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Climate/Environment*, 6 p.m.

Monday, December 5
Land Use*, 7 p.m.

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Town Coffee, 10 a.m.
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Wednesday, December 7
Community Relations*, 7 p.m.

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Town Council, 7 p.m.

Thursday, December 15
Long Range Planning*, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 18
Holiday Sing-Along, 5 p.m.
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Tuesday, December 20
Public Services*, 7 p.m.

December 23-26
Christmas Holiday
Town Office Closed

December 30- January 2
New Year's Holiday
Town Office Closed

* Town Committee meeting

*Please visit the website calendar
for more information on, and instructions
to join, these meetings.*

Gratitude and Reflections

We are now in our holiday season -- a special time to be engaged with family and friends and connect with what matters most in our lives.

For my wife Marjorie and me, the season began the weekend before Thanksgiving, when we attended a memorial service for a close friend of ours, only 67, who died suddenly this past summer. Her death was a total shock, coming just weeks after we had visited her and her husband in Seattle.

Our friend was a vital, emphatic, and energetic person who had a highly effective career, providing microfinance to the poor, and particularly to women, around the globe. She also had time for her friends, to be an engaged mother, and the anchor for her wider family. As so many at the service commented, when she talked with you, you knew that she listened, that she was present, and that she cared. She lived a full life -- and lives on, now, in the thoughts and hearts of all her family and friends.

A sad occasion, but also one of appreciation and gratitude for having had such a wonderful friend. The service was a reminder that what we hear as cliches are, in fact, truths: that every day matters; that it is good for us to be engaged in and care about the large issues of the day, but we must also know that how we treat each other, every day, matters equally. And can we do better, to show our appreciation, our warmth, our spirit, to those around us, whether we know them well or not? Yes, no doubt we all can.

So, as we get together with family and friends for the holidays, let us recognize that these are not just annual occasions to be planned and attended, but a time to celebrate connections, friendships, and love; and to know that what is best in us is to be carried forward not just at these occasions, but every day, all the time.

– Mayor Barney Rush

Corso Chevy Chase Rezoning Application

On November 14, County Planning staff issued its first round of comments on Corso Chevy Chase's rezoning application ("Local Map Amendment") that was filed on November 3. These initial comments include the letter that was submitted by the Town outlining our concerns with the application. The Town's letter notes that the developers have accepted many of the Town's recommendations, either in whole or in part, but that the key concern that remains is the projected height of the buildings. Corso's application and the Town's letter are available for review on the Town website.

Planning staff met with the developers on November 17 to review the comments before the developers resubmit their application in early December. This first resubmission will show any modifications the developers make to address concerns raised by Planning staff, the Town, and other parties. The Town and the Planning Department will then have an opportunity to comment on this first resubmission, which will lead to the developers submitting a second resubmission, due on December 23. We will keep residents informed of each round of resubmission and corresponding comments.

Farm Women's Market Parks Development

On November 15, Mayor Rush testified before the County Council in support of funding for two new parks adjacent to the Farm Women's Market. A final vote by the County Council is scheduled for November 29, and the Town will report the outcome via Town Crier. The Planning Board approved funding for the parks on November 3.

Following County Council action, if supportive, the parties will negotiate and ratify the necessary legal documents. The Parks Department also will host a public charette process to hear from area residents about possible amenities for the new parks. The developers hope to submit their site plan to the Planning Board by next summer or fall and break ground a year later in 2024. The redevelopment and expansion of the Farm Women's Market and construction of the new park behind the Market should be completed in late 2026 or early 2027, and the park on the adjacent lot between Leland and Walsh should be finished later in 2027.

Leaf Collection Ends on December 23



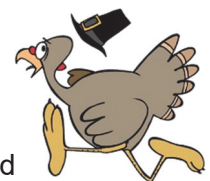
Leaf vacuuming will end on December 23. Please rake leaves to the edge of the curb for collection. If you or your landscape company plan to use gas-powered leaf blowers this fall (allowed from October 15 to December 31), please refrain from using them before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m. on weekdays and before 12 p.m. or after 6 p.m. on weekends.

Preparations for Winter Weather



The Town's Winter Weather Preparedness flyer is available on the homepage of the Town website. We would like to remind residents that, in the event or threat of a snowstorm or icy road conditions, cars must be parked either in driveways or on the even-numbered side of the street (unless otherwise posted) to ensure safe passage for the snow removal crews. Also, please note that the Town's contractor will remove snow from Town sidewalks if accumulations total 6 inches or more. Otherwise, residents are responsible for clearing the sidewalks adjacent to their homes within 24 hours after precipitation has ended.

Thanksgiving Thanks!



To all who contributed to this year's Thanksgiving Dinner Basket effort, a very grateful thank you. Your donations ensured that 100 MCPS families each received a \$100 food card to help with groceries this Thanksgiving holiday. Your contributions also enabled us to purchase additional \$25 and \$50 food cards to help many more Montgomery County school families supported by the YMCA's Youth and Family Services. Thank you for your extraordinary generosity!

