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**Greetings from the Mayor***Kathy Strom*

In November we celebrate one of my favorite holidays, Thanksgiving. It is both a time for friends and families to gather together, and it is also a time to think of others and reflect on what we are thankful for in our lives and in our communities. Last month we had a very successful "trash and treasures" event, where many were able both to clean up and share with others. Through our drop off at the parking lot at the Leland Center, household items were donated to a local charity and used computers were donated to local high school students to be refurbished and then re-used. Thank you to all who participated!

This month we have planned a community walk on November 23 at 1 p.m. on the Capital Crescent Trail adjacent to the Town followed by a celebration at the Town Hall in honor and appreciation of Mier Wolf who served the Town for twenty-four years on the Town Council and for many years as Mayor. We are grateful for his volunteer service and we hope all of you will join in the festivities.

The Community Relations Committee has planned an activity that we hope some of you will participate in over the next several months. As we approach the holidays, there are many in Montgomery County, especially children, who do not have the warm coats and clothing needed for the winter. We are organizing a giving project so that those who wish to give can be matched with children identified through a Montgomery County program which will provide us with a "wish list" of items needed. It will be easy to participate through the Town office where detailed information will be available and where gifts may be dropped. The committee will ensure delivery to the families.

We hope to see you all at our November events, including the November 6 work session on the Town's proposed climate action plan, the mid-year meeting November 13 where we will hear from Police Commander Hammil of the Bethesda police, and at our First Annual Turkey Trot which will celebrate the contributions of Mier Wolf on November 23. Enjoy your Thanksgiving!

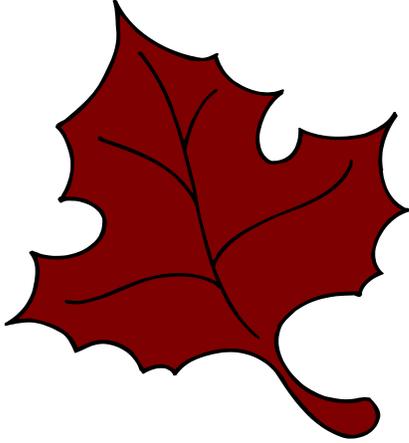
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# NOVEMBER 2008

## DATES TO REMEMBER



**Thursday, November 6, 7 p.m., Town Hall**

Council Work Session on Climate Protection Plan

**Sunday, November 9, 3-5 p.m., 4318 Curtis Rd.**

Hands-On Workshop: Stop Air Leaks from Windows & Doors

**Monday, November 10, 7 p.m., Town Hall**

Land Use Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 11

Veterans Day - Town Offices Closed

**Tuesday, November 11, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall**

Public Services Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, November 12, 7 p.m., Town Hall**

Town Council Meeting

**Thursday, November 13, 7 p.m., Town Hall**

Annual Mid-Year Meeting – Commander Hamill

**Tuesday, November 18, 5 p.m., National 4-H**

Purple Line Public Hearing

**Tuesday, November 18, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall**

Climate Protection Committee

Home Energy Audits: What's the Big Deal?

**Wednesday, November 19, 7 p.m., Town Hall**

Community Relations Committee Meeting

**Sunday, November 23, 1 p.m. at Tarrytown Park, 2 p.m. at Town Hall**

Turkey Trot in Honor of Mier Wolf

**Thursday – Friday, November 27 - 28**

Thanksgiving Holiday - Town Offices Closed



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## POLICE COMMANDER HAMMIL AT MID-YEAR MEETING

November 13, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Bethesda Police Commander Wayne Hammil will be the guest speaker at the Town's annual mid-year meeting. He will discuss public safety and communication. At the meeting, you will have an opportunity to voice your concerns and ask questions directly to Commander Hammil. This is a very important meeting, so we encourage you to attend. Refreshments will be served.

