



# Forecast

JUNE 2018

NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE

## Message from Mayor Barney Rush



**Sunday, June 3**  
Centennial Celebration

**Wednesday, June 6**  
MD Legislative District 18  
Candidate Event  
Town Hall, 7-9 p.m.  
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**Thursday, June 7**  
Community Relations  
Committee  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

**Sunday, June 10**  
Guitar Concert  
Town Hall, 4-6 p.m.  
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**Wednesday, June 13**  
Town Council  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, June 28**  
Land Use Committee  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

It is my honor to serve you as mayor for this Council year. It has been my good fortune to have served these past two years with mayors Scott Fosler and Mary Flynn, both of whom deserve our thanks for their dedication and thoughtful decisions and for the cordial and inclusive approach they brought to Council work. I look forward to continuing that approach this year, in collaborating with my fellow Councilmembers -- Joel Rubin, Cecily Baskir, and newly elected Wicca Davidson and Kirk Renaud -- and with Town Manager Todd Hoffman.

We have several major issues to grapple with. Construction on the Purple Line is to start this summer. The Purple Line mitigation committee recently hosted a Town meeting to discuss the status of the project and outstanding issues. The presentation is available on our Town website. The redevelopment of downtown Bethesda is proceeding rapidly, and the Bernstein Company has just announced plans for the redevelopment of the Farm Women's Market and construction of a large tower next to it. We will keep residents updated regularly on these issues.

We also have projects inside our Town that require attention. Our highest priority is pursuing pedestrian safety improvements along East West Highway. In addition, over 300 residents have asked us to determine the feasibility of creating a zone where dogs could run freely. The Land Use Committee is now undertaking research on this idea. The Council also has been briefed by residents who are seeking to develop a sustainable garden, to use the bequest from Lee Dennison.

But besides this work, we should also have some fun. I hope my Council colleagues and fellow residents can join in the Centennial celebrations, which will be held Sunday, June 3. We also look forward to seeing you at the Town's Independence Day Parade and Picnic on July 4 at the Lawton Center. Let's begin our next One Hundred Years assured that we live in a very special town and committed to working together to make it even better.



## Town Centennial Celebration

**Sunday, June 3**

Garden Tour, 1-4 p.m., Town Hall Historical Exhibit and Reception, 4-6 p.m., with children's activities, 3-4 p.m.

Visit [www.townofchevy Chase.org](http://www.townofchevy Chase.org) for more information

**Independence Day Picnic and Parade**  
July 4, 11:45 a.m.-2 p.m., Lawton Center Grounds

*See page 3 for details*



# Volunteer for Town Committees & Boards

Dear Neighbor,

Each year in June, the Town Council begins the process of seeking volunteers for the Town's committees and filling vacancies on the Town's boards and commission. We encourage you to consider volunteering for one of these bodies so we can involve as many residents as possible in Town affairs.

In July, I will appoint, with the advice of the Town Council, residents to serve on each of the Town's five standing committees, as well as on the Special Committee on Purple Line Mitigation, for a period of one year beginning in September. Following is a list of the committees, including a short description of each:

- **Climate and Environment:** Inspires and facilitates energy conservation and environmental stewardship by the Town and its residents.
- **Community Relations:** Encourages a strong sense of neighborliness through community activities and communications.
- **Land Use:** Guides building and redevelopment within the Town using available planning tools.
- **Long-Range Planning:** Identifies emerging issues that require longer-term planning and analysis; and monitors activities in county and state government likely to impact our Town.
- **Public Services:** Advocates for high-quality Town services for our residents.
- **Special Committee on Purple Line Mitigation:** Ensures that required mitigation measures are implemented and proposes additional mitigation measures, as needed. *We are particularly interested in recruiting volunteers whose properties are next to the Purple Line alignment.*

I also will appoint one resident to serve on the Town's Election Board, one resident to serve on the Town's Ethics Commission, and one resident to serve on the Town's Water Board. Following are brief descriptions of these bodies:

- **Election Board:** Oversees all Town elections, including making appropriate provisions for nominations, printing ballots, appointing tellers and/or judges and supervising the polls.
- **Ethics Commission:** Receives, verifies and maintains all financial disclosure forms required by the State of Maryland.
- **Water Board:** Hears requests by property owners who have had a water drainage plan denied by the Town.

If you are interested in volunteering to serve on any of the Town's committees, boards or commission, please submit a brief note expressing your interest to the Town Office **by June 29, 2018**. Your correspondence may be submitted in person, by mail or by e-mail to [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org) and should include your name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and a few sentences about why you would like to serve on that particular body.

On behalf of the entire Council, I would like to extend a special thanks to all of you who have served on one of these bodies over the past year. The dedication of your time and talents provides an invaluable resource to the Town and continues to strengthen and improve our community.

