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**Town Launches Centennial Celebration
with Progressive Dinner on September 12, 2009**

The first section of what is now the Town of Chevy Chase was platted in 1909. The Town was incorporated in 1918. The Community Relations Committee is planning a progressive dinner to celebrate this community milestone. Mark your calendar now to join friends and neighbors for this event, which will be on Saturday, September 12. We will start at the Town Hall for appetizers and refreshments and then move on to enjoy the cuisine of a dozen or more host families in the Town. This event will be an excellent opportunity for meeting and socializing with neighbors. Details will be forthcoming in the FORECAST, the Town website and the Town Crier listserv. We welcome volunteers to help plan the event and/or as potential hosts. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Bridget Hartman (bridget@speakeasy.net) or Cathy Wolf (wolfcs@starpower.net).

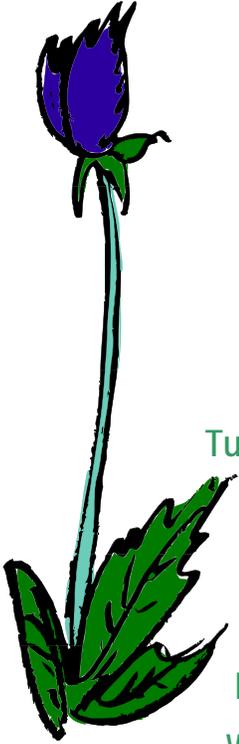
**Leland Park Playground Opening
A Great Success!**

The grand opening of the playground was attended by many of our state and county elected officials, representatives from the Montgomery County Department of Parks, and Town residents of all ages. Our guest performer, from Magician Without Borders, delighted everyone in the audience with his tricks and magic. In case you were not able to attend the event, the photographs from the event are available for viewing on the Town website, www.townofchevy Chase.org.

Leland Center To Become Jane E. Lawton Center

On Sunday, June 14 at 2:30 p.m. at the Leland Center, the County will host an event for the official renaming of the Center as the Jane E. Lawton Center. The ceremony will include many tributes to Jane Lawton, our loved and respected, former Town Council Chair and member of the Maryland House of Delegates who passed away in November of 2007. Residents are invited to attend this special event.

MAY



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

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

Tuesday, May 5 – Reception, 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.townofchevy Chase.org

Volunteerism Takes Center Stage in June

On June 7, we will host a Town event to thank all of our volunteers for their service to the Town during the past year. In June we also will ask for volunteers to serve on Town committees for the coming year. We urge you to review the list of committee meetings and activities in our monthly calendar of Town events and identify a committee or activity that interests you. We encourage you to submit your name for consideration in response to our request for residents to volunteer to serve on a committee or to work on a Town event.

Town Events

Wine Tasting – May 2

Wines and cheeses from around the world will be featured at the Town's Wine Tasting Event, **Saturday, May 2, 6-8 p.m.** in the Town Hall hosted by the Community Relations Committee. Wine consultants from Cork 57 will be on hand to educate us while we enjoy our virtual journey to foreign lands and socialize with neighbors. This is a popular event and space is limited so RSVP as soon as possible! RSVP to the Town Office at 301-654-7144.



Jazz in the Town Hall – May 9

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.

Stump the Arborist – May 16

On **Saturday, May 16 at 9 a.m.**, Tolbert Feather, the Town's Arborist, will host the annual Tree Walk through Town. A stroll through the Town with Tolbert is a real learning experience. Do you have a question about trees and have no idea where to find the answer? If so, just e-mail your questions to townoffice@townofchevychase.org by Wednesday, May 13, so if Tolbert doesn't know the answer, he will be able to find the answer. We will meet at the Town office at 9 a.m. for coffee and bagels. After a round of stump the arborist, Tolbert will take you on an unforgettable stroll through Town. Bring your whole family – this event is for all ages.

Town Coffee – May 21

Please join us for the next Town coffee on **Thursday, May 21**, at the home of Asha Scielzo (4317 Stanford Street) from 9:30 until 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. We hope to see you on the 21!

Don't Miss Charlie Cook! - May 21

Charlie Cook, Town resident, founder and editor of the Cook Report, will be our guest speaker at the May Discussion and Desserts. The event will be in the Town Hall on **Thursday, May 21 at 7 p.m.** Unfortunately, we have to limit the number of attendees to seventy, so RSVP right away. Call the Town staff at 301-654-7144. Charlie will give us his take on the first 100 days of the Obama presidency, political outlook for the President, House and Senate. If you would like to get the scoop on Charlie, visit his website, www.cookpolitical.com.

