



Forecast

MARCH 2023

NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE



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

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

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

Sunday, March 12
Chili Dinner, 5 p.m.
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Wednesday, March 15
Bethesda Parks Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
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Thursday, March 16
Long Range Planning*, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 19
Mahjong, 3 p.m.
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Tuesday, March 21
Public Services*, 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 23
Discussion and Desserts, 7 p.m.
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Monday, March 27
TOCC Book Club, 7 p.m.
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* Town Committee meeting

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

Let's Plan the Parks!

On March 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lawton Community Center, the County Parks Department will host a community meeting to review and discuss ideas for features and amenities in the new parks to be created adjacent to the Farm Women's Market. One new park will occupy most of the parking lot behind the market; the other will be built on the parking lot between Leland and Walsh streets. This is an exciting step in the process to turn our vision into reality.

The March 15 meeting will feature a brief presentation of the concept plan followed by an interactive session for attendees to learn more about the project and provide their ideas and feedback. Different stations will be set up for attendees to engage on specific topics. A second community meeting will be held at Bethesda Elementary School on March 16 at 7 p.m. Following these meetings, the Parks Department will conduct an online survey, open for 30 days, for Bethesda and Chevy Chase residents to post their comments. We encourage residents to attend these meetings and to participate in the online survey.

We would also welcome hearing from you both in advance of and after these meetings, so that the Long-Range Planning and Land Use committees, and the Council, can gain an understanding of what amenities our residents would like to see provided in these parks. Please share your ideas at <https://bit.ly/toccpark>.

This is the opportunity for Town residents to review and influence the amenities in these new parks and to demonstrate our interest in creating urban parkland that will truly serve the neighboring communities. More information on this project and the community meetings is on the Town website.

Zimmerman Park Update

Our engineering consultants have finished the detailed designs for the upgrades to Zimmerman Park. These designs adhere to the preliminary plans approved by the Town Council last year and include the requirements of various County agencies. Detailed plans were sent to the community by Town Crier last week, and residents are welcome to review them. Once the final construction drawings are completed, the contractor will obtain all necessary permits. We anticipate bidding the project in late spring and beginning construction in early or late summer.

– Mayor Barney Rush



At left is an illustrative plan of the new parks to be created adjacent to the Farm Women's Market. One new park will occupy most of the parking lot behind the market; the other will be built on the parking lot between Leland and Walsh streets. This drawing is the preliminary concept proposed by the developers as part of the sketch plan in 2019. The concept plan to be presented at the community meetings in March may show additional detail. More renderings from the sketch plan are available at <https://bit.ly/FWMParks>.

Corso Chevy Chase Redevelopment Update

In February, the Town submitted comments to the Planning Department regarding Corso Chevy Chase's final rezoning application for 7100 Connecticut Avenue. On February 27, the Planning staff posted its report on the rezoning application in anticipation of the Planning Board's public hearing on March 9. Following the Planning Board hearing, the County Hearing Examiner will hold a public hearing on March 24. The County Council will then consider the application and render a final decision. The Town's comments and testimony, the Planning staff report, and details on the two public hearings are available on the Town website.

RainScapes Supplemental Rebate Program

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 at <https://bit.ly/rainscapes>**. The County program is open until March 31, 2023.



If you need help identifying a suitable RainScapes project for your property, you may sign up on the Town website to participate in the Town's free 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.

FY24 Budget Development and Adoption

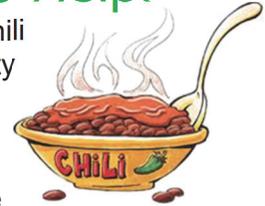
At its monthly meeting on March 8, the Town Council will hold a special public comment period to hear from residents about next year's budget and which new or ongoing initiatives they would like to see funded. Following this meeting, the Council will hold a work session on March 22 to review and approve the proposed budget that the staff and Treasurer have prepared. There will be a public hearing on, and adoption of, the final proposed budget at the Annual Meeting on May 2. Throughout the budget development process, the Council will consider suggestions from residents about what programs they would like funded in next year's budget. Please send suggestions to <https://bit.ly/toccbudget>.

Gas-Powered Leaf Blower Ban -- Residents are reminded that the use of gas-powered blowers is prohibited from January 1 through October 14. The regulations exempt snow blowers and sprayers.

