



Curso Chevy Chase and Farm Women's Market Project

As the Town Council and committees regroup for our work this fall, our agenda is full, but two projects stand out given their significance to the Town: The Corso project on the former 4-H property and the Farm Women's Market project, which includes converting the adjacent surface parking lots to parks and providing much needed additional urban green space for Bethesda.

Curso Chevy Chase

In July, the developers of the former 4-H property responded to the Town's request and provided extensive renderings, from many vantage points from adjacent homes and streets, of the appearance and scale of this proposed retirement community, and with both "winter" and "summer" views. You can see these images on the Town website.

The Town Council, with help from the 4-H Committee, is also focused on preparing "binding elements" that the Town intends to propose as conditions for County approval of the developer's rezoning application. These conditions include limitations on the scale of the development, restrictions on use (such as preserving the woods and limiting the amount of commercial space), and other requirements. A draft of these binding elements has been provided to you by Town Crier and is on our website. **We invite resident comments, both to the Town Office at townoffice@townofchevychase.org and at a public forum that we have scheduled for Monday, September 12 at 7 p.m.** Following the receipt of this feedback, the Council will finalize our proposed set of conditions to submit to the developer and the County Planning Department.

Farm Women's Market and New Parks

We expect that this fall will be a crucial time to finalize arrangements for the development of the new parks associated with the redevelopment of the Farm Women's Market. The four parties involved -- the Town, the Parks Department, the developers, and the County, through the Department of Transportation -- are exchanging drafts of a Letter of Intent ("LOI") that will set out the general responsibilities of the parties, including the Town's commitment, revised by the Town Council in July, to contribute \$4.5 million. Upon completion of this LOI, the County Executive will send a request to the County Council to amend the County budget to include the \$9.25 million that represents the County's portion of the funding.

Following the execution of the LOI, the parties will begin work on the definitive documents. We also expect that a design review, or charette, process will be conducted this fall. During this process, the Town and other surrounding communities will have the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed design for the parks and the amenities that they will contain. We will provide regular updates to residents on this project.

– Mayor Barney Rush



Rockville Concert Band, September 18

5-6 p.m., Lawton Center Outdoor Concert

Trash & Treasures, September 24-25

Recycling & Donation Opportunities Available

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NEWS & NOTES

Fall Tree Planting Program -- Request a Tree

The Town is preparing its fall tree planting list. If you have a spot in your yard suitable for a tree, you might want to take advantage of the Town's Private Tree Planting Program. Under this program, the Town will purchase and plant a tree on your property at no cost to you. We have recently expanded the offerings under this program to include understory and evergreen trees in addition to more canopy trees. Residents are responsible for the long-term care of the trees once installed.



You also may request a tree to be planted along the street in front of your home. Residents always will be consulted before a public tree is planted in front of their home. Once the trees are planted, the Town will care for them for the first year by ensuring that they are watered. To request a tree, please complete the form on the Town website under *Quick Links* or email townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.



RainScapes Supplemental Rebate Program

In July, the Town Council approved a program that will provide residents who complete a County RainScapes project with a supplemental rebate of up to 50% of the County rebate amount, with the total combined rebate limited to 85% of the total cost of the project. Residents who wish to take advantage of this Town program **should sign up to participate in the County's RainScapes program** by visiting

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/water/rainscapes/apply.html>. (Note: The County

program will close to new applicants on September 2, 2022 and open again from February 1 to March 31, 2023.)

If you need assistance identifying a suitable RainScapes project for your property, you may sign up on the Town website to participate in the Town's Consulting Water Management Program, wherein the Town's consulting engineer will visit your property and provide a written report with recommendations on improving water drainage and runoff, including recommendations for RainScapes-eligible projects. After completing a RainScapes project, a homeowner should submit copies of project receipts and a copy of the paid County rebate receipt to the Town to receive the supplemental rebate.

Purple Line Light Rail Project -- Construction Updates

Bethesda Metro Station Construction: In early August, the Purple Line restarted operations at the Bethesda Metro Station located at Elm Street and Wisconsin Avenue. Nighttime activities may include light power tool operations, removal of excavated materials by truck, unloading of trucks delivering construction materials and concrete, and crane operations. Nighttime construction is designed to minimize traffic congestion and increase pedestrian safety. The work will continue for an extended period and may take place from 5 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights but may be extended to other nights, as needed. Montgomery County has issued a temporary noise waiver for this work.

