



Forecast

NOVEMBER 2024

NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE



Monday, November 4
Land Use*, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, November 6
Community Relations*, 7 p.m.

Thursday, November 7
Climate/Environment*, 6 p.m.

Friday, November 8
Town Happy Hour, 5 p.m.
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Monday, November 11
Veterans Day (Observed)
Town office closed

Thursday, November 14
Long Range Planning*, 7 p.m.

Friday, November 15
Acoustic Jam, 7 p.m.
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Sunday, November 17
Fall Festival, 12 p.m.
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Monday, November 18
Public Services*, 7pm

Thursday, November 21
Wonders Event, 9:30 a.m.
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Town Council, 7 p.m.

November 28-29
Thanksgiving Holiday
Town Office Closed

* Town Committee meeting
*Please visit the website calendar
for more information*

Shaping Our Community and Our Country

As we approach the upcoming national election, I want to take a moment to encourage every eligible voter to make their voice heard. Voting is not just a right but a powerful way for each of us to engage with the issues that matter most and influence the direction of both our community and our country.

Whether the topics being discussed are local or national, and no matter where you stand on the topics being debated, your vote is essential. By casting your ballot, you are participating in one of the most meaningful ways to shape the future of our democracy.

Thoughtful engagement and active citizenship are at the heart of a healthy and vibrant society.

In addition to exercising our civic duties, this season also brings an opportunity for reflection as we look ahead to Thanksgiving. This time of year naturally invites us to pause and express gratitude for the many blessings in our lives.

Our Town is fortunate to be grounded in a strong sense of community, and I am deeply thankful for the generosity, compassion, and neighborly care that are so often displayed by residents. From friends and families to local organizations, this is a community that continually lifts each other up, and for that, we can all be grateful.

Thanksgiving also calls us to look beyond our own circumstances and think about how we can extend help to those who may need it. Whether it's through simple acts of kindness, volunteering, or contributing to meaningful causes like the Winter Clothing Drive or the Holiday Gift Drive for Domestic Violence Victims, this season offers us many opportunities to give back.

Together, we can ensure that our Town remains a place defined by warmth, connection, and generosity -- qualities that make our community truly special. Wishing you all a meaningful election season and a Thanksgiving filled with family, gratitude, and a shared spirit of giving.

– Mayor Irene Lane



**Winter Clothing Drive &
Holiday Gift Drive for
Domestic Violence Victims**
see pages 2&3

Town Council Meets on November 21

The Town Council will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, November 21 in the Town Hall and by Zoom. At this meeting, the Council expects to discuss, among other issues, a proposed scope of work and cost estimate for privacy screening on the fencing and barriers along the Capital Crescent Trail adjacent to the Town; possible changes to the Town's permit parking program; and the Town's ongoing response to the County's multifamily housing initiative. The agenda for this meeting will be published on the Town website and distributed via Town Crier on November 15.

Please Be Mindful of Parking on Narrow Town Streets

The Town's narrow streets can provide a quaint and historical atmosphere, but they require extra attention when it comes to parking. Many Town streets allow parking on both sides. While convenient for residents, this practice can often cause congestion and lead to serious accessibility issues for larger vehicles like buses, emergency services, and delivery trucks. It is therefore crucial that residents and contractors who work in these areas are mindful of how and where they park, to ensure that their vehicles do not obstruct the passage of others. We encourage you to work with your neighbors and remind your contractors to ensure that Town's streets remain passable.

Leaf Collection Continues Through December 20

Leaf vacuuming began on October 21 and will continue through December 20. Please rake leaves to the edge of the curb for collection and ensure that your leaves are not contaminated by cans, sticks, bottles, or rocks. After collection ends, leaves should be placed in paper bags or in reusable containers for yard trash recycling. A leaf collection map is available at bit.ly/TOCCLeafMap.

REMINDER: Gas-powered leaf blowers (GPLBs) are prohibited year-round in the Town. Residents can report violations to townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or 301-654-7144.

Holiday Gift Card Drive for Domestic Violence Victims

For over a decade the Town's Community Relations Committee has conducted an annual holiday gift drive for survivors of domestic violence and their families. The generosity of Town residents has brightened the holidays for Montgomery County families who are struggling with the pernicious effects of domestic violence and trying to make ends meet. In previous years Town donations have guaranteed that every child receiving counseling for exposure to domestic violence could receive holiday gifts. One hundred percent of the donations are applied to direct service. There are no administrative costs.

Here's what you can do: 1) Donate gift cards in denominations of \$10 to \$50 from stores such as Target, Marshalls, Kohl's, Safeway, Giant or CVS; or 2) Write checks of any amount 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 M-F from 9 to 5. If you want to receive a tax-deductible receipt, please include your name and email.

