



# Forecast

SEPTEMBER 2023

NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE

## Curso Chevy Chase and Bethesda Market Park

As we bid farewell to the warmth of summer and welcome the transition to fall, rest assured that the Town Council and the Town's dedicated committees have not slowed down in their efforts to enhance our community. Two ongoing projects stand out given their significance to the Town: the Corso Chevy Chase Senior Living facility and the Bethesda Market Park project.

### Curso Chevy Chase

In late July, the developers held an online Pre-Submission Community Meeting, which is the required first step in the development review process now that the property has been rezoned. This meeting allowed the developers to present plans for the proposed senior living facility and solicit community feedback. The developers will now proceed to submit a development application to the Montgomery County Planning Department. This application, including a site plan and a final forest conservation plan, will include much more detail than the concept plans seen to date.

Once accepted by the Planning Department staff, the application will need to be approved or denied by the Planning Board within 120 days. During the intervening period, the application will be reviewed by many regulatory agencies, including the Town. Reviews will be undertaken of stormwater management, forest conservation, fire access, adequate public facilities (water, sewer, transportation, etc.), parking, site access, landscaping, lighting, construction materials, and other features of the development.

In early August, the Town Council, with help from the Corso Special Committee, submitted a letter to the developer with initial questions and comments on its site access plan and parking demand analysis. This letter is available on the Town website. Upon further review of the application, if the Town identifies features of the development it wishes to influence, we will engage in negotiations with the developer. This may result in additional conditions being placed on the property that will be reflected in the Declaration of Covenants between the developer and the Town. The Town will share with residents additional comments we provide to the developer and will solicit resident feedback on certain elements that may impact the community.

Once the applicant revises the plans based on comments from the regulatory agencies, the Planning staff will prepare a report and schedule a public hearing by the Planning Board. This public hearing likely will be held early next year. Following the public hearing, at which the Town will testify, the Board will approve or deny the proposed development application. The Town will continue to provide updates as review of the development application progresses.

### Bethesda Market Park

This fall, the project partners hope to finalize development and funding agreements for 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 -- continue to work on the concept plan and budget for the future park as well as agreements related to reimbursement to the developer for design and permitting costs already incurred. While the Parks Department postponed the June community meeting to present the preliminary plan for the park, we expect a new date to be identified soon, and the Town will notify residents accordingly. More information on the park project is available at [bit.ly/bethesdapark](http://bit.ly/bethesdapark).

– Mayor Irene Lane

Trash & Treasures, September 30-October 1

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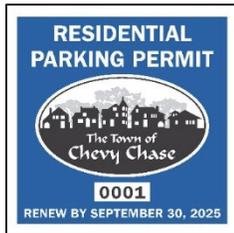


## Council Meeting Scheduled for September 20

The Town Council will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 20 in the Town Hall and by Zoom. At this meeting, the Council will discuss the status of the Corso Chevy Chase development and the Bethesda Market Park project. The Council also will hold a public hearing on a proposed speed hump in the 3900/4000 block of Thornapple Street (between Meadow Lane and Connecticut Avenue), and it will continue to discuss a proposal for a full ban on the use of gas-powered leaf blowers in Town. The agenda for this meeting will be published on the Town website and distributed via Town Crier on September 15.

## 2023-2025 Parking Permit Renewals

Current parking permits will expire on September 30, 2023. Parking permits are issued only for vehicles belonging to residents who live on a street within a designated permit parking area (see map at [bit.ly/TOCCPermitParking](http://bit.ly/TOCCPermitParking)).



To renew permits or request new permits, simply complete the form at [bit.ly/TOCCParkingPermit](http://bit.ly/TOCCParkingPermit). If requesting a new permit, and the car is not registered at a Town address, you must upload proof of residency in the form of a lease, utility bill, or similar document. In addition to parking permits, two guest permits will be issued per household.

The parking permit should be permanently affixed to the left rear (driver's side) bumper of the vehicle to facilitate the frequent checks made by the Town's parking enforcement officers. The guest permit should be placed on the dashboard of the visitor's car and retrieved after the visit. Vehicles that do not display current decals or guest passes will be ticketed.

## 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. The offerings under this program include understory and evergreen trees in addition to numerous canopy trees. Residents are responsible for the long-term care of the trees once installed. Request a private tree at [bit.ly/TOCCPrivateTree](http://bit.ly/TOCCPrivateTree).



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. Request a public tree at [bit.ly/TOCCPublicTree](http://bit.ly/TOCCPublicTree).