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## LELAND CENTER TO BE RENAMED IN HONOR OF JANE LAWTON

On October 23, the Montgomery County Planning Board voted unanimously to rename the Leland Community Recreation Center the Jane Lawton Community Center. Jane passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on November 29, 2007. She was a tireless community servant who represented parts of Chevy Chase, Kensington and Silver Spring as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates during the last two years of her life. She was deeply involved in local politics and schools, serving for 12 years on the Town of Chevy Chase Council, including four terms as

mayor, and as PTA president at Rosemary Hills Elementary School. Jane also served as special assistant to County Executive Neal Potter in the 1990s and as Chief of Cable Communications for Montgomery County since 1994. In Chevy Chase, Jane led the effort in the 1970s to create the Leland Community Recreation Center, now a magnet of community activity and a living legacy to her achievement. For this reason, the Town strongly supported renaming the Center in honor of Jane. We will update you when the date of the dedication ceremony is decided.

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## PUBLIC HEARING ON ABSENTEE BALLOTS ORDINANCE

At its November 12 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on an ordinance to amend the Town Code to remove the requirement that a person who desires to vote by absentee ballot must provide a self-addressed, stamped return envelope with an application for an absentee ballot or appear in person at the Town Office to pick up an absentee ballot.

The Council introduced this ordinance at its October 14 meeting in the interest of removing impediments to voting and encouraging qualified absentee voters to vote. The proposed Code change would allow residents to submit absentee ballot requests by fax or other electronic means.

In addition to speaking at the public hearing, residents may submit comments on the proposed amendment to the ordinance in writing to Town Office, 4301 Willow Lane or by e-mail to [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org). For more information, please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144.

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## PUBLIC HEARING ON SIGN ORDINANCE -- NOVEMBER 12

At its November 12 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on an ordinance to modify Town regulations concerning the display of certain signs on private and public property within Town. The purpose of this ordinance is to ensure that the Town's regulations are consistent with current federal and state law relating to the exercise of free expression.

The Town conducted a comprehensive review of its existing sign ordinance following several recent court decisions ruling that certain limitations may not be placed on the display of political signs. The proposed ordinance would modify the Town Code to remove these limitations, including, the limit on the length of time a political sign may be displayed prior to and after an election and the limit on the types of messages political signs may contain. The ordinance also would remove the current requirement that a permit first be obtained prior to displaying a political sign and would remove provisions allowing commercial signs, in some instances, to be displayed in more visible places than political signs.

In addition to these changes, the proposed ordinance would make a number of other modifications to the Town Code to ensure legal compliance and the continued protection of public health, safety, and welfare. These modifications include:

- Eliminate the Town's requirement that residents obtain a permit before posting certain signs.
- Prohibit the erection of signs in the public right-of-way unless exempted (e.g., traffic signs, residential house/number signs) or

permitted as an advertisement for an "open house" event or as a temporary directional sign used in connection with temporary events.

- Allow up to a specific number of temporary directional signs to be erected in the public right-of-way to guide or direct vehicular or pedestrian traffic to certain events.
- Limit the number of temporary event and real estate signs that may be displayed per property, and require the removal of such signs immediately following the temporary event or the sale, rental, or lease of the property.
- Limit the cumulative size of all non-commercial, real estate and temporary event signs displayed on any property to a total of 90 square feet.
- Prohibit any sign from interfering with pedestrian or vehicular sight lines.
- Provide for the authorized removal of signs violating the Town Code and assigning costs of the removal of non-conforming signs incurred by the Town to a sign's owner.
- Clarify that each sign and each day on which a sign is found to violate the ordinance constitutes a separate offense punishable by a \$100 fine.

The Council introduced the proposed ordinance at its September 10 meeting. In addition to speaking at the public hearing, residents may submit comments on the proposed ordinance in writing to Town Office, 4301 Willow Lane or by e-mail to [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org). For more information, please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144.

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## COUNCIL WORK SESSION ON CLIMATE PROTECTION PLAN

On November 6 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall, the Council will hold a work session with the Climate Protection Committee to consider the Chevy Chase Challenge climate action plan proposed for the Town by the Climate Protection Committee. Residents are invited to attend and make comments in person or to the Town office at [townoffice@townofchevychase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevychase.org). The Challenge is posted on the Town website, [www.townofchevychase.org](http://www.townofchevychase.org).

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## PURPLE LINE PUBLIC HEARING NOVEMBER 18

On October 17, the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) released its Purple Line Project Alternatives Analysis/Draft Environmental Impact Study (AA/DEIS). The AA/DEIS evaluates bus rapid transit and light rail alternatives and alignment options to assess their environmental effects, community impacts, transportation benefits, and costs. A link to the AA/DEIS is provided on the Town website, [www.townofchevychase.org](http://www.townofchevychase.org).

