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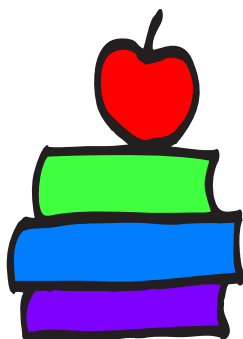
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Public Hearing on RainScapes Rebate and Technical Assistance Program

At its September 10 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on a proposal for a RainScapes Rebate and Technical Assistance Program. This program, proposed by the Town's Climate and Environment Committee, would build upon and supplement the County's RainScapes Rewards Rebate Program and help Town residents solve stormwater problems on private property.

The Montgomery County RainScapes program provides County property owners with technical assistance and financial incentives to implement landscape projects that reduce stormwater runoff volume and improve water quality on private property. It was developed and is administered by Montgomery County's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to respond to State and County requirements to reduce pollution and degradation of local waterways and the Chesapeake Bay.

The Town of Chevy Chase is a RainScapes targeted neighborhood because of its stormwater contribution to the Coquelin Run and Rock Creek watersheds. In the spring of 2014, DEP started a program that offers individual property evaluations and design workshops on eligible landscape techniques for Town residents who want to participate. Projects completed in conformity with RainScapes requirements are eligible for DEP rebates, up to a maximum of \$2,500.

Even with the technical assistance provided by the County, many residents are finding the process of using the site assessment and getting to the next steps of design, plant selection, and installation to be complex and cost-prohibitive. In order to help as many Town residents as possible realize their RainScapes projects, the Climate and Environment Committee has proposed this three-part Town program. The first part will provide technical assistance to the homeowner in designing eligible landscaping projects; the second will provide a rebate equal to that provided by the County's RainScapes Rewards Rebate Program; and the third part will provide additional compensation for the most expensive project type – removing pavement and replacing it with a permeable substitute. The Climate and Environment Committee has proposed that the Council fund this program at \$100,000 per year for a period of three years.

Detailed information on the proposed program is available for review on the Town website (www.townofchevychase.org). If you cannot attend the September 10 Council meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall, you may submit comments to the Town Office at 4301 Willow Lane or townoffice@townofchevychase.org prior to the meeting.

Public Hearing

Mayor's Message

Kathy Strom

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. We have a busy fall ahead, and I look forward to seeing everyone at the many Town events planned over the next few months.

Many thanks to everyone who volunteered to serve on a Town board or committee for the coming year. The work of our volunteers is invaluable and allows us to offer many programs and services that otherwise could not be offered in a community of our size. We will publish the committee rosters in the October Forecast.

After our August hiatus, the Council will return to its monthly meetings, which are held on the second Wednesday of each month. We encourage all of you to attend these meetings or, alternatively, to submit your comments on any topic of importance to you, whether it is on the meeting agenda or not. Many of you have attended Council meetings to speak during the public comment and dialogue period, which is one of the first items on the agenda. Although it may be necessary at times to limit the time allotted for public comments due to the length of the meeting agenda, your feedback is valuable and will be considered by the Council whether received in person or in writing.

It's hard to believe September is here, the kids are back at school, and cooler weather is ahead. Have a happy and safe autumn.



September

Thursday, September 4 - Community Relations Committee, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 9 - Ethics Commission, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 9 - Climate and Environment Committee, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, September 10 – Town Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Thursday, September 11 – Public Services Committee, 7 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, September 13 and 14 – Trash and Treasures

Saturday, September 13 – Alternatives to Trash and Treasures, Lawton Center

Monday, September 15 - Long Range Planning Committee, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 16 - Land Use Committee, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 30 - Climate and Environment Committee Event, 7 p.m.

Climate and Environment Committee Event

The Mystery of the Pizza Box

Tuesday, September 30, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Can you recycle your pizza box? How about those cardboard juice cartons with the plastic pouring spout? Can you throw napkins into the compost bin? With single stream recycling and composting available to all, do you ever find yourself asking: Where does all of this go? Am I discarding things in the right container? And what happens after it gets picked up at the curb?

The Climate and Environment Committee would like to “talk trash” with you. We have planned an informative session to answer these questions and any others you care to ask. You'll hear from Jordan Garfinkle of Waste Management Inc., where all of our recycling goes, and from Ryan Walter of Compost Crew. You can share your own strategies with your neighbors and try to stump the experts with your own mystery discards. Please join us on **Tuesday, September 30, 7 p.m.** in the Town Hall. Refreshments provided.