The deadline for the holiday gift drive is Wednesday, December 18 but donations will be accepted gratefully any time of year. Please note that checks received on or before December 18 will be deposited before the end of the year. Checks received after December 18 will be deposited during the first weeks of January. Beneficiaries are clients of the Montgomery County Family Justice Center and Chesapeake Counseling (Safe Start). Questions? Email Cathy at cathrynwolf2@gmail.com or Quynh at vanstinger2205@gmail.com.

Winter Clothing Drive Begins November 1



Every year, from November to February, the Town's Community Relations Committee sponsors a Winter Clothing Drive for those in need. We donate to Interfaith Works who distribute to 13,000 income-qualified county residents, including nearly 6,000 children. Please donate clean, gently used, or never worn items: coats, gloves, mittens, scarves, hats, sweaters, pants, and socks. Also needed is waterproof warm winter wear for those who are outside in the cold rain or snow. Two collection boxes will be available this year. One will be located on the front porch of Marjorie Shaw and Barney Rush at **6917 Maple Avenue** (between Stanford Street and Pine Place). The second will be in the Town Hall.

Happy Hour at World of Beer, November 8

The Town's Community Relations Committee is hosting a happy hour event on Friday, November 8 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at World of Beer, 7200 Wisconsin Avenue. Come by to meet other Town residents and enjoy a fun evening out. Complimentary appetizers while supplies last. The event is open to all.

Town Musicians' Acoustic Jam, November 15

The Town has many musicians and singers, and the Community Relations Committee would like to invite all to join an Acoustic Music Jam (no electric, no percussion) that will include bluegrass music as well as folk, traditional, and blues. Town residents who want to play, and those who want to listen, are all welcome at the Town Hall on Friday, November 15 from 7 to 9 p.m.



Music jams are gatherings of musicians and singers who sing and share songs or simply play along in a structured but informal setting. Wine, beer, and snacks will be served. Musicians and singers, please contact Jim Mich at jamesemich@aol.com or call/text at 301-922-3642 ahead of time so that he can pull together a song list and the chord charts in advance. If you just want to come to enjoy the music, please RSVP to bit.ly/TOCCJam.

Fall Festival, November 17



The Town's Community Relations Committee is partnering with the Lawton Center to host the 2024 Fall Fest. The family friendly event will take place on Sunday, November 17 from 12 to 2:30 p.m. at the Lawton Center parking lot. This year The Great Zucchini will be joining us! There will also be moon bounces, a music performance by the BCC Jazz Band, food trucks, face paint, arts and crafts, and so much more! All ages welcome!

Wonders Ribbon Cutting, November 21

Wonders Early Learning at Leland is pleased to invite Town residents to a very special ribbon cutting. Join in a heartfelt thank you to the Town of Chevy Chase as we celebrate the new upgrades to Wonders' learning environment. Festivities will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 21 with a ribbon cutting and will continue with a tour of the classrooms. Residents are welcome to join the classroom activities!



TOCC Book Club, December 2

The Town's Book Club will meet to discuss *Table for Two*, a collection of stories and a novella by Amor Towles. Join us for wine, snacks and discussion!

Holiday Sing-Along Through Town, December 8, 4:45 p.m.

Walk through the Town singing the songs of the season. More details to come. If you'd like your home to be a designated "singing stop", please let us know at townoffice@townofchevychase.org by November 18.

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What Does the Public Services Committee Do?

The PSC is a standing committee of volunteer residents that supports the Town Council on matters of public safety and traffic issues. The Town's options for action are limited by County and State regulations. Town regulations also apply but can be amended if necessary. Interest in the PSC has been growing, and this fall 6 residents joined the committee, bringing us to 11 members.



This past year, the PSC worked on several initiatives, including responding to and researching solutions for resident concerns. Here are some examples:

1. Finalizing a redesign of the intersection at Leland Street and East Ave to improve sightlines, streamline traffic flow, and increase pedestrian walkability (installation likely this fall);
2. Adding a speed hump (and replacing 2 others) on Thornapple to force a reduction in driver speed;
3. Installing a speed camera on Bradley Lane where speeds were excessive in non-rush hour;
4. Installing a traffic signal on East West Highway at Meadow Lane to improve safety for BCC students and others crossing at the base of the hill; and
5. Continuing the "Slow Down and Stop" campaign with various messages to Town residents.

The PSC welcomes input from all residents, and we encourage you to submit any public safety concerns to the Town Office, who will pass it along to the PSC. In our next missive, we will outline some of the major agenda items on our plate for 2025. Stay tuned!

Safety Tip: Please remember to turn back the clock on November 3. It will get dark earlier, increasing pedestrian, biker, and motorist safety risk. Be alert, especially on Town streets that are narrow or have poor lighting!