The MTA will hold public hearings on the AA/DEIS at four locations in November. On November 18, the MTA will hold a public hearing, starting at 5 p.m., at the National 4H Center, 7100 Connecticut Avenue. The MTA will host an open house beginning at 4:30 p.m. that day.

Residents are encouraged to attend this hearing to share their thoughts on the Purple Line and its potential impact to the Town.

Between now and January 14th, you can share your comments on the project by:

- Submitting electronic statements on the website, [www.purplelinemd.com](http://www.purplelinemd.com)
  - By emailing your statement to [purpleline@mtamaryland.com](mailto:purpleline@mtamaryland.com)
  - Sending in your written comments to: Diane Ratcliff, MTA Director of Planning, 6 St. Paul Street, 9th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202
  - By giving testimony - oral or written - at one of four public hearings that will be held in November.
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## OUR NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR LISTSERV: IT'S A GREAT RESOURCE!

Townneighbors, the personal listserv for Town residents, is proving to be a wonderful resource as more residents join to exchange information. Recent topics have included experience with FIOS vs. Comcast, energy efficiency information/events, recommendations for a great housecleaner and a handyman, home alarm companies, babysitters, reports of car break-ins, donating/recycling sites, and lost and found pets. Ask for a recommendation or how to fix something. Announce items to sell or give away. Recommend a restaurant.

Messages on a wide range of topics can be posted, and questions get quick responses. We offer a more personal approach than the Town's entirely separate Towncrier listserv that sends out official Town announcements. For instructions on how to join the Townneighbors listserv, go to [www.townofchevychase.org](http://www.townofchevychase.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.

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## DONATED COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FINDS A HOME

The Town's computer recycling alternative to Trash and Treasures was a huge success thanks to the students and faculty member Anne R Wisniewski at Blair High School. We hope you will visit the website, [www.givewawy.mbhs.edu](http://www.givewawy.mbhs.edu), to find out more. Just to give you an idea of the Blair project, we have included the following description. BlairConnect is an all-volunteer program that was conceived to help bridge the digital divide. Our goal is to make sure that every student has a

computer in his or her home, with access to the Internet. We refurbish higher-end usable computers and install a number of freeware programs, making the computer useful to any student without further configuration. Currently, we can turn out as many as one hundred computers a month (when available). Computers are handed out at designated times on school days after school hours.

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# TOWN TOPICS

## PLAYFUL CITY USA – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we announced in the October newsletter, the Town Council has agreed to pursue the possibility of becoming a Playful City USA community. To do so, the Town must meet the following five commitments:

- Create a local play commission task force
- Design an annual action plan for play
- Conduct a play space audit of all publicly accessible play areas
- Identify current spending on capital projects and maintenance of play spaces
- Proclaim and celebrate an annual "Play Day"

If you would like to join the play task force, which will be a sub-committee of the Land Use Committee, contact the Town Office at 301-654-7144 or e-mail [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org).

## PLAYGROUND UPDATE

We have good news regarding the Leland Center playground renovation project. The equipment has been ordered and will be delivered in late November or early December. It will take about 30 days to disassemble the existing playground and install the new equipment. We are estimating the new playground will be finished by late December or early January – weather permitting. We look forward to a chance to celebrate its reopening with a community ceremony.

## 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](http://www.montgomeryparks.org), for information about dog exercise parks in Montgomery County.

## CRIMEWATCH

Crimes reported to the Town Office in October.

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- Resident in the 3900 Blackthorn Street reported that her car was ransacked. Nothing stolen.
- Resident in the 4100 block of Woodbine Street reported that his car was stolen. The car was recovered in the District and an arrest was made.
- Resident in the 4100 block of Woodbine Street reported that his car was entered. Nothing was stolen.
- Two residents in the 4200 block of Oakridge Lane reported that their cars and front lawns were egged.
- Two residents in the 6900 block of Ridgewood Avenue reported that their cars were entered. Money, black computer bag, computer and work files were stolen from one. Nothing was stolen from the other.
- Resident in the 7200 block of Ridgewood Avenue reported that her car was entered and ransacked. Nothing was stolen.
- Resident in the 6900 block of Ridgewood Avenue, reported that his unlocked car ransacked. His neighbor's wallet was found in the car.
- Resident in the 3900 block of Leland Street reported that his unlocked car ransacked. An autographed baseball bat and CDs stolen.
- Resident in the 7700 block of Chatham reported that he found a bag of stolen items in front of his house which he reported to the police.