## Does Your Home Project Need a Permit?

As a reminder, many home improvement projects need a permit from the Town based on ordinances that have been established to promote safety, aesthetics, and the preservation of our community's character. Among other improvements, a Town permit is required if you plan to construct a building or addition, remove a tree, install a fence or retaining wall, address water drainage, install a pool, replace a driveway, or place a dumpster or storage unit. If in doubt, please contact the Town at [townoffice@townofchevychase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevychase.org) or 301-654-7144. Information about all the Town's building and permitting regulations can be found on the Town's website ([www.townofchevychase.org](http://www.townofchevychase.org)).



## Soliciting & Peddling Require a License

The Town prohibits most door-to-door sales without a license from the Town. If you are visited by someone selling services or merchandise, please ask them if they have a Town license. If they do not, or refuse to answer, please contact the Town office at 301-654-7144 and provide a description of the salesperson and direction of travel. A Town staff member or off-duty police officer will respond, if possible, to intercept the solicitor and provide a reminder of the Town's licensing requirements.

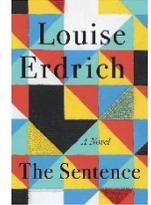
The following events are sponsored by the Town's Community Relations Committee.

## World of Beer Happy Hour, September 8

The Town's Community Relations Committee is hosting a happy hour event on Friday, September 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. at World of Beer, 7200 Wisconsin Avenue, to kick off the fall season. Come by to meet other Town residents and enjoy a fun evening out. Complimentary appetizers while supplies last. The event is open to all. Cheers! Please RSVP by September 5 to [bit.ly/TOCCHappyHour](http://bit.ly/TOCCHappyHour).

## TOCC Book Club Meets September 18

Our Town of Chevy Chase Book Club will meet September 18 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall to discuss *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich. A ghost story that takes place in a bookstore; a love letter to stories, readers and booksellers. Join us for wine, snacks and discussion. We always have a great discussion!



## Coffee & Playdate in the Park, September 24

Meet old and new neighbors (with or without kids) for coffee & snacks while the kids burn off energy at the Lawton Center playground (4301 Willow Lane) on Sunday, September 24 from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

## Trash & Treasures, September 30-October 1

The Town's fall Trash and Treasures is scheduled for the weekend of September 30 and October 1. 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 29 or after 7 a.m. on October 2.

The following items will not be collected as bulk trash: *construction debris; vehicle parts; loose glass; firewood or fencing; paint cans; flammable or hazardous materials; recyclable items; and yard waste.* If you have items that can be recycled or repurposed, we encourage you to come to the Lawton Center on Saturday, September 30 for our Community Recycling & Shredding event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Community Recycling & Shredding Event

Saturday, September 30, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Lawton Center Parking Lot

**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.

**Donate Furniture & Household Items:**

*A Wider Circle* will collect gently used furniture and household items to donate to families in need. For large items, please email [furnish@awidercircle.org](mailto:furnish@awidercircle.org) or call 301-608-3504 to schedule a pick-up.

**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 sports equipment to donate to programs and schools serving low-income communities.

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

**Exchange Light Bulbs:** Montgomery County will exchange light bulbs of any type for 3 new LED bulbs.

## Town of Chevy Chase

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### TOWN COUNCIL

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## Safe Streets Community Project

### *“Slow Down and Stop” -- Did You Know?*

As we come back from summer vacations and families gear up for the start of school, the Public Services Committee wants to remind everyone to be extra careful when driving in the Town as more children will be walking and biking to our local schools.

- **Students in Town.** We have nearly 900 children under the age of 19 living in the Town. Many of these students walk or bike to school or walk to a school bus stop. There are more than 450 students attending Chevy Chase Elementary School and more than 150 students attending the Oneness-Family Montessori School. Please observe all traffic rules, especially making full stops at all STOP signs, looking for pedestrians at all crosswalks, and adhering to the Town's speed limits.
- **Student Injuries.** Nationwide, more than 67,000 child pedestrians are injured and over 700 die each year. Let's not add to these appalling numbers!
- **Town Safety Measures.** Town safety officers will be directing more attention to the areas around Chevy Chase Elementary School (CCES) and the Oneness-Family Montessori School during the hours when students are arriving and leaving. The Town also has installed two flashing stop signs close to CCES. We are all responsible for the safety of all residents. Please “Slow Down and Stop!”



Please continue to share your comments about the Safe Streets project on the Town website at [bit.ly/TOCCSafeStreets](http://bit.ly/TOCCSafeStreets). The Committee is reviewing the input received!