



Wednesday, February 1
Community Relations*, 7 p.m.

Thursday, February 2
Climate/Environment*, 6 p.m.

Friday, February 3
Groundhog Day Event, 7 p.m.

Monday, February 6
Land Use*, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 7
Monthly Coffee, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, February 8
Town Council, 7 p.m.

Thursday, February 16
Long Range Planning*, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 19
Scavenger Hunt & Play Date in
the Park, 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 21
Public Services*, 7 p.m.

Friday, February 24
Tiki Party, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, February 27
TOCC Book Club, 7 p.m.

* Town Committee meeting

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

Corso Submits Final Designs

In mid-January, Corso Chevy Chase submitted its final application to the County Planning Department to rezone the former 4-H property at 7100 Connecticut Avenue. All resubmitted application documents are posted on the Town website.

As announced by Town Crier, the developers responded to the Town's request to reduce the height of the buildings around the three sides of the property adjacent to Town residences. The outward facing portions of these buildings have been reduced from 5 to 4 stories, while the outward facing portion of the building in the northwest corner has been reduced from 4 to 3 stories. The rendering on page 2 of this issue shows an aerial view incorporating the latest design changes. We are grateful that the Planning Department staff supported the Town's views on this vital issue.

On January 30, the Town held a public forum to hear from residents about the rezoning application in anticipation of the Town preparing testimony for the public hearing to be held by the Planning Board in February. The date for this hearing had not been determined when this newsletter went to press, so we will announce the schedule by Town Crier.

Following the public hearing, the Planning Board will make a recommendation to the County Hearing Examiner regarding the project. The Hearing Examiner's review will include another opportunity for public comment before the Examiner makes a recommendation on the rezoning application. A final decision will then be taken by the County Council.

If the zoning application is approved, detailed work will follow, including the development of plans for stormwater management, tree removal, forest conservation, parking, traffic circulation, and public lighting. These are all matters in which the Town has a vital interest, and we will be monitoring them closely. We hope to work collaboratively with the developers through this phase of the planning, which will culminate in the submission of a Site Plan to the Planning Board for review and approval.

My colleagues and I greatly appreciate the steadfast and thoughtful work from the 4-H Special Committee. Co-chairs Chris Bruch and Ken Rubin, and Rod Henderer, Joe Rubin, and Sarah Smith have our thanks for the time they have spent helping the Council and Town residents respond to the many stages of Corso's development.

– Mayor Barney Rush



An aerial view, looking west from Connecticut Avenue, of Corso's proposed senior living facility.

RainScapes Supplemental Rebate Program County Program Opens Again from February 1 to March 31

The Town offers a program that provides 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 County's RainScapes program** by visiting <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/water/rainscapes/apply.html>. (Note: The County program closed to new applicants on September 2, 2022 and will 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.

Zimmerman Park Improvements Update

At its February meeting, the Town Council will review and give final approval to the construction drawings for renovations to Zimmerman Park. The redevelopment plan includes grading and drainage improvements, landscaping, fencing, and amenities such as benches and bike racks. Since last March, the Town's civil engineer and landscape architect have been developing construction drawings and pulling permits. The improvements are expected to be completed in mid to late summer.

Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers Banned January 1-October 14

Residents are reminded that gas-powered leaf blowers are prohibited from January 1 to October 14. To report gas-powered leaf blower violations, call the Town Office at 301-654-7144.

Monthly Town Coffee, February 7

The Monthly Town coffee will be held on Tuesday, February 7 from 10 a.m. 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@townofchevyCHASE.org if possible, but not required. This event is sponsored by the Community Relations Committee.

Scavenger Hunt & Play Date in the Park, February 19

Meet your neighbors and new families for coffee and a children's play date on Sunday, February 19 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Lawton Center playground. As part of this event, there will be a free kids' winter scavenger hunt. Snacks will be provided. Sponsored by the Community Relations Committee.

Tiki Party, February 24

It's back! Tiki Time in the Town! Even though it's cold outside, step inside for a true Tiki party to warm up these dark days, 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the Town Hall on Friday, February 24. There will be tiki drinks, appetizers, and breezy music to set the tone. Wear your coolest Hawaiian shirts or other-tiki-themed clothes and come on over to tiki with your TOCC neighbors. This is a grown-up-only event and perfect for a date night. Please RSVP to townoffice@townofchevyCHASE.org by February 17.



TOCC Book Club, February 27

Our Town of Chevy Chase Book Club will meet on February 27 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall to discuss *My Name is Lucy Barton* by Elizabeth Strout. Our group enjoyed *Lucy by the Sea* so much that we are reading the first in the trilogy. Please join us! Sponsored by the Community Relations Committee; all are welcome!

Winter Clothing Drive Continues Thru February 28



Did you get a nice warm coat or sweater as a holiday gift? There are people who could use your last year's clothes. Interfaith Works provides free clothing to thousands of Montgomery County families. Please donate clean, gently used or never used warm coats, gloves, mittens, scarves, hats, sweaters, pants, and socks to those in need. Also needed are 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** (between Maple and Pine Place).

REMINDERS

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. Snow removal assistance resources are available on the Town website.

Please Clean Up After Your Pet and Obey County Leash Laws

The Town office receives ongoing complaints about the improper disposal of dog waste and unleashed dogs. The Town has installed numerous dog waste stations in Town, and a map can be found on the Town website. Also, please remember that your dog should always be on a leash being held by a person when not in a fenced portion of your yard.

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Climate & Environment Tip of the Month

Greening Our Town

The mission of the Climate and Environment Committee (CEC) is to inspire and facilitate energy conservation and environmental stewardship by the Town and its residents through education, government policies, and incentives. A communication vehicle the Committee uses is the *Greening Our Town* webpage, under the Residents section of the Town website.

On the *Greening Our Town* webpage, you'll find:

- General information and resources, including how to get involved in CEC and related activity and links to prior event documents and recordings.
- Topical Information organized by: Greener Gardens, Greener Homes, Greener Transportation, Green Guides.



Another helpful tip is that you can find their primers on various topics to help you get started on specific projects such as:

- Home HVAC, Induction Cooking, Native Planting/Lee Dennison Garden, and Renewable Electricity.

Suggestions for improvements to the CEC and *Greening Our Town* webpages are welcome.