10/8/08

- Resident in the 4300 Curtis Road reported that her unlocked car was ransacked. Nothing was stolen.
- Resident in the 4400 block of Stanford Street reported that her unlocked car was ransacked.

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 the FORECAST and on the Town website.

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## 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.

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### DECEMBER EVENTS – SAVE THE DATES!

#### 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.

#### Holiday Buffet for Seniors and Retirees, December 18, 12 p.m., Town Hall

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. 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!

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## CLIMATE NEWS – IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

### November 6, 7 p.m., Town Hall

**Work Session of the Town Council to consider The Chevy Chase Challenge, the Town's climate action plan.**

Residents are invited to attend and make comments.

### November 9, 3-5 p.m., 4318 Curtis Road

**Hands-On Workshop: Stop Air Leaks from Windows and Doors.**

Come learn how to apply your own weather stripping to windows and doors. Professionals from the Maryland Home Performance with Energy Star Program will show us how to do it and you'll get to try it yourself. **Win prizes and get supplies to take home with you! Refreshments will be provided.**

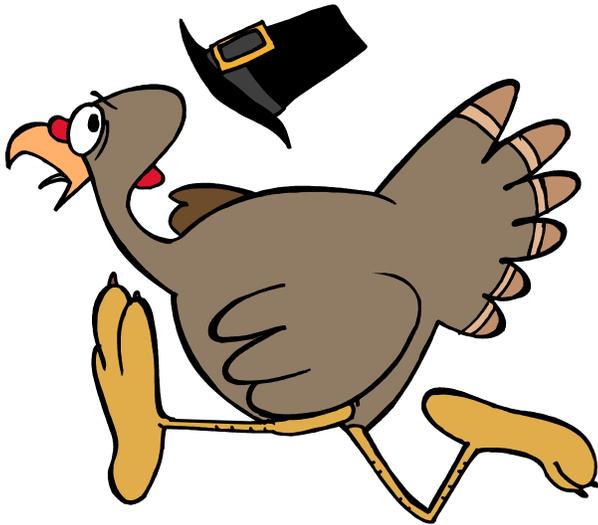
### November 18, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

**Home Energy Audits: What's the Big Deal?**

The Climate Protection Committee has pre-screened several firms that are certified by the Maryland Department of Energy as energy auditors and contractors. We called references, checked with the Better Business Bureau, Angie's List and Washington Checkbook and negotiated reduced prices with two of them. Please contact them directly if you would like to have an energy 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



## **FAMILY EVENT FUN FOR ALL AGES**

### **The First Annual Town Turkey Trot**

**in Honor of Mier Wolf**

**Sunday, November 23, 1 p.m.**

Residents of all ages are invited to join the Council in celebrating Mier's 24 years of volunteer service as Council-member, including several as Mayor of the Town. Mier has been trying to "Save the Trail" for more than 20 years so a trot on the trail seemed like the perfect way to honor his contributions.

Meet us at Tarrytown Park (7500 block of Lynn Drive) at 1 p.m. to begin our adventurous walk on the Capital Crescent Trail. We'll follow the trail to Elm Street Park and then to the Town Hall for refreshments. We've planned a few surprises along the way that we're sure you'll find entertaining and fun.

This is a family event so please bring your whole family and encourage your neighbors to join the Trot. This will be a great way to kick off the Thanksgiving holiday season.

To give you a chance to say a personal thank you to Mier, we will have a scrapbook in the Town office. Please stop by the office to write a message in the book, which will also be at the reception in the Town Hall.

## 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 [www.townofchevy Chase.org](http://www.townofchevy Chase.org).

### 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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, November 24, 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.

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## NEED A RIDE TO THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY?

