



Forecast

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE



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* Town Committee meeting

Openings...

We on the Town Council share the same feelings regarding COVID as so many residents. We believe we're through the worst, are hopeful for the future, while wary; and want to return to normality in our lives. Therefore, the Town Council will resume in-person monthly meetings in the Town Hall, starting at our next regular meeting on April 13. This will be followed by our Annual meeting on May 3, also in the Town Hall. However, we will be conducting these meetings with a "hybrid" structure. Residents may attend in-person or by Zoom video conference. If attending by Zoom, you will be able to both see the proceedings and participate with your comments.

Please bear with us as we work out any kinks that may emerge in this system. However, we think this structure for our meetings will have long term benefits, offering the value of face-to-face discussions and permitting many more residents to participate in our Town's affairs. We welcome that expanded engagement in the practice of our democracy. More information is available on the Town website.

...and a Passing

Most of you will have seen the announcement we made in the Town Crier, reporting the death of former Mayor Scott Fosler. Memorial services will be held on Tuesday, April 19 at 4 p.m. at the Westmoreland Congregational United Church of Christ, Westmoreland Circle. A reception will follow at the church. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to the Town office at townoffice@townofchevychase.org.

Scott was on the Town Council in the 1970's and again from 2016 to 2018, and he served as Mayor in the first year of that term. The announcement we posted mentioned many of his accomplishments, including creation of the Lee Dennison Garden and securing support for new parks around the Farm Women's Market. But none mattered more than the quality of Scott's engagement -- the civility and mutual respect that he demonstrated to colleagues and residents alike, and his commitment to local government that is responsive and fair. All of us who had the honor of working with Scott were inspired and guided by him. May his legacy serve us well as we work together to address the challenges and opportunities before us.

– Mayor Barney Rush

NEWS & NOTES

Town Response to 7100 Connecticut Avenue Concept Plan

Following the February 17 presentation by the property owners of a future senior living community on the former 4-H property, the Town Council collected feedback from residents and from the 4-H Special Committee and discussed the proposed plans at a work session on March 9. On March 16, the Town assembled and submitted a list of questions to the property owners that we asked them to address by March 28. We also developed a draft statement with substantive comments and requests on the conceptual plan. We encouraged residents to provide feedback on this draft statement by emailing comments to the Town office, completing a survey, and speaking at a March 30 Town forum. We are now finalizing this statement for submission to the property owners. The final statement will be posted on the Town website, and we will inform residents when we receive a response from the developers.

Council Approves Final Zimmerman Park Redevelopment Plan

In March, after two years of reviewing and revising many concept plans and considering significant resident feedback, the Town Council approved a final redevelopment plan for Zimmerman Park. The Town's landscape architect will now proceed with design development and permitting, which will take approximately 9 months. We anticipate that construction will commence in the spring of 2023 and be completed by summer 2023. The final plan and project cost estimate are available on the Town website.

2022 Council Election & Annual Meeting

The Town's Election and Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022. Town residents will select three candidates in the 2022 election, each to serve on the Council for a 2-year term. [Candidate nominating petitions are due by 5 p.m. on April 12.](#)

Balloting will be undertaken by mail and drop box only. Balloting materials and information on the nominated candidates will be mailed to all residents approximately 2 weeks before the election. In order for a resident's vote to be counted, ballot return envelopes must either be mailed by May 3 and received by May 10 or placed in the drop box outside the Town Hall by 5 p.m. on May 3.

The annual meeting will be held on May 3 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall and via Zoom and will include a public hearing on the proposed FY23 budget. The budget will be available for review on the Town website after April 13. More information on the election and budget is available on the Town website.

Consulting Water Management Program

The Town's Consulting Water Management Program offers residents the opportunity to obtain free, professional recommendations on improving water management on their property. Under the program, a resident may request a water drainage review by the Town's consulting engineer. After visiting the property, the engineer will provide a written report to the resident with recommendations on improving water drainage and runoff. This service is offered to residents one time each year and is not provided to assist with water management related to new construction, which is regulated by the Town's Water Drainage Ordinance. The service does not include developing engineering plans to address water drainage or runoff problems. In addition, neither the engineer nor the Town will address issues relating to water coming from a neighboring property if such problems cannot be remedied on the requestor's property. To sign up, residents should complete the application on the Town website.

Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers Banned January 1-October 14

Use electric leaf blowers or rakes -- they are quieter, cleaner, and more neighborly (and it's now the law in the Town of Chevy Chase.) Gas-powered leaf blowers are prohibited from January 1 to October 14. More information about obtaining rebates for the purchase of battery-powered and electric leaf blowers (either for you or your landscaping company) is available at www.townofchevychase.org. To report gas-powered leaf blower violations, call 301-654-7144.

SPECIAL EVENTS

TOCC First Children's Business Fair, April 3, 2-4 p.m., Town Hall

Spend a fun Sunday afternoon as the Town of Chevy Chase hosts our first Acton Children's Business Fair that will showcase young entrepreneurs and their small businesses during a one-day marketplace. There will be approximately 15 booths, and prizes will be awarded by age categories (6-8, 9-11, and 12-14) for Highest Business Potential and Best Marketing & Presentation. Supported by the Town's Community Relations Committee.

"Chevy Chase Voices," April 7, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom

The Chevy Chase Historical Society will showcase the wide variety of voices in its oral history collection during a virtual lecture via Zoom on Thursday, April 7, at 7:30 p.m. "Chevy Chase Voices: Treasures from the Oral History Collection" will use vintage photos and audio clips of local residents recalling life in Chevy Chase from as early as 1920. Since its founding in 1981, CCHS has captured the community's history in oral history interviews with long-time Chevy Chase residents as well as adjacent businesses and their employees. CCHS Archive and Research Director Beth Huffer will present the April 7 virtual lecture, which is free and open to the public. A Zoom link will be sent to all who register for the talk at www.chevychasehistory.org.

2022 Spring Festival, April 24, 12-3 p.m., Lawton Center

The Town of Chevy Chase is partnering with the Jane E. Lawton Center to host the 2022 Spring Festival. The event will take place on April 24 from 12 to 3 p.m. at the Lawton Center parking lot and inside the Lawton Center. Join us for a local art show, Bethesda Chevy Chase Jazz Band, arts and crafts, Pepe and Big Greek Cafe food trucks, free Ben and Jerry's ice cream, and so much more! All ages welcome!

TOCC Book Club, April 25, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Our Town of Chevy Chase Book Club will meet on April 25 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall to discuss *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. It ponders the question: what if you had made different choices in life? Join us for wine, snacks, and discussion. Save the date for our next meeting on June 6. Brought to you by your Community Relations Committee.

Flower Show, April 26, 1-4 p.m., Chevy Chase Village Hall

The Garden Club of Chevy Chase is holding a Garden Club of America sanctioned Flower Show on Tuesday, April 26, 2022. The public is invited free of charge to attend the show between 1 and 4 p.m. in the Chevy Chase Village Hall, 5906 Connecticut Avenue. For more information, email gardenclubofchevychase@gmail.com.

Chevy Chase At Home Brings Neighbors Together

CC@H is a member organization providing social and educational programs to neighbors of all ages and support services to seniors. Below are some upcoming events open to the community. For more information about CC@H and to register for events, visit www.chevychaseathome.org.

- *Navigating Life's Journey: Long Term Care, Short Term Rehab, & Skilled Nursing Facilities* (April 1, 1-2:30 pm)
- *Gems & Jewelry in the Walters Art Museum's Collection* (April 7, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
- CC@H Guest Speaker: Jeff Shesol on *John Glenn, John Kennedy, & the New Battleground of the Cold War* (April 12, 1-2 p.m.)

CC@H provides a host of social activities and interest groups for members -- local mature adults -- for a reasonable annual fee! You can pick between online programming and in-person events indoors and outdoors. Would you like to learn about the new Garden Club? Attend a monthly brunch? Join us for a series of museum visits? Attend a crafts group or enjoy a weekly walk with others? Please call us to learn more at 301-657-3115.

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Climate & Environment Tip of the Month

Reducing Plastic Pollution

The widespread use of plastics that began after WWII was viewed as a great boon to modern society, but it has also created one of the most pressing environmental issues facing the world: the overwhelming global tide of plastic pollution that threatens our oceans, waterways, and wildlife. And if you think plastic recycling is a panacea, read about the important and interesting NPR and PBS investigation on the subject (search “NPR plastic recycling”). On the positive side, at a UN meeting last month, 175 nations agreed to create a UN Treaty on Plastic Pollution by 2024. Here are some actions we can take to change our plastic habits right now. Your choices and voices make a difference!