Dinner Out at Gaffney's – May 28

Come join your neighbors for the second **Chevy Chase Dinner Out Club** being held May 28 at Gaffney's located just outside the Town! (7141 Wisconsin Avenue) Gaffney's is not a chain restaurant and has been recommended in the Washingtonian and is Zagat rated. Chevy Chase Dinner Club will convene at 7 p.m. and diners will receive a 20% discount. And, as always, we get separate checks. Come meet and mingle with your neighbors and enjoy some excellent food close to home! At the last Dinner Out Club, we had 16 attendees and a great time! RSVP to Belinda in the Town office at 301-654-7144! If you would like to know more about the restaurant, check out gaffneys-restaurant.com.



Through the Garden Gate – June 7

Sunday, June 7 is the date of the Town garden tour – "Through the Garden Gate." To date, five gardens will be open from 2 – 5 p.m. The gardens are located on Elm Street, Leland Street, Meadow Lane, Ridgewood Avenue and Rosemary Street. You will have an opportunity to visit five very distinctive styles of gardens. If you would like your garden to be included on the tour, it is not too late to sign-up. Just e-mail the Town staff at townoffice@townofchevychase.org or call 301-654-7144.

Crimewatch

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

3/30/09

The Montgomery County police reported that around 3 a.m., two teens were spotted getting out of a black SUV. The teens smashed the windows in a car on Ridgewood Avenue and a car on Stanford Street. The police were on the scene in two minutes.

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. 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.

Shades of Green

INVADERS!

From the Environment Committee

Your yard is being invaded! Many of the plants we buy to beautify our homes have an evil dark side. Other troublemakers just appear out of nowhere and set up camp. Known as “**invasive species**,” these plants

- ❑ Did not evolve naturally in our region, but were imported from other areas or countries
- ❑ Are not controlled by local predators or climate conditions
- ❑ Multiply or spread rapidly by roots, berries, and seeds
- ❑ Overtake your yard, your neighbors' yards, and surrounding parks and forests by climbing over, crowding out, and killing trees and other plants
- ❑ Are sold at nurseries and installed by landscapers *without warning labels*, disguised as beautiful and useful garden plants
- ❑ Mysteriously appear in your yard courtesy of birds, bees, squirrels, wind, and your unwitting neighbors

Fight back!!!

- ❑ Don't buy them. You'd be amazed at how many “friendly” plant imports have become invasive: English Ivy, Norway Maple, Burning Bush, Bamboo, Common Daylilies, Butterfly Bush, Wisteria, and Privet, just to name a few. Choose native trees, shrubs, flowers and ground covers instead.
- ❑ If you buy them, or already have them, **CONTROL THEM!** Cut them back regularly, plant them where they can't spread, pull them up when they do, AND
- ❑ Stop them from making babies! Remove berries, flowers, and seeds before they are spread by birds or the wind. Pull up new seedlings.
- ❑ Are your neighbors aware they are sending ALIEN INVADERS into your yard? Talk to them.

Important DON'Ts:

- ❑ ***Don't*** use Round Up or other toxic weed-killers. They're bad for you, your kids, your pets, wildlife, and the Chesapeake Bay. Safe products are available. Pulling invaders out and whacking them off is really satisfying---especially at the end of a bad day.
- ❑ ***Don't*** put them in your compost bin or in the “yard trash” pickup. Put them in plastic bags in the trash.
- ❑ ***Don't*** despair! Persistence pays. Some will reappear, but they will give up eventually if you don't.

STOP ALIEN INVADERS! Visit the TOCC Green Pages for more information and useful links (go to www.townofchevy Chase.org and click on “Community Links”). If you have useful information to share, please post it on the Townneighbors listserv (to join, see “Quick Links” on the TOCC homepage).

The Government Will Pay You To Become Energy Efficient:

Learn how to apply for HELP and tax rebates for home energy efficiency

May 14, 7 PM, Town Hall

Sponsored by the Climate Protection Committee

Here's about some good news for a change! The IRS and Montgomery County will now help you save money. How? By giving you money back for making your home more energy efficient. You can save up to 10-40% on your utility bills by getting a home energy audit and making appropriate energy efficiency upgrades to your home. But many people have delayed making these changes because of the cost. Residents have even avoided getting home energy audits because they're afraid the recommendations will be too expensive to implement. Now making your home energy efficient has become more economical.