If you know a Town resident who needs a ride to the polls on November 4, and you cannot help them out yourself, or if you yourself need a ride, the Town's Community Relations Committee is ready to help on Election Day. Committee member Rose Miller has offered to provide or arrange rides for those who need them. Please accept her offer, and call her at 301-785-0933 or e-mail her at [millerbr@msn.com](mailto:millerbr@msn.com). The most important thing, no matter what candidates and ballot issues you support, is to vote on Tuesday, November 4.

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## STOP ENERGY THEFT

Judy McGuire, Chair, Climate Protection Committee

If water were leaking into your attic or basement you'd know it and take immediate action to avoid spending a bundle of money to repair the damage. But what about those air leaks? Most houses in town are leaking lots of air (and money) through their basements and attics, but owners aren't rushing to stop the leaks. Why not? Because they don't know about it. Recently many homeowners in town have gotten energy audits and discovered just how much air is leaking from their houses. Heated and cooled air is escaping through cracks in roofs and walls and being replaced by outside air streaming in through the basements, attics, walls and elsewhere. Don't let Mother Nature steal the money you spent heating and air-conditioning. Take action, now, before winter comes.

**Interesting factoid:** Houses built before the 1950s generally have "balloon framing", where the studs are aligned all the way from the foundation to the attic. Even if there's insulation in the walls, this kind of framing creates a sort of wind tunnel, called the "stack effect", drawing air from the basement to the top of the house. Nobody knew about the stack effect until they started building skyscrapers and discovered that it was hard to open doors on the top floor and gales of wind blew through the rooms when the doors were opened. The revolving door was invented to eliminate the problem. Source: Jim McKenna, Ardently Green.

What can you do about this air leakage? Plug the leaks in the attic and in the basement. Some of this work is a do-it-yourself job. If you go around your basement and see where outside faucets, gas lines, and wires come into your house (near where the foundation meets the house studs), inject some foam or caulk around the entryway to plug any gaps. Many of the air leaks should be fixed by a home energy professional, however, while a blower door is running.

One family in town found out from the auditor that they were using more than twice the average

natural gas per square foot to heat their home due to air leakage and inadequate insulation. They can save close to \$1000 per year by taking care of those problems and may recoup their costs in less than four years.

Other major sources of air leaks are the gaps around doors and windows. Installing weather stripping to plug door and window leaks is a cheap easy do-it-yourself project that pays for itself almost immediately. When you go to a store for weather stripping, however, you are assaulted by a mind-numbing array of products. One useful website to figure it out is <http://home.howstuffworks.com/how-to-apply-weatherstripping.htm>. The best way to learn how to do it, though, is to watch a pro and try it out with the pro watching you. The Climate Protection Committee is offering just that, a hands-on weatherstripping workshop, on Sunday, November 9, from 3-5 PM at the home of Michael Whelan (architect, owner of Live Green LLC, and certified home energy auditor). Pros from State Home Performance with Energy Star will show us how to do it and you'll get a chance to try it out right there.

And how about sealing all those holes intentionally put in your walls? Air sneaks into and out of your house through the switch plates and wall socket plates on the external walls of your house as well as the little holes where the rope exits the window frame of double-hung windows. A simple and cheap solution is to install pre-cut foam inserts into plugs and switch plates and to insert readymade draft stoppers into the pulley holes of windows. Thanks to Common Cents Solar you can buy these energy saving devices really cheaply at the Town Office. Instruction sheets are available there as well.

Most of us have lost money in the recent financial crisis. Why lose more money through the leaks in our houses? Take action now to lower your heating bills.

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## Climate Protection Committee

Robert Enelow, Council Liaison    Judith McGuire, Chair

Carla Graeff  
Betsey Haddad  
Betsy Johnson  
Andy Knaus  
Elizabeth Mumford

Christine Real de Azua  
Dian Seidel  
Stuart Sessions  
Michael Whelan

In early 2006, the Town of Chevy Chase passed the Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement. The Climate Protection Committee is working to help the Town meet its obligation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 7% from 1990 levels by 2012.

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## BETHESDA GREEN NAMES THE TOWN NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE MONTH

*Bethesda Green* is a new initiative that will serve as a living model that will sustain the current and future development of Bethesda by reducing the community's environmental footprint, attracting environmentally-conscious consumers, and promoting an environmental ethic.