Town Updates

CRIMEWATCH

8/11/2014

A resident in the 6800 block of Connecticut Avenue reported that her unlocked car was entered. Sunglasses were stolen.

Please report all crimes to the police at the non-emergency number 301-279-8000. For emergencies, call 911. Please report incidents to the Town Office at 301-654-7144 so we can include them in CRIMEWATCH. Crimes reported to the police are included in Montgomery County, Bethesda Station, Second District crime reports. We provide a link to those reports on our website.

Contribution Requests Accepted in September

According to the Town's contribution policy, the Town will accept requests to contribute funds to charitable organizations twice each year, in both September and March. The deadlines for receiving contribution requests will be **September 30** and March 31, respectively. Once requests have been received by the deadlines noted above, the Town Council will schedule a discussion of the requests at its October and April meetings, held on the second Wednesday of the month. At these public meetings, the Council will determine if the requests meet the Town's criteria for contributions. If the Council determines that the requests meet the Town's criteria, the Council will schedule a public hearing on the requests. Final action by the Council will follow the public hearings. The Town's contribution policy, which outlines the criteria for contributions, is posted on the Town's website.

Native Canopy & Street Tree Plantings



The Town is finalizing the tree planting list for November. If you have a spot in your yard suitable for a canopy tree, you might want to take advantage of the Town's Native Canopy Tree Planting Program. Under this program, the Town will purchase and plant a canopy tree on your property at no cost to you. Residents are responsible for the long-term care of the tree once planted.

You also may request a tree to be planted along the street in front of your home. The Town prefers to plant canopy trees whenever possible. Once the trees are planted, the Town will care for the trees for the first year by ensuring that they are watered.

If you would like to request a tree, contact the Town Office at 301-654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org. You may also request a tree through the Town website at www.townofchevy Chase.org.

Private Canopy Tree Maintenance Program

The Town continues to offer this tree maintenance program to assist Town residents with some of the costs associated with the maintenance, including necessary pruning, of canopy trees on private property. Please visit the Town website or contact the Town Office for details.

Hazardous Town Tree Survey

Throughout the month of August, the Town arborist evaluated all Town trees in the public rights-of-way. Trees identified with hazardous conditions will be removed. The hazardous Town trees removed at the intersection of Meadow Lane and Oak Lane were included in the survey. Replacement trees will be planted where possible.

Concrete and Paving Improvements

The Town has begun its annual street and sidewalk repair and maintenance program. The Town is making concrete repairs in advance of upcoming paving work to be done on Ridge Street, West Avenue, 44th Street, 45th Street, and portions of Stanford Street, Leland Street, and Willow Lane. Some additional spot concrete repairs also are being done throughout the Town. "No Parking" signs will be placed on a street in advance of any work. We apologize for any inconvenience you may experience as a result of this work. Please contact the Town Office if you have any questions.

TRASH AND TREASURES

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!



The Town's fall Trash and Treasures is scheduled for the weekend of **Saturday, September 13** and **Sunday, September 14**. The Town offers this bulk trash pickup so that residents can dispose of items that are no longer usable, such as appliances (doors must be removed for safety), furniture, rolled rugs, mattresses, games and bikes, but, if the items are usable, we encourage you to review the list of **Alternatives to Trash and Treasures**. We have tried to give you a variety of options. If you are not sure how to dispose of an item, please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144.

GUIDELINES

Please Remember To Bag, Box Or Contain All Of Your Discards.

Please Do Not Put Items On The Curb Before Friday Afternoon, September 12.

The Following Items Will Not Be Picked Up:

- NO construction debris
- NO parts of junked automobiles (engines, transmissions), boats or trailers
- NO loose glass of any kind
- NO firewood or fencing of any kind
- NO paint cans
- NO flammable or hazardous liquids or solids
- NO recyclable items, such as newspapers, mixed paper or cardboard, landscape pots, old books and magazines, large plastic bins - please recycle!
- NO shrubbery cuttings, yard clippings, leaves or grass – recycle with yard trash!

If you have questions about how to discard any of these items, please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144. We will be happy to help you arrange a special pick-up for items that are not included in Trash and Treasures. There will be a charge for a special pickup.

