDAY AFTERNOON FOR FAMILIES

The Town is pleased to continue the very popular annual winter series of events for families. Each year, we sponsor an event one Sunday a month in January, February and March. The 2009 events will include a puppet show, an art workshop for kids hosted by Town artists and a surprise performer. We hope that you will take advantage of the “walkability” of these events.

MONTHLY REMINDERS

TOWN CRIER KEEPS RESIDENTS INFORMED

We strongly encourage residents to join the “Town Crier,” the Town’s e-mail alert system. The Town uses the listserv to keep residents informed of timely Town news and information. To subscribe, please visit the Town’s website.

TOWNNEIGHBORS: A GREAT NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR SHARE

Townneighbors, the listserv for Town residents to share information with one another, is proving to be a wonderful resource as more residents join and post messages on a variety of topics. Looking for a doctor, a babysitter, a yoga studio? Want to learn how to compost all those leaves in your yard? Want to make your home more energy efficient? Want to learn about upcoming events? Recent topics have included these and a lot more. Ask for a recommendation. Announce items to sell or give away. Recommend a restaurant. The range of topics is wide, and questions get quick responses. We are a two-way personal listserv, separate from the Town’s Towncrier one-way alert listserv with official Town announcements. For instructions on how to join the Townneighbors listserv, go to www.townofchevy Chase.org and click on “Townneighbors” under “Quick Links” at the bottom right of the home page. Your best option is to join via the web because then you will be able to search the archive of all prior messages.

NEW RESIDENT INFORMATION PACKETS

The Town staff will be happy to provide new residents with a packet of information about the Town. Please give us a call at 301-654-7144 or e-mail townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org to request that we drop the packet to your house. We also invite new residents to stop by the office to pick up the packets. The Town website, www.townofchevy Chase.org, is another great source of Town information.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT – HOST A BLOCK PARTY

The list of block parties continues to grow as more and more neighbors realize that this is a great way to get to know each other and create a stronger sense of community. If your block has not hosted a block party and would like to give it a try, call the Town staff (301-654-7144) to find out how to get started.

COMPLAINT/COMPLIMENT FORM ONLINE

If you have a complaint or compliment about a Town service or program, please complete the electronic form on the Town website, www.townofchevy Chase.org. The form provides a way for us to track issues and to make improvements to Town services and programs.

THE MVA IS ON A ROLL!

Reminder: MVA On Wheels will be in Friendship Heights, Monday, December 22, 10am to 2pm

The MVA on Wheels will be set up at the intersection of North Park Avenue and Friendship Heights Boulevard near the Friendship Heights Village Center. The mobile unit is usually in front of the Village Office on the fourth Monday of each month, unless otherwise announced. For details of the services offered at the MVA on Wheels, call the MVA at 1-800-950-1682.

RECYCLE COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS (CFL) IN THE TOWN OFFICE

Have you wondered where to recycle CFL bulbs? We have a collection box for the bulbs in the Town office. Just drop them by, and we will make sure the bulbs are recycled properly.

RECYCLE CELL PHONES

Drop used cell phones at the Town office. The Town staff will deliver the phones to the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Department. The phones are programmed for use by domestic violence victims.

DRAFT STOPPERS – PURCHASE IN THE TOWN OFFICE

If you are interested in stopping the air leaks through open spaces around electrical switchboxes and outlets, as well as the pulleys on double sash windows, draft stoppers are the solution for you. We have a supply of draft stoppers at discounted prices in the Town Office provided by Common Cents Solar.

TOWN DISCLAIMER

The Town's newsletter and listserv sometimes refer to companies and organizations that may be of interest to Town residents. In providing this information, the Town does not formally endorse these groups or their products or services. The Town encourages all residents to perform the screening they feel necessary to determine if these groups are suitable.

TRACKING DEVELOPMENT

David Lublin, Council Liaison to the Long Range Planning Committee

When I met with Ken Hartman, the Director of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, I was pleased to learn that he has created a website that makes it much easier to learn the basic facts about development projects in downtown Bethesda.