- Stop buying bottled water! Instead, buy reusable water bottles. Our tap water is fine, but you can also buy a filter for your kitchen sink or water pitcher with filter such as Britta.
- Opt for soft drinks and sparkling water sold in glass or aluminum.
- Remember to bring those reusable shopping bags... buy washable produce bags...encourage stores to use compostable produce bags (Trader Joe’s is now using them).
- Buy laundry detergent strips such as TruEarth or Earth Breeze rather than plastic jugs.
- Look for alternatives to shampoo, conditioner, hand soap and dishwashing soap bottled in plastic. More and more of these products are available in bar form. Check them out!
- Use biodegradable trash bags from a company like BagUps.
- Check out the many non-plastic products sold online by eco-friendly businesses such as The Earthling Company and Green Eco Dream.
- Take a moment to encourage a company to reduce or eliminate the plastic in their packaging.

TRASH & TREASURES

The Town's spring Trash and Treasures is scheduled for the weekend of **April 30 & May 1**. The Town offers this curbside bulk trash collection so that residents can dispose of items that are no longer usable. If the items are usable, **we encourage you to come to the Lawton Center on April 30 for our Alternatives to Trash & Treasures event (see below)**.

- Please remember to bag, box, or contain all of your discards.
- Please do not put items at the curb before noon on Friday, April 29 or after 7 a.m. on Monday, May 2.
- The following items will not be collected as bulk trash: **construction debris; parts of automobiles, boats, or trailers; loose glass; firewood or fencing; paint cans; flammable or hazardous liquids or solids; recyclable items, including newspapers, mixed paper, cardboard, books, magazines, or plastic bins; shrubby cuttings, yard clippings, leaves, or grass.**

At 7 a.m., Monday, May 2, a crew will begin clearing streets. 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 need to arrange for a special pickup. For more information, please email townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.

ALTERNATIVES TO TRASH & TREASURES

The following services will be provided on April 30 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lawton Center

Shred Your Documents

Shred Ace will shred paper for residents. Staples and paper clips are okay. No batteries, binders, or books.

Hazardous Waste Disposal

Safety-Kleen will collect acids, aerosols, antifreeze, batteries (car and household), brake fluid, craft chemicals, degreasers, drain cleaners, fertilizers, fluorescent lights, fuel, fungicides, gasoline, herbicides, hobby chemicals, household cleaners, items containing mercury, motor oil, oil filters, paint thinners, paints, pest strips, pesticides, photo chemicals, pool chemicals, solvent, stains, and varnishes. They will not accept ammunition, explosives, biohazardous waste, pharmaceuticals, radioactive waste, or tires.

Recycle Clothing and Home Goods

The *Interfaith Works* Clothing Center will collect clothing and home goods to donate to low-income County residents. Please put items in secured plastic bags.

Donate Furniture and Household Items

A *Wider Circle* will collect gently used furniture and household items to donate to families in need. Accepted items include beds, clean mattresses, dressers, tables, chairs, living room furniture, bedding, dish sets, baby items, professional clothing, and children's clothing up to size 4T. For large items, please email furnish@awidercircle.org or call 301-608-3504 to schedule a pick-up.

Recycle Electronic Equipment

The Town will collect electronic equipment -- anything with a plug or a battery -- for recycling.

Donate Sports Equipment

Leveling the Playing Field (LPF) will collect used and excess sporting equipment to donate to programs and schools serving low-income communities.

Donate Books

The Town will collect books at the Town office for *Friends of the Library, Montgomery County* (FOLMC). Please bring clean, gently used books in a box or bag. No magazines or encyclopedias will be accepted.

New Homes for Old Bikes

Bikes for the World collects bicycles and related material (parts, tools, and accessories) and delivers them at low cost to community development programs assisting the poor in developing countries. For more information and a list of drop off locations, visit www.bikesfortheworld.org.

Donate Building Supplies

Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland (www.habitatmm.org; 301-990-0014) and *Community Forklift* (www.communityforklift.org; 301-985-5180) accept donations of building materials.