Sincerely,



Barney Rush  
Mayor

# PRIMARY ELECTION EVENTS

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EARLY PRIMARY VOTING  
**JUNE 14-JUNE 21**

JANE LAWTON CENTER

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PRIMARY ELECTION DAY  
**JUNE 26**

CHEVY CHASE  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## **June 4, 2018** County Executive Candidate Forum

7-9 p.m., Village of Friendship Heights, 4433 South Park Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD

## **June 6, 2018** Maryland State Legislative District 18 Candidate Event

7-9 p.m., Town Hall, Town of Chevy Chase, 4301 Willow Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD

## **June 7, 2018** County Council District 1 Candidate Forum

7-9 p.m., Village of Friendship Heights, 4433 South Park Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD

For more information on races that affect Town residents, see [www.townofchevychase.org](http://www.townofchevychase.org)

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For other upcoming candidate forums, see [www.paulbessel.com](http://www.paulbessel.com)

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For more specific information on candidates, visit the League of Women Voters' election guide at [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org)



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# TOWN EVENTS

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## Guitar Concert featuring David Ziegele

Sunday, June 10, 4-6 p.m., Town Hall

Join us as Town resident [David Ziegele](#) plays several of his vintage guitars at this Sunday afternoon concert. This will be an exploration of fingerstyle acoustic guitar music in folk, ragtime, jazz, and blues styles. Learn how the sounds that a Martin guitar made in the 1920's and '30's differ from other guitars made earlier or later. Add in his acoustic slide guitar and we have a very enjoyable couple of hours to look forward to. Great event for all ages. Appetizers, wine, and music -- perfect for a Sunday in June.

## A Town Centennial Independence Day Picnic & Parade

July 4, 11:45 a.m.-2 p.m., Lawton Center Grounds

### 11:45 a.m.: Parade & Dixieland Band

The parade begins at 11:45 a.m., led by the Dixie Land Trio. Come to the Lawton Center at 11:15 a.m. to decorate your bikes, scooters, wagons and baby carriages. The Town will provide decorating supplies.

### 12 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.: Picnic

Bring your appetite and picnic blanket! Enjoy Red, Hot & Blue barbeque and Ben & Jerry's ice cream. Vegetarian options are available upon request. Please RSVP for a caterer count by June 22 to the Town Office at [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org) or 301-654-7144.

The reading of the Declaration of Independence is a Town 4<sup>th</sup> of July tradition. Readers of all ages will be invited to take part in this community presentation during the picnic.

### 1 p.m.: Centennial Cake-Cutting & Salute to Long-Time Residents

Two 100th anniversary cakes add to the afternoon's festivities for all to enjoy. The Town will recognize residents who have lived in the Town for 50 years or longer, and two will cut the first pieces.

### 12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.: Chevy Chase on My Mind and My Town Mural

If you missed the historical exhibit on display as part of the June 3 garden tour, stop in the Town Hall during the picnic. Learn about our Town and how it grew. Everyone, especially children, are encouraged to add their art work or prose to an evolving Town mural also on display in the Town Hall.



## Centennial Snipit: School Days

The first Chevy Chase school opened in 1898. The Chevy Chase Land Company donated the land and built the two-room structure. Today it is the beautiful house at 3905 Bradley Lane. The first permanent school structure was built in 1917. Present-day Chevy Chase Elementary School dates from the 1930's and was renovated and expanded in 1999-2001. There's more on education in Chevy Chase here: <http://www.townofchevy Chase.org/DocumentCenter/View/137>.

### Searching for Long-Time Residents

The Centennial Committee wants to honor our long-time residents beginning with the 4th of July Picnic and Parade. Have you -- or someone you know -- lived continuously in the Town for 50 years or longer? If so, please contact the Town Office at [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org) with the name, address, phone number, and the number of years of Town residence, and we will be in touch with you.

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### TOWN COUNCIL

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*Cecily Baskir, Vice Mayor*  
*Kirk Renaud, Secretary*  
*Joel Rubin, Treasurer*  
*Wicca Davidson, Community Liaison*



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## Shades of Green Home Efficiency Tips Are Back!

Brought to you by the Town Climate & Environment (C&E) committee, **Shades of Green** is about helping residents make more environmentally sustainable choices that conserve resources and energy, minimize pollution, and are generally healthier for people, animals, plants, and our planet. Check out the updated information at <http://www.townofchevyCHASE.org/154/Shades-of-Green>, which can help you lower your CO2 Emissions.

## CC@H in the Summertime

Have you met Alexa yet? She's Amazon's smart digital assistant, and she may become your new best friend! Amazon Echo and other Alexa devices, as well as Apple's Siri and Google's Assistant let you play music, control your smart home, get the news, weather and more just using your voice. On **Tuesday, June 12**, **Kathleen McGuinness** will show us some of the things these virtual assistants can do now and what may be coming in the future. At the **Chevy Chase Village Hall, 2 - 4 p.m.**

And don't forget to drop by **Brunch Bunch**, our informal no-host gathering at the **Olympia Cafe** on **Thursday, June 14, 10 to 11:30 a.m.** Pick up something to eat or drink and join the CC@H table for good conversation.

Our final June event has to do with everyone's final event: "**Having the Last Word - an Obituary Writing Workshop**" will be presented on the evening of **Wednesday, June 20, at 7:00 p.m.**, at the **Chevy Chase Village Hall**. **Sam Sloane** has led this workshop numerous times and is able to put a positive and entertaining spin on what might otherwise be considered a somewhat grim subject.