



A Centennial Tribute to Our Town

On June 17, the Town held its kickoff event for the Town's year-long Centennial Celebration. Town residents enjoyed a garden tour as well as historical exhibits and a reception in the Town Hall. A special thanks to Bridget Hartman and the other Centennial Committee members for their outstanding work in organizing this event. At the reception, I offered the following remarks, which I'd like to share with the entire community.

"The streets of our Town have carried 100 years of history. Does that seem like a long time? In some ways, certainly. In 1918, American troops were fighting in World War I. Our Town streets were dirt; homesites could be purchased from the Chevy Chase Land Company for \$1,800. All that was needed for a complete home could be bought from Sears Roebuck as a kit for about \$3,000. So, clearly, ancient history.

But here's another perspective. Many of us have parents who were born before this Town was created. Some of us have lived nearly three quarters of a century; and much of the Town's population has lived at least half a century. Indeed, we have residents who have lived here in our Town for over 50 years – and we'll be honoring them, especially, at our upcoming 4th of July celebration. For us Boomers who grew up in the 1950's, we lived a childhood closer in time to World War I than to the events of today. So, perhaps it's not such ancient history, after all – but quite current.

I think that this duality in our lives – we're both old and modern – is echoed by our Town. Many of us live in homes built nearly 100 years ago. Yet virtually every home from that era that still stands has gone through extensive renovations and updating. We're now enduring the upheaval of brand new water and gas lines; yet, upon completion, we'll have exactly the same streets platted 100 years ago. We're no longer surrounded by fields and country – Bethesda has been transformed and is about to be transformed again! Yet we remain blessed with a towering canopy of magisterial oaks and maples along our residential streets. We no longer have a trolley line down Connecticut to take us to jobs in the District; but many walk to the Red Line every day for the same purpose.

This is part of the charm of our Town – part of what makes it special. The Town of Chevy Chase has evolved and changed but has not been jolted with upheaval. There's plenty that's new, but what's new is not disorienting. We still know where we are and why we want to live here.

But the character of a community is not represented by its streets and homes, but by its citizens. And we in the Town of Chevy Chase have cared about our homes and community. We see this care in the quality of additions and renovations that meld so well with the existing structures. We see it in the gardens and landscaping that provide such pleasure to all on an evening stroll.

We also see this care in civic engagement – of residents' long-standing volunteer work with our elementary school; of active participation in the Town committees; and in the many activities and events that we host every year. And we see it in our robust local government. "What?," I hear from friends elsewhere, "You have local elections every year?" Yes, we do. And that's something special, as well. It is what we do, together, that defines our Town – that helps both preserve what's best and bring change that is needed.

So, as we begin our next 100 years, let us reflect on the strengths of our Town in which we so enjoy living; and may we all do our part to help nurture what is best here: a community both old and new; steadfast and changing; welcoming to new residents and caring to all." -- **Mayor Barney Rush**



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

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.

The reading of the Declaration of Independence is a Town 4th 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 several will cut the first pieces of cake.

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

If you missed the historical exhibits on display as part of the June 17 garden tour, stop in the Town Hall during the picnic to learn about our Town! Everyone, especially children, are encouraged to add their art work or prose to an evolving Town mural also on display in the Town Hall.

SAVE THE DATE

Calling All Rising K thru 2nd Grade Children and Parents for a Play Date in the Park

Gather together at Leland Park on a Saturday in early September for light breakfast fare, coffee, juice and milk. Rising kindergartners, and first and second graders, will get a chance to meet other neighborhood primary school-aged children before the start of the school year and reduce first-day-of-school jitters.

New parents will have a chance to connect with "veteran" parents, ask questions and learn about what to expect as their child celebrates this special milestone. The date will be announced via Town Crier. To sign up to receive Town Crier emails, please visit the Town website (www.townofchevyCHASE.org).



Centennial Snipit: July 4th

The first Independence Day parade and picnic in the Town of Chevy Chase were held on July 3, 1993, as part of the celebration of the Town's 75th anniversary. More than 300 Town residents gathered in the late afternoon at Chevy Chase Elementary School, where they decorated bikes and strollers and enjoyed a dinner of grilled hamburgers and barbeque. Families then paraded to Hillcrest Place to view the annual fireworks display at the Chevy Chase Club. A few years later the parade and picnic became a lunchtime event on July 4. Twenty-five years later, attendance at the Town's Independence Day celebration is expected to be more than double what it was in 1993.