The big news is that Montgomery County on April 14, 2009 passed the Home Energy Loan Program (HELP). In this program, you get a loan to cover the costs of an energy audit and recommended energy efficiency upgrades (including whole house air sealing, insulating, caulking and weather-stripping, heating and cooling system efficiency modifications, and programmable thermostats). You then pay back the loan over a 15-year period along with your property taxes. The best thing is that the loan attaches to the property, so if you sell the house before the loan is repaid, the subsequent homeowners pay the unpaid portion of the loan.

(see http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/council/mem/berliner_r/Press_Releases/helpapproved4-14.pdf).

The County also provides up to \$250 per fiscal year in property tax credits for the cost of eligible efficiency upgrades (including insulation, programmable thermostats, and energy efficient furnaces, boilers and heat pumps). Visit: http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/finance/CountyTaxes/Renewable_Energy_Tax_Credit_Application.pdf

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act includes incentives for making your home more energy efficient. The federal government is offering a federal income tax credit for 30% (up to \$1500 total) of the cost of installing energy efficient technologies (including insulation, and efficient water heaters, furnaces, boilers, heat pumps and air conditioners) in your home in 2009 and 2010. Visit:

http://www.dsireusa.org/library/includes/incentive2.cfm?Incentive_Code=US43F&State=federal¤tpageid=1&ee=1&re=1).

On May 14 at 7 PM, Councilmember Roger Berliner will be at the Town Hall to discuss HELP. The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection also will be there to explain how to apply for these programs and Town resident Suzanne Parmet of Live Green LLC will provide tips on applying for these programs. We'll have forms available and other resources to help make the process very easy. Please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144 to RSVP.

The 4-H Center Plans for the Future

The National 4-H Youth Conference Center, a landmark on Connecticut Avenue and a good neighbor to the surrounding residents of Chevy Chase for fifty years, has informed the Town that it has begun a long-term planning process to modernize and potentially enlarge its facilities and improve the environmental impact of its campus.

The 4-H Center is considering several eco-friendly initiatives to reduce its carbon footprint and to achieve *Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)* certification—the national benchmark for high-performance green buildings. The plan will seek to preserve the Center's natural landscape, maintaining wide open green spaces and the current tree canopy that add to the beauty and historic quality of the neighborhood.

As it begins the process to improve its facilities in Chevy Chase and consider additional construction, National 4-H Youth Conference Center has contacted the Town of Chevy Chase and soon will begin discussions with the Town. The 4-H Center will seek input and feedback from Chevy Chase residents as the plans develop.

Step Up to the Challenge Results: Keep on Walking

Thirty-three residents walked six million thirty-eight thousand, six hundred sixty-seven steps or approximately 3,020 miles during the four-week Step Up to the Challenge walkathon. If you are inspired by these residents, watch this column. Each month, we highlight events happening within walking distance of the Town. Visit the "Bethesda Up" website, www.bethesda.org, for a complete list of events planned in Bethesda for the summer.

Bethesda Farmers Market

Tuesdays & Saturdays, May-October

The Farmers Market, featuring fresh fruits, vegetables, breads and more, is held Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. in Veterans Park, located at the corner of Woodmont and Norfolk Avenues.

Bethesda Summer Concert Series

Live music rocks downtown Bethesda May through July. Wednesday afternoon concerts take place in the Bethesda Place Plaza from 12 - 2 p.m. and Thursday evening concerts take place in Veterans Park from 6 - 8 p.m.

Bethesda Community Garden Club Annual Plant Sale

Don't miss the Bethesda Community Garden Club's 66th annual plant sale on Thursday, May 7, 2009, 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Bethesda Farm Women's Market. Find wonderful buys on a large selection of perennials grown in members' well-tended gardens, plus herbs, annuals, native plants and shrubs. Novices and experts alike can pose their gardening questions to Montgomery County Master Gardeners on site throughout the sale. Proceeds benefit various community projects including landscaping at Bethesda and Davis libraries and a Montgomery College scholarship in landscape technology. For more information call Simone at 301-571-9782.

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. Please call Town neighbor Terry Eason at 301-657-4343 if you want more first hand information on this wonderful experience shared by many Town residents.

"Sounding a Note for Change!"

On May 16, 4 - 7 p.m. GEICO and Shepherd's Table will present a **free concert** on the Silver Plaza in beautiful Downtown Silver Spring. The concert will feature acclaimed jazz musician Marcus Johnson. Come and enjoy the concert. Donate to Shepherd's Table. Support the sponsors who will be providing information about their business at tables throughout the concert area. Support the local restaurants and delight in delicious food. Rain or shine on the Silver Plaza, Ellsworth Avenue between Georgia and Fenton Street!