PICK UP SCHEDULE: At 7 a.m., **Monday, September 15**, a crew will begin clearing feeder streets to Chevy Chase Elementary School. During non-rush hours, the peripheral streets will be cleared. After these priority streets are cleared, the truck will proceed according to a schedule arranged with the Town Manager. An account of daily progress will be kept in the Town Office. Once a street has been cleared, the contractor will *not* return to that street. Residents who discard items after the street has been cleared will have to arrange for a special pick-up for a fee.

Hazardous Waste Disposal

The Household Hazardous Waste receiving area at the Shady Grove Solid Waste Transfer Station is located in the recycling drop-off section of the Public Unloading Area, 16101 Frederick Road. The Route 355 / Frederick Road entrance is for vehicles bringing less than 500 pounds of solid waste. The hours are: Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Batteries are accepted (alkaline batteries may be put in regular trash), fertilizers with herbicides, fluorescent light tubes and bulbs, including CFLs, herbicides, insecticides, mercury containing items, oil-based paints, paint thinners, pesticides, used motor oil and most other oils. For a complete list of items accepted or more information, visit the website, www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling.

New Homes for Old Bikes



Bikes for the World (BfW) is a project sponsored by the Washington Area Bicyclist Association whose mission is to collect valuable but unwanted bicycles and related material--parts, tools, and accessories--in the United States and deliver them at low cost to community development programs assisting the poor in developing countries. If you have a bike you would like to donate, please take it to City Bikes, 8401 Connecticut Avenue, 301-652-1777. For more information, please visit the BfW website at www.bikesfortheworld.org.

ALTERNATIVES TO TRASH AND TREASURES

The following vendors will be in the Lawton Center Parking Lot from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Donate Books

The Town will be collecting books for the Friends of the Library, Montgomery County (FOLMC) on **Saturday, September 13 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Town Office.** There are 17 FOLMC chapters at branches throughout the county, including Chevy Chase, Little Falls and Bethesda. Please bring gently used books (no damaged or mildewed books accepted) in a box or bag. Textbooks are welcome, but no magazines or encyclopedias will be accepted. The donations will benefit the libraries in Montgomery County.



Interfaith Works

Recycle your gently used clothing and home goods and preserve our planet while helping your Montgomery County neighbors in need. The Interfaith Clothing Centers provide clothing/home goods free of charge to low income County residents. Please put items in a plastic bag that has been secured at the top. Your donation is tax deductible. Interfaith Works will have a truck in the Lawton Center parking lot on **Saturday, September 13 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**



A Wider Circle

We are happy to continue our partnership with A Wider Circle by hosting our twentieth event to collect usable items for families in need. The mission of A Wider Circle is to end poverty. A Wider Circle provides basic need items to families transitioning out of shelters or simply living without life's necessities. In 2013, A Wider Circle furnished the homes of 4,250 families, all free of charge.

If you have furniture or household items in gently-used condition that you would like to donate, please bring them to the Lawton Center parking lot on **Saturday, September 13** from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Families are always in need of beds (including mattresses that are free of rips and stains), dressers, tables and chairs, living room furniture, bedding, dish sets, baby items, professional clothing, and children's clothing up to size 4T. If you have items that are too large to bring to the drop-off, please contact A Wider Circle at 301-608-3504 or furnish@awidercircle.org and they would be happy to schedule a pick-up date. More information can be found at www.awidercircle.org



The following vendors will be in the Lawton Center Parking Lot from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Shred-It – Shred Your Documents

Back by popular demand! The Town has contracted with SHRED-IT to have a truck in the Lawton Center parking lot on **Saturday, September 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** to shred paper for residents. Staples and paper clips are okay. Shred-It is bonded and insured. If you have additional questions, please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144.



Recycle Electronic Equipment

The Town has contracted with National Reclamation to have a truck in the Lawton Center Parking Lot on **Saturday, September 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** for the collection of the following electronic equipment: TVs, monitors, printers, copiers, stereos, VCRs & DVD players, camcorders, CD players, fax machines, calculators, scanners, electronic toys and microwaves. You can recycle any item with a plug. National Reclamation does not provide tax deduction receipts. If you have a question about items not listed, please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144.