You can go to:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/bcctmpl.asp?url=/content/rsc/bcc/development/index.asp>
or go to: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/bcc> and click on "Development Updates"

This website is much less comprehensive than the Planning Board website but that's part of the advantage as it focuses on key information. Many find it hard to find what they need on the Planning Board website because it has so many documents related to projects all over Montgomery County. Of course, the new pages on the B-CC website also make it easier to locate information on the Planning Board website as it has the official project numbers—the numbers on those white notification placards you sometimes see in downtown Bethesda.

To get more detailed information from the Planning Board website, go to:

http://edynamicportal.com/DP1/Metroplex/marylandparkplan/login/wiz_login.asp, click on "Next", enter the project number.

I have also encouraged Ken to see if he can put up information on the B-CC website on upcoming Planning Board hearings on specific projects so that members of the community can know more easily when they have the opportunity to participate.

The Long-Range Planning Committee in the Town continues to track projects and will try to flag important hearings on projects close to the Town as well. The Town only takes positions on a small number of projects which can impact the Town. However, community members might like to have the chance to express their support or opposition on projects.

UPDATE ON TOWN PROJECTS

TOWN DIRECTORY

Thanks to all of you have returned your authorization forms to be included in the 2009-2010 Directory. We will be contacting the residents that we have not heard from in early December. We hope that you will take advantage of this second chance to be included in the Directory.

TREE PLANTING

The Town planted 44 street trees in November and is scheduled to plant 59 trees in the spring. The sites are chosen from resident requests and suggestions from the Town arborist and the Environment Committee. The final decision on the sites is made by the Environment Committee. The Town is responsible for maintaining the street trees.

EAST AVENUE AND WALSH STREET REPAVING

If all goes as planned, by the time you receive this newsletter, the East Avenue and Walsh Street repaving and concrete project will be completed. We thank the residents on these streets for their patience during the storm drain project, the WSSC water main project and the repaving/ concrete work. Now they can sit back and enjoy the finished product.

[Visit the Town Website, www.townofchevy Chase.org!](http://www.townofchevy Chase.org)

FOOTPRINTS IN THE SKY

Climate Protection Committee

Judith McGuire, Chair

From the recent Washington Post:

“Turn off the lights, turn down the heat, take the bus,” said Montgomery County Council member Nancy Floreen (D-At large), who headed the panel that examined ways to reduce the region’s carbon footprint. “To “green up” their businesses, many [Hollywood] studios now have departments dedicated to reducing their carbon footprints and some have even offered staff incentives to buy hybrid cars. “

So what exactly is a carbon footprint? It is the amount of greenhouse gas emissions (in the U.S. it is tons of CO2 equivalents per year) we generate from our activities: heating, cooling, and lighting our houses, heating our water, growing, transporting, and cooking our food, purifying and pumping our water, powering our vehicles, producing goods we buy, disposing of our trash, and generating electricity, for example. There are dozens of websites to help you estimate your carbon footprint, many of which are fun and educational.

Or, you can easily calculate your basic carbon footprint from your own financial records. Each electricity and gas bill reports the kilowatt hours (kwh) of electricity or the therms of natural gas you used each month for the last year. Add up all those kilowatt hours and therms. For each car, divide the miles you drove in the last twelve months by gas mileage (miles per gallon) and to get an estimate of the gallons of gasoline you used last year. Then just multiply:

Electricity: kilowatt hours X 1.242 = pounds CO2

Natural gas: therms X 11.7 = pounds CO2

Gasoline: gallons X 19.56 = pounds CO2

Then add up all your pounds of CO2 for the year and divide by 2000. VOILA! You’ve calculated your basic carbon footprint. A more comprehensive calculation would include a lot more -- airline travel, fuel used for lawn care, the miles your food travels to reach you, the energy imbedded in new stuff, and the energy cost of disposing of your trash -- but the basic footprint is a good place to start because you have the power to shrink that footprint directly.

Pulling together all this information allows you to track how your energy use (and cost) is changing over time. For instance, you can calculate how much you saved by turning off your second fridge or weather-stripping your windows or installing a programmable thermostat.

How about making a New Year’s resolution to join the club and shrink your carbon footprint?