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

RSVP for March 12 Chili Dinner & Sign Up to Help!

After a COVID-induced delay of three years, the Town will be holding its popular Chili Dinner on Sunday, March 12 at 5 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Lawton Community Center. Dinner will include chili and hot dogs (including vegan options), sides, and desserts. Also, the Town will continue its support of the Manna Food Center, so please don't forget your checks or cash to help feed families in Montgomery County. As always, chili will be served by Community Relations Committee members, but we need additional volunteers. If you can help, please let us know when you RSVP by March 3 to <https://bit.ly/toccchili>.



Mahjong, March 19

Mahjong, a Chinese game of strategy and skill, will be taught by Town resident Flora Tsui and played with fellow neighbors on Sunday, March 19 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Town Hall. Space is limited to the first 16, so please RSVP to <https://bit.ly/toccmahjong>.

Discussion and Desserts with Barney Rush, March 23



Join a discussion with Town Mayor Barney Rush on our journey to decarbonization: How do we grapple with the challenges of seeking more renewable energy while still maintaining the highly reliable electric system that we count on? Barney spent much of his professional career working on power generation and electricity, most recently serving as a member of the board of the ISO-New England, the public authority that is responsible for the operation and reliability of the electric grid serving the six New England states. Desserts will be served at the event on March 23 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Town Hall. RSVP to <https://bit.ly/toccdiscussion>.

TOCC Book Club Meets March 27

The TOCC Book Club has exciting news! Local author Virginia Hartman has agreed to come to our March 27 meeting to discuss her book *The Marsh Queen*! Our meetings are in the Town Hall at 7 p.m.; all are welcome!

Discounted Tickets for *On The Far End*, April 16

We have secured twenty-five tickets at the reduced price of \$55.50 each for a front-row balcony performance of *On The Far End* on Sunday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Roundhouse Theatre. Visit roundhousetheatre.org for more information on this astonishing one-woman play portraying Muscogee leader Ella Jean Hill as she traces her family's history from the Trail of Tears to her grandfather's allotment in central Oklahoma. Tickets are limited to 25 and are selling out for this performance. Tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis with confirmed payment via check or Venmo. Teens are welcome. Contact townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org with your name and number of tickets to receive payment details.

Red Cross Certification Training, April 16

On Sunday, April 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lawton Center, the American Red Cross will be providing First Aid, CPR, and AED training to 50 Town residents at the reduced price of \$25 per person (normally priced at \$113 per person). Registration is limited to 50 and will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis with confirmed payment. Contact townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.



Spring Festival, April 30 -- Enjoy jazz performances by Bethesda Chevy Chase High School, food trucks, children's activities, and much more at the Lawton Center! Details to follow next month.

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Save the Date

The Town's Community Relations Committee has a full line-up of events planned in the coming months. See inside for March and April events, and "save the date" for:



[Lee Wick Dennison Sustainable Garden Dedication, May 13, 3:30 p.m.](#)

Celebrate the Lee Wick Dennison Sustainable Garden, located at the corner of Lynn Drive and Maple Avenue in Zimmerman Park, on Saturday, May 13 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Paint and Plant a Pot of Pollinators! Tour the Sustainable Garden! Consult a Garden Expert About Your Garden Concerns! Nosh on Delicious Food! Fun & Learning for All Ages! Details to follow next month.



[The Great Zucchini, May 21, 10:30 a.m., Lawton Center Social Hall](#)

The Great Zucchini, Washington's funniest and most magical preschool and kindergarten entertainer, performs a colorful magic show where every child is a star and guaranteed to laugh!

COUNCIL ELECTION 2023

TOWN ELECTION

The Town's 2023 election is Tuesday, May 2. Town residents will select two candidates in the 2023 election, each to serve on the Council for a 2-year term. The terms of Joel Rubin and Joy White expire in May.

Balloting will be undertaken by mail and drop box only. At least 2 weeks before the election, the Town's election service provider will mail a ballot, a ballot envelope, and a return envelope to each eligible voter. In order for a resident's vote to be counted, return envelopes must either be mailed by May 2 and received by May 9 or placed in the drop box outside the Town Hall by 5 p.m. on May 2.

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for office, a candidate must be a citizen of the United States; be at least 16 years old; have resided in the Town for at least one year immediately preceding the election; and be a registered voter of the State of Maryland in Montgomery County. (Prospective voters who are at least 16 years old may register to vote with the state although they may not vote in state or federal elections until age 18.)