Contact the following organizations to donate building supplies:

These organizations accept donations of reusable or new building materials. Please visit their websites or give them a call. For large items, both organizations will arrange special pickups.

Community Forklift <http://communityforklift.com> **301-985-5180**

Habitat for Humanity <http://www.habitat-mc.org> **301-947-3304**

Around and About Chevy Chase

CC@ H IN SEPTEMBER AND BEYOND

Caroline Michaelis

We're starting off the fall season with a new concept for the **first Tuesdays** of the month. These "Mini-Mingles" will be informal gatherings at the Chevy Chase Village Hall, where small groups can explore various member-initiated activities. The first Mini-Mingle on **Tuesday, September 2** from 2 to 4 p.m. will feature a *Murder Mysteries Discussion Group* and a demonstration of *Making a Family Calendar on Your Mac*.

A Social Security Update will be the subject of a **Tuesday, September 16** from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the CC Village Hall. Dalmer Hoskins, a special advisor to the US Social Security Administration, will discuss recent changes in Social Security law. The community is invited to join us for this informative evening.

The monthly Brunch Bunch will be at the Olympia Cafe on **Thursday, September 11**. Drop by anytime between 10 and 11:30 a.m., buy a cup of coffee and join your neighbors at the CC@ H Table for some lively conversation.

Gentle Seated Pilates, with instructor Irene Koegel, will resume on **Wednesday mornings**, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church, 7001 Connecticut Avenue. The full 8-week session, payable in advance, is \$96 for CC@ H members and church members, \$112 for all others. Sign up now!

And starting **Thursday, September 18**, Irene will also teach a new Balance and Fitness Class on Thursday afternoons at the CC Village Hall from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Registration and payment for the full 8-week session (\$96 for CC@ H members and CC Village residents, \$112 for general public) is due in advance. For details, visit our website, www.chevychaseathome.org or call 301-657-3115.

SAVE THE DATE! **Sunday, October 26**, 2 to 4 p.m. CC@ H'S OPEN HOUSE with guest speaker Mark Shriver at the CC Woman's Club.

Ellen's Run for Adults, Students and Children

On **Sunday, September 28** at 9 a.m., friends and neighbors of Chevy Chase Section 5 resident Ellen Vala Schneider will hold the 9th annual 5K Run/3K Walk for adults, students and children



in her memory at Candy Cane City in Rock Creek Park. Proceeds from the run/walk will benefit the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Community Scholarship Fund and the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County.

For more details or to register now go to www.ellensrunonline.org. For more information, contact Pam Feinstein at feinstep@gmail.com or 301-332-7859 or Carole Brand at csbrand@verizon.net or 301-657-2547.

Parks Half Marathon

The Montgomery County Road Runners is sponsoring the 9th Annual Parks Half Marathon on **Sunday, September 14**. Town residents will have an opportunity to join in the excitement of watching the runners cross the finish line from approximately 8 to 10:30 a.m., and will be able to join the festivities in Elm Street Park. Willow Lane between Wisconsin Avenue and 46th Street, and 47th Street from Willow Lane to Elm Street will be closed during the event.

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The Town of Chevy Chase Welcomes Students Back to School

DRIVE WITH CARE!
WALK WITH CAUTION!

Please observe all of the posted traffic and permit parking signs in the vicinity of Chevy Chase Elementary School.

Please remember that all dogs must be leashed when on school property, and owners must pick up after their pets.

We hope that all of our students have a great school year!



Sign-Up for the Flu Clinic - MedStar Visiting Nurses

Thursday, October 9, 4 – 7 p.m., Town Hall

- The MVN will administer flu shots on **Thursday, October 9, from 4 to 7 p.m.**
- Shots will be administered to anyone nine years of age and up.
- The cost without Medicare Part B is \$30.
- Pneumococcal vaccine (\$90) is recommended for all adults 65 years of age & older.
- There is no charge if you have Medicare Part B and are not part of a HMO.
- We accept cash and checks. Checks should be made payable to MedStar VNA.
- Mist (nasal spray) is available for healthy people ages 9 through 49 and not pregnant.
- A "high-dose" inactivated vaccine (\$55) is available for persons 65 years of age and older.

Please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144 by **Friday, October 3** to sign up for the program.
You must sign up to receive a flu shot or pneumonia vaccine.