Crews Resume Construction of Noise Walls Adjacent to the Town: Crews have resumed construction of noise walls along the alignment adjacent to the Town using East-West Highway access points. Work may take place 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and weekends, as needed.

Long-Term Lane Closure on Wisconsin Avenue at Elm Street: In late August, construction crews instituted a long-term lane closure of the southbound right lane of Wisconsin Avenue at Elm Street to allow vehicles to access the Purple Line Bethesda Station work zone. The closure will be in place until the completion of the work at the station.

Alignment-Wide Maintenance: Landscape, erosion and sediment control, and site maintenance along the Purple Line alignment will be done as needed from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and weekends.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The following events are sponsored by the Community Relations Committee.

Rockville Concert Band, September 18

On September 18 from 5 to 6 p.m. on the Lawton Center basketball court, the Rockville Concert Band will perform a special concert for Town residents. Pepe the Food Truck will be on site, so make it an evening of fun, food, and music! Under the direction of Dr. Juan Gallestegui, this full concert band will perform light pops and marches for a delightful evening for Town families to enjoy.

TOCC Book Club Meets September 19

Our Town Book Club will meet September 19 at 7 p.m. in the Lawton Center Conference Room to discuss *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. Since we picked it, the book has risen to the Best Seller List! Cooking, chemistry, and feminism... stirred into one.

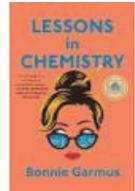


Exhibit Your "All Things Autumn" Artwork At Fall Fest

Calling all artists! If you (or your child) created a painting, poem, sculpture, musical composition, or another artistic expression that encompasses the theme "All Things Autumn," please describe the creation or take a photo and send it to townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org by September 15. If selected, your artwork may be exhibited at the Town's October 15 Fall Fest.

Trash & Treasures, September 24-25

The Town's fall Trash and Treasures is scheduled for the weekend of **September 24 & 25**. The Town offers this curbside bulk trash collection so that residents can dispose of items that are no longer usable. Please remember to bag, box, or contain all of your discards, and do not put items at the curb before noon on September 23 or after 7 a.m. on September 26. For guidelines on what is accepted as bulk trash, please visit the Town website. If you have items that can be recycled or repurposed, **we encourage you to come to the Lawton Center on September 24 for our Alternatives to Trash & Treasures event (see below).**

Alternatives to Trash & Treasures

The following services will be provided on September 24, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Lawton Center

Shred Your Documents: *Shred Ace* will shred documents. Staples and paper clips are okay. No batteries, binders, or books.

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.

Recycle Electronic Equipment: *SAMR* 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.

Exchange Light Bulbs: Montgomery County will exchange up to three light bulbs of any type for 3 new LED bulbs. The booth will accept more than 3 bulbs to ensure they are disposed of properly.

Note: *A Wider Circle* cannot attend this event but will schedule special pickups to collect used furniture and household items to donate to families in need. Please email furnish@awidercircle.org or call 301-608-3504 to schedule a pickup.

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Climate & Environment Tip of the Month

Curbside Composting



The Town offers a free service where residents may have their compostable materials picked up by our contractor, The Compost Crew. A resident typically collects their materials in a suitable container in the house (e.g., a ceramic crock or small stainless-steel bin with top and charcoal filter that avoids odors, flies, ants, and such) and occasionally empties the container into The Compost Crew's larger, tightly lidded bucket. The bucket is then put out at the curb on the evening before the weekly collection day.

Composting in this way is easy, safe, and sanitary. Households that use this service average nearly 40 lbs./month of waste materials that are collected and become a useful product rather than going to a landfill or incinerator. But only 40% of Town households participate. Why so few of us?

To clear up two common misconceptions:

- Nearly any material that was living at one time can be composted in this way. Not only soft food scraps, but also bones, eggshells, paper, many fabrics, fats and oils, plant material, small wooden pieces, etc.
- You don't need to do any composting yourself. You simply put your compostables outdoors by the curb in the free bucket. Google "in-home composting bins" for some sample safe and easy ways to get your compostables from where you generate them to the contractor's bucket.

Visit <https://compostcrew.com/chevychase/> if you'd like to sign up or to learn more about the Town's curbside composting program.