Want some help with pulling the data together and making the calculations? The Climate Protection Committee can help you set up an Excel table and produce charts to track your energy use and costs over time. Please contact the Town Office to access this help.

These websites may be useful as well:

- <http://www.onethingct.com/pledge/calculator.aspx>
- <http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-resources/calculator.html>

For kids:

- <http://www.kidsfootprint.org/index.html>

HOME ENERGY AUDITS

Home Energy Audits for more comfortable homes, lower utilities bills and less climate impact. If your house has cold or hot rooms, drafts, or problems with moisture build up, you need a home energy audit to help you solve the problem. The Climate Protection Committee has prescreened several firms that are certified by the Maryland Department of Energy as energy auditors and contractors. Please contact them

directly if you would like an audit and make sure to tell them you are from the Town of Chevy Chase to get the special price.

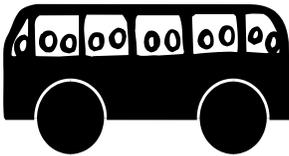
For \$250 Live Green LLC will provide an audit and recommend contractors for follow up work. Call Michael Whelan (Town Resident) at 301-300-0639. For \$300 Ardently Green will provide an audit and they can also do the follow-up work. If you choose to do the follow-up work with them they will deduct the cost of the audit from the bill. Call Jim McKenna at 301-758-0410. <http://www.ardentlygreen.com/>
We checked out references for the following companies but their audit prices were higher. They all have glowing references. Elysian Homes (does audits and can facilitate follow-up work) Jim Conlon (877-456-9928) elysianenergy.com. Efficient Homes (does audits and follow-up work) Tony Crane (301) 476-7680, efficienthomellc.com. Aspen Enterprises (does audits and follow-up work) Casey Murphy 240-375-2311 consultaspen.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

HOLIDAY WREATHS AVAILABLE FROM B-CC CREW

HOLIDAY WREATHS FROM AMERICAN PLANT FOOD! SUPPORT B-CC CREW!

American Plant Food is supplying B-CC Crew with double-sided balsam fir wreaths for its annual fund-raiser this year. Each fragrant wreath is 22" in diameter and costs \$20. Wreaths will be available Thanksgiving Weekend through mid-December. B-CC Crew is a club sport at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, and as a club sport it receives no funds from the school or the county. Its holiday wreath fund-raiser supports coaches' salaries and equipment purchases for the spring rowing season. Questions or to purchase a wreath, contact Town resident Jamie van der Vink at 301-656-1206 or jamielv@verizon.net.



RIDE ON . . . MONTGOMERY COUNTY TRANSIT

Complete an application for the Metro Senior ID Card for free Ride On and Metro bus rides at:

Executive Office Building
101 Monroe Street, 5th Floor
Rockville, MD 20850

Between 6:00AM and 7:00PM (Monday-Friday) -Closed on Holiday

Ride with us. Bus fare for seniors (65 years and older) and persons with disabilities is free on Ride On and Metro buses in Montgomery County only at all times with a valid Metro Senior ID Card or a valid Medicare card and photo identification. All Ride On buses are wheelchair accessible.

For fare and schedule information call:

240-777-7433 240-777-5869 (TTY)

For more information see the Ride On website:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgtmpl.asp?url=/content/dpwt/transit/seniors.asp>

THE WRITER'S CENTER

4508 Walsh Street
301-654-8664 www.writer.org

On December 7th at 2 p.m., Grace Cavalieri reads from Anna Nicole: Poems (Menendez Publications). She will be joined by Sam Truitt, who reads from Street Mete: A Work in Vertical Elegies (Palm Press). This is a free event. On December 13th, NPR's "voice of books" Alan Cheuse reads from his new novel, To Catch the Lightning: A Novel of American Dreaming. At the same event, longtime Writer's Center member Colin Sargent reads from his first novel, Museum of Human Beings, at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC Rooms 4018-19. The event starts at 2 p.m. This is an event co-sponsored by the National Museum of the American Indian and The Writer's Center.