*Bethesda Green* selected the Town as Neighborhood of the Month and, on their website, recognized the volunteer efforts of Town residents. The following is an excerpt from the article...The Town is bustling with activity when it comes to environmental initiative. It's worth noting that the activities are all volunteer efforts, with neighbors contributing significant amounts of time and effort to help the community get greener, and the planet get healthier. Their efforts appear to be paying off; most town residents are extraordinarily well educated about environmental concerns. Many walk to school or take the Metro to work to reduce CO2 emissions, and many are taking steps to make their homes greener and more energy efficient. For more information about these and other initiatives in the Town of Chevy Chase, visit [townofchevychase.org](http://townofchevychase.org) and [Commoncentssolar.org](http://Commoncentssolar.org).

**Visit Bethesda Green at <http://bethesdagreen.org/> to read the entire article.**

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## LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS at B-CC HS!

The darkly funny Rock-musical Little Shop of Horrors will hit the Bethesda Chevy Chase High School stage in early December. Little Shop has been performed to audiences worldwide since its off-Broadway debut in 1982, inspiring a 2003 Broadway revival and a film version (with a different ending!). Don't miss seeing numerous State Theater Festival award winning actors, All State musicians and singers in action. It's high school theatre at its very best! Little Shop of Horrors is just the right thing for the whole family!

Show times: December 5, 6, 12, 13 @ 7:30pm AND December 7 @ 2pm

Tickets: \$10 for 12 and under and students, \$15 for adults

Visit [www.bcctheater.com](http://www.bcctheater.com) to purchase tickets in advance or at the door (unless we sell out!)

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## DEVELOPED AT THE SAME TIME AS CHEVY CHASE, MERIDIAN HILL IS TOPIC OF NOVEMBER 20 COMMUNITY LECTURE

Local residents are invited to hear architectural historian Kimberly Prothro Williams speak about Meridian Hill, a distinguished District of Columbia suburb developed in the same era as Chevy Chase, at the Chevy Chase Historical Society's Fall Lecture, on Thursday, November 20, at 8 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Around the same time that Nevada entrepreneur Francis Newlands was laying out his Chevy Chase streetcar suburb, the wife of Missouri Senator John Henderson financed construction of a prestigious neighborhood of private residences and foreign legations along 16<sup>th</sup> Street to create an impressive gateway to the nation's capital.

Mary Henderson successfully lobbied Congress to purchase a three-block tract of land on Meridian Hill to build the European-style Meridian Hill Park that became the centerpiece for her socially prominent enclave. Today, Meridian Hill Park is regarded by many as the most spectacular public park in the city.

Ms. Williams' illustrated lecture will describe the collection of Beaux Arts-style mansions on Meridian Hill, largely built between 1905 and 1928, the array of luxury apartment buildings built primarily in the 1920s-1940s, and the monumental religious edifices whose spires announce the northern gateway to Washington, DC.

Kimberly Prothro Williams was co-author with Elizabeth Jo Lampl of the 1998 book, *Chevy Chase: A Home Suburb for the Nation's Capital*, and appeared in CCHS' television documentary, "Chevy Chase, Maryland: A Streetcar to Home." Williams currently is National Register Coordinator for the District of Columbia Historic Preservation Office.

A walking tour of Meridian Hill on Saturday, January 10, will be sponsored by the Chevy

Chase Historical Society's History Go-Round. Details on the tour will be available at the November 20 lecture, where CCHS members and non-members alike are welcome. A brief business meeting will precede the lecture, and refreshments will be served.

Questions about the November 20 community lecture may be directed to Mary Anne Hoffman at 301/915-0900.



## LEAF COLLECTION BEGAN ON OCTOBER 20

Vacuum trucks pick up continuously, street by street. All leaves should be raked to the edge of the curb. Please make sure that your leaves are not contaminated by cans, sticks, bottles, or rocks. After leaf collection ends, leaves should be placed in paper bags or placed in reusable containers for yard trash recycling.



A map of the leaf vacuuming schedule is posted on the Town website, [www.townofchevyCHASE.org](http://www.townofchevyCHASE.org). The map is color coded so can not be included in the newsletter. Please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144 if you have any questions about the schedule or pickup.

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