CANDIDATE NOMINATING PROCEDURES

To be designated as a candidate on the printed ballot, a resident must submit a nominating petition to the Town office before 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, the 3rd Tuesday preceding the election. A nominating petition is available on the reverse side of this insert and on the Town website. A candidate for office is not required to use this form but must submit a petition containing the same information on the Town's form in order for the individual's name to be placed on the ballot. The nominating petition must show the consent of the individual to become a candidate and hold office, and it must be supported by five qualified voters of the Town other than the candidate.

Nominators may indicate their support by sending an email to the Town office. The email should state, "I hereby nominate (name) of (address) as a candidate for the Town Council of the Town of Chevy Chase." All nominating emails must contain the name and address of the nominator. The Election Board shall verify the qualifications of the nominees and the correspondence submitted to support nominating petitions after 5 p.m. on April 11. Nominating petitions are public documents and are subject to public inspection.

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

To be qualified for election, a write-in candidate must submit a certificate of candidacy to the Town office before 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, the 7th calendar day preceding the election. A Town resident seeking election to the Town Council as a write-in candidate must use the Town's official certificate of candidacy, which is available on the Town website. The printed ballot will include blank spaces to add write-in candidates.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

A candidate for office is required to submit a financial disclosure statement to the Town office at the time the candidate submits either a nominating petition or a certificate of candidacy. The financial disclosure form is available on the Town website. Financial disclosure statements are public documents and are subject to public inspection.

CANDIDATES' EVENT

The candidates will be invited to participate in an event with the community prior to the election. Details on the event will be included in the Election issue of the Forecast newsletter, which will be mailed to all residents at least 2 weeks before the election.

NOTICE OF CANDIDATES

Information about the nominated candidates will be mailed to all households at least 2 weeks before the election. Notice of the filing of a certificate of candidacy for a write-in candidate will be announced by email within 24 hours of the filing.

VOTING ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to vote, residents who are U.S. citizens must be at least 16 years of age; have resided in the Town for at least 30 days immediately preceding the election; and be a registered voter of the State of Maryland in Montgomery County. Residents who are not U.S. citizens must be legally authorized to reside in the United States; be at least 16 years old; have resided in the Town for at least 30 days immediately preceding the election; and be registered to vote with the Town. Voter registration forms for non-U.S. citizen residents are available on the Town website.

ELECTION RESULTS & ELECTIONS BOARD

Election results will be announced after 5 p.m. on May 9, and the new Council will meet on May 10. Current Elections Board members are Kirk Renaud, Chair; Grant Davies; and Karen Elkins. Please email questions to townoffice@townofchevchase.org.



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2023 TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION NOMINATING PETITION

To be designated as a candidate on the printed ballot, a resident must submit a nominating petition to the Town office **before 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2023**. A candidate for office is not required to use this form but must submit a petition containing the same information on this form.

A petition must be supported by five qualified voters of the Town other than the candidate. Nominators may indicate their support by signing this petition or sending an email to the Town office. The email should state, "I hereby nominate (name) of (address) as a candidate for the Town Council of the Town of Chevy Chase." All nominating emails must contain the name and address of the nominator.

The Election Board shall verify the qualifications of the nominees and the nominators after 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2023. Nominating petitions are public documents and are subject to public inspection.

We, the undersigned, hereby nominate: _____ of
(name)

_____ as a candidate for the Town Council of the Town of Chevy Chase.
(address)

Printed Name

Address

Phone Number

Signature

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Candidate's Consent: I hereby consent to be a candidate for election to the Town Council of the Town of Chevy Chase and to serve if elected. I meet all candidate eligibility requirements.

Candidate's Signature

Date

Phone

Email

A Nominating Petition and a completed Financial Disclosure Statement must be received by the Town Office before 5 p.m. on April 11 in order for the individual's name to be placed on the ballot.

Forecast Newsletter Candidate's Statement: In the Election issue of the Forecast newsletter, the Town will print a short statement introducing yourself to the community and explaining the reasons you are seeking election to the Town Council. Your submission must not exceed 650 words and must be received by the Town Office before 5 p.m. on April 11. Please email a copy to townoffice@townofchevychase.org.