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Manna Monthly Weigh-In
Two Hundred Thirty-One Pounds To Date!
Community Relations Committee

Thanks to all of you who continue 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. To date, residents have donated 231 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, drop it at 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.

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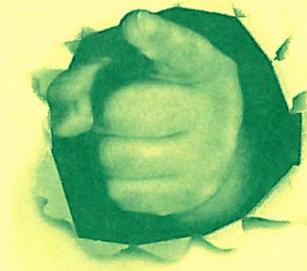
TOWN COUNCIL

Kathy Strom, Mayor
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David Lublin, Secretary
Linna Barnes, Treasurer
Al Lang, Community Liaison

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS!

Do you care about climate change and global warming?
Would you like to work to reduce our Town's carbon footprint?
Are you interested in developing some green skills and knowledge?

The Climate Protection Committee wants
YOU...



...to apply for the Climate Corps.

The Climate Corps is a team of Town high school and college students who will provide energy conservation advice to Town homeowners.

Part-time work, flexible schedule, evenings and weekend days.
We make the appointments and provide training, toolkit and a stipend.

Come to an information session
Sunday, May 31, 7 PM, Town Hall
Pizza will be served.

RSVP and questions to Warren Rizzi at the Town Office
301-654-7144 or email climatetocc@gmail.com.



Chevy Chase at Home Survey

A group of residents within the towns and villages of Chevy Chase, Maryland are exploring ways to help our older residents live more independent lives and remain in our neighborhoods and homes by creating an organization called **Chevy Chase at Home**. A committee is beginning the process of gathering information concerning the potential needs of our neighbors.

Please complete the survey below, no matter how old you are, to help us understand those needs. We would also like to identify potential volunteers to help provide some services for those in need. Please indicate your availability on the last page. This survey is entirely voluntary, but your input will be very helpful. Even if you choose to reply anonymously we will be grateful for your information.

1. Do you hope to remain in your home as you get older? ___Yes ___No ___Not sure

2. Please indicate the number of people in your household in each age category:

___35-44 ___45-54 ___55-64 ___65-74 ___75-84 ___85+

3. What services do you think would be most helpful to you or someone in your family, now or in the near future? Some of these could be provided by volunteers, others by screened merchants. Please check all of the services listed below that are relevant to you.

- (1) ___Transportation to medical appointments
- (2) ___Transportation to other destinations, errands, shopping
- (3) ___Someone to shop for you; pick up prescriptions.
- (4) ___Meal preparation in your home
- (5) ___Meal delivery
- (6) ___Help with bathing/showering
- (7) ___Caregivers, nursing aides
- (8) ___Help with exercise, going for walks, etc.
- (9) ___ Medication reminders
- (10) ___ Telephone check-ins
- (11) ___Snow/leaf removal
- (12) ___Gardening/ lawn mowing
- (13) ___Home maintenance (painting, electrical, plumbing, odd jobs, other)
- (14) ___Help with your computer
- (15) ___Bill paying

- (16) ____ Organizing medical insurance forms and tax materials
- (17) ____ Social visits from neighbors
- (18) ____ Housekeeping
- (19) ____ Laundry
- (20) ____ Pet care
- (21) ____ Plant care
- (22) ____ Taking trash or recyclables out
- (23) ____ Discounted rates on services from a recommended list of providers
- (24) ____ Others (please specify)_____

4. How interested would you be if **Chevy Chase at Home** sponsored the following kinds of events?

	Very interested	Somewhat interested	Not interested
Educational seminars			
Book clubs/discussion groups			
Exercise groups			
Cultural activities			
Lunches, dinners, teas			
Others (specify)			

5. **Chevy Chase at Home** services would be open to all residents in our community who are 50 or older. Residents could partake of any of the menu of services offered. We hope that younger

members will want to support our efforts. If we establish a variety of services, provide information about community resources, and have a reasonable annual membership fee, how likely are you to sign up for membership?

Very likely Somewhat likely Not interested at all

6. In what town/village of Chevy Chase do you live?

Chevy Chase Village Chevy Chase Section 5
 Town of Chevy Chase Martins Additions
 Chevy Chase Section 3

7. Would you be interested in volunteering to help deliver any services mentioned above?

Yes No

Please specify which ones (refer to pages 1 & 2) _____

8. Would you like more information about **Chevy Chase at Home** as we develop the program?

Yes No

If so:

Name(s): _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____

Email address _____

Thank you for your response. For further information please contact Joan Urban at 301.652.4743 or at **JBUMoscow@aol.com**

Please fold this survey in half, including both pages, tape closed, stamp (one first class stamp), and mail to the address indicated on the back of this page. Please return by May 31, 2009