SAVE THE DATE: The TOCC Book Club will meet on January 9, 2023. The book selection will be posted on the Town Neighbors listserv, on Facebook, and on Instagram, so keep a look out!

The following events are sponsored or supported by the Town's Community Relations Committee.

Monthly Town Coffee, December 6

The first monthly Town coffee will be held on Tuesday, December 6 from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Town Hall. Please join neighbors -- newcomers, longtime residents, and everyone in between -- for conversation and refreshments. Please RSVP to townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org if possible, but not required.

Holiday Bazaar, December 11

On December 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Town Hall, support young entrepreneurs (ages 6-14) by shopping at the holiday bazaar featuring artwork, jewelry, treats, and more. Gift wrapping will be offered at this event organized by Town teen Piya Scielzo. Admission is free.

Holiday Sing-Along Through Town, December 18



On Sunday, December 18 from 5 to 7 p.m., residents of all ages are invited to walk a short route through Town singing the songs of the season. We will meet at the Lawton Center at 4:45 p.m. for a brief presentation by our singing troupe leader before proceeding. Also, there will be three singing stops for residents who would like to hear and join in on the merriment:

Lawton Center Basketball Court at 5:15 p.m., Dennison Garden at 5:45 p.m., and at the corner of Oak Lane & Meadow Lane at 6:30 p.m. There is no need to RSVP, but each resident is asked to wear a headlamp and reflective clothing (if possible) for safety reasons. Rain date: December 19.

Holiday Gift Card Drive for Domestic Violence Victims

We can do something to help Montgomery County families who are struggling with the pernicious effects of domestic violence and trying to make ends meet. Here's how to make the holidays a little brighter for these families:

1. Donate gift cards of \$10 to \$50 from stores like Target, Marshalls, Kohl's, Safeway, or Giant.
2. Make checks -- of any amount -- out to "FJC Foundation" (Montgomery County Family Justice Center). Designate "Safe Start" in the memo line if you want the money to go to the children's counseling program.



Donations can be dropped off at Cathy Wolf's house at 7624 Lynn Drive, Chevy Chase, MD 20815 (please put in basket in carport) or Quynh Tran's house at 7203 Ridgewood Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815. You can also take your donation to the Town Office at 4301 Willow Lane on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. The deadline is Friday, December 23, but donations will be accepted gratefully any time of year. Please note that checks received before December 9 will be deposited by December 23. Checks received from December 10 to December 23 will be deposited by January 15. If you want to receive a tax-deductible receipt, please include your name and email.

Beneficiaries of your generosity are clients of the Montgomery County Family Justice Center and Chesapeake Counseling (Safe Start). One hundred percent of the donations are applied to direct service. There are no administrative costs. Questions? Email Cathy at cathrynwolf2@gmail.com or Quynh Tran at vanstinger2205@gmail.com.

Winter Clothing Drive Continues Thru February 28

Please help the men, women and children who depend on Interfaith Works Clothing Center to keep them warm. They provide free clothing to 13,000 income-qualified residents each year, including nearly 6,000 children. Please donate clean, gently used, or never used warm coats, gloves, mittens, scarves, hats, sweaters, pants, and socks to those in need. Also needed is waterproof warm winter wear for those who are outside in the cold rain or snow. Since the Town Hall is still open only part time, the clothing box will be located on the front porch of Marjorie Shaw and Barney Rush, at **6917 Maple Avenue** (at the corner of Maple and Pine Place).

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Climate & Environment Tip of the Month

Fast Fashion

Fast Fashion:

Inexpensive clothing produced rapidly by mass-market retailers in response to the latest trends.

Think Fast Fashion is sensible? Why not invest less in clothes that will be quickly out of style?

Think again. Fast fashion produces waste, pollution, and natural resource depletion.

- People today buy 60% more clothing than just 15 years ago but keep it only half as long.
- Of all clothing produced, less than 1% is actually recycled, and only about 12% re-used.
- 73 % of all clothing ends up in landfills or is incinerated. (That's a low estimate)
- Donated clothing mostly ends up in landfill or is sent to less-developed countries where it competes with local businesses and produces few jobs.
- Greenhouse emissions are high in production, transport, and disposal.
- Synthetic fabrics such as acrylic, polyester, nylon and spandex are petroleum-based. Their production and use introduces toxins and (plastic) microfibers into our air, soil, and waterways.

What can you do? Say “not so fast” to fast fashion. When shopping for yourself and for others, choose well-constructed clothes in timeless styles. Look for fabrics made from natural, renewable fabrics like cotton, wool, hemp, linen, and bamboo. Buy less and wear it longer. Shop consignment and thrift stores both local and online. Keep this in mind for Holiday gift-giving!