TOWN UPDATES

Have a Wonderful Summer!

The FORECAST is not published in August, and the Town Council does not meet in August. We encourage you to visit the Town website for current Town news and information. To receive news alerts and other timely messages from the Town, we encourage you to sign up to receive Town Crier emails and Alert TOCC voice messages. Just visit the Town website and follow the prompts to sign up.

Committee Volunteer Deadline Extended Until July 31

The Council has extended until Monday, July 31 the deadline to submit requests to serve on a Town committee or board for the coming year. Information about the various committees and boards is posted on the Town website. If you are interested in volunteering, please submit a brief note expressing interest to the Town Office. Your correspondence may be submitted by mail or e-mail to townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org and should include your name, address, telephone number, email address and a few sentences about why you would like to volunteer to serve.

In addition to the volunteer opportunities advertised in the June Forecast, the Town has a vacancy on the [Chevy Chase Fire Department \(CCFD\) Board](#). CCFD Board members attend monthly meetings to stay informed of any issues that may affect the delivery of services to their community, and they assist with decision making about the fire station, which is owned by the CCFD board.

Overgrown Vegetation

As a reminder, residents are asked to keep all streets and sidewalks clear of overgrown vegetation. Please prune vegetation to ensure unobstructed sight lines for pedestrians and motorists. The Town's vegetation maintenance standards are available for review on the Town website.

Mosquito Control

Over the past two decades, mosquitoes have gone from being a nuisance to a larger public health concern in Montgomery County. The most effective method to reduce mosquito numbers is to eliminate standing water in rain gutters, buckets, plastic covers or any other container where pests can breed.

AROUND CHEVY CHASE

Bethesda Outdoor Movies

Tuesday, July 24 - Saturday, July 28, 9 p.m., Woodmont Triangle

Enjoy five nights of blockbuster hits at downtown Bethesda's 14th annual outdoor movie series! Show times begin at 9 p.m. at the corner of Norfolk and Auburn Avenues. A limited number of chairs will be provided, and attendees are invited to bring their own lawn chairs. Admission is free.

Bethesda Summer Concerts

Thursday evenings through July 26, 6 - 8 p.m., Veterans Park

Live music rocks downtown Bethesda on Thursday evenings through July in Veterans Park, located at the corner of Norfolk & Woodmont Aves. Admission is free.



Bethesda Central Farm Market

Sundays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Bethesda Elementary School

Come explore the Bethesda Central Farm Market on Sundays at Bethesda Elementary School, located at 7600 Arlington Rd. Admission is free.

MVA On Wheels will be in Friendship Heights from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on July 30, August 20, September 24, October 29, November 26, and December 17. The bus parks on Friendship Heights Boulevard adjacent to the Village Center. For more information, please call 301-656-2797.

HAPPY SUMMER! CC@H IN JULY & AUGUST

On July 17, at 2 p.m., Chevy Chase At Home will host a **Smart DriverTEK** workshop at the Chevy Chase Village Hall. This 90-minute educational program, jointly developed by AARP Driver Safety and The Hartford Group, is designed to help you understand new and emerging vehicle technologies and how to use them to enhance your driving safety and extend your safe driving years. Space is limited, so registration is required by emailing info@chevychaseathome.org or calling 301-657-3115. There is an AARP fee of \$5, cash only, to be paid at the workshop.

Come to **Brunch Bunch** on July 12, 10 to 11:30 a.m., and again on August 9, same time, at the Olympia Cafe on Brookville Road. Just buy something to drink or eat and pull up a chair at the CC@H table for some good conversation with neighbors.

Please consider becoming a CC@H volunteer. **New Volunteer Training** will take place on Thursday, July 26, 7 to 9 p.m. Registration, which can be done online at www.chevychaseathome.org is required by July 19. For more information call 301-657-3115 or email info@chevychaseathome.org.

Come beat the heat at our **Ice Cream Social** and see the delightful film "**Something's Gotta Give,**" starring Diane Keaton and Jack Nicholson. The fun starts at 2 p.m., Tuesday, August 14, at the Chevy Chase Village Hall. Hope to see you there!

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