BETHESDA CIRCULATOR

Enjoy car-free, carefree jaunts to Bethesda shops, restaurants and theaters.
Board the bright red trolley and relax. It's convenient, dependable and free!

During the month of December, the Bethesda Circulator has added five new stops to make it easier to get around downtown Bethesda. Two of the stops are on Montgomery Avenue. If you would like more information, visit the Bethesda Urban Partnership's website, www.bethesda.org or stop by the Town office to pick up a brochure describing the new stops and new holiday hours of the Bethesda Circulator.



The following items can be recycled:

- All food and beverage jars and bottles made of glass.
- All metal food, beverage, and pet food cans.
- Aluminum foil products. (examples: foil wrap, pie plates, and other food trays) Please clean and wipe off foil.
- Tins from cookies, popcorn, and similar items.
- And the following plastic items:
 - Plastic food-grade tubs and lids
 - examples: margarine/butter tubs, cottage cheese, yogurt, sour cream, mayonnaise, whipped topping, peanut butter and deli containers, and prescription bottles
 - Narrow-neck plastic bottles that contained food, drink and household products
 - examples: milk, juice, water, syrup, vegetable oil, salad dressing, cleaning, detergent and shampoo/conditioner bottles
 - Plastic pails/buckets
 - examples: ice cream, detergent, pet food and kitty litter containers
 - Plastic flower pots
 - Plastic beverage cups

Please rinse out the containers before throwing them into your bin. Paper should be placed in a separate bin but everything else can be contained together. Although we can now recycle kitty litter containers, you still cannot recycle containers that held hazardous automotive or garden products. And remember, if you can, it is better to reuse than recycle.

This information is summarized in a fact sheet available on the web at:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/dep/solidwaste/store/documents/fact-sheet-plastics.pdf>.

The maximum weight for each recycling bin is 45 pounds!

Please place recyclable items in the green bin provided by the Town and place on the curb in front of your property by 7 a.m. each Wednesday. Paper should be placed in paper bags, small cardboard boxes or bundled with string. Mixed paper and newspapers can be bundled together. Cardboard boxes should be flatten and placed near the bin. The following paper is recyclable: newspaper, magazines, catalogs, cereal boxes, paperback books, egg cartons, computer paper and unwanted mail.

The following paper is not recyclable: wax paper, carbon paper, hardback books, photographs, milk and juice cartons, anything contaminated with paint or chemicals or food or kitty litter, foil wrap, paper towels, napkins or tissues. Also out are boxes from refrigerated and frozen foods which are often shiny, due to a thin plastic coating.

LET IT SNOW – WE WILL BE READY

SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM



The Town will continue its sidewalk snow removal program this winter. This year we will assist with the clearing of public sidewalks when snow accumulates to 3 inches or more. This snow removal plan will assist residents with clearing sidewalks following significant snowstorms, when help is needed most. ***If the accumulated snowfall is under 3 inches, you will be responsible for clearing the sidewalk abutting your property.*** The snow removal will begin as soon as practically possible after the end of a snowstorm, and the Town's contractor will do all it can to limit excessive noise. This program includes snow removal from public sidewalks only, so clearing your driveways and walkways is still your responsibility. In icy conditions, the Town Manager will use his discretion in determining whether to salt and sand public sidewalks. The Town will continuously update information on the sidewalk snow removal program on its website and on the Town's telephone answering machine so it will be accessible to you throughout the winter season.

CLEARING TOWN STREETS

In winter, making sure that Town streets are cleared of snow and ice is a Town priority. You can contribute to our efforts by following these instructions. When snow or ice is forecast for this area, cars must be parked either in driveways or on the ***even-numbered sides of the street, unless otherwise posted.*** Parking in a driveway will not only protect your cars from possible accidents or damage but assures that more of the roadway can be cleared. This practice also provides more parking spaces for residents without driveways. The odd-numbered sides of all streets, unless otherwise posted, should be left free of all vehicles so that we can plow the snow from them. To help avoid the frustration that occurs when a snow-plow covers your driveway with snow after you have shoveled, stand facing the street and shovel snow to the right into the yard instead of into the street. The Town begins plowing Town streets when two inches of snow has accumulated.

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