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Advocating for Thoughtful Growth: Workforce Housing Legislation Update

The Town continues to engage with the County on the proposed Workforce Housing legislation (ZTA 25-02), which aims to expand housing opportunities for essential workers.

This proposal would allow duplexes, triplexes, townhouses, and apartment buildings up to 40 feet in height through an optional method of development along lots that, within the Town, front either Connecticut Avenue or East West Highway (see Workforce Housing Inclusion Map at bit.ly/WFMap). For developments that have three or more units, 15% must be designated as workforce housing affordable for those earning from 70% to 120% of area median income (AMI).

While the Town Council generally supports the goals of this initiative, key amendments and clarifications are necessary to promote balanced growth, infrastructure sustainability, and neighborhood compatibility.

To maintain appropriate scale and prevent overdevelopment, we are urging the County Council to prohibit the assembly of eligible lots both along a corridor and into the interior to ensure that development does not extend beyond major corridors.

Environmental sustainability is also a priority. We are strongly promoting strict stormwater management compliance, including ensuring that waivers are not granted for these developments. Additionally, we are seeking greater clarity on the site plan review process, including public engagement opportunities, and evaluation metrics to assess the long-term impact of the ZTA on housing, infrastructure, and the community.

These concerns were outlined in my testimony before the County Council on March 11. Additionally, we invite all residents to stay informed and engaged by attending a Town Public Forum with Councilmember Friedson on April 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. Residents are encouraged to submit questions in advance of the forum (see page 3). We look forward to hearing from you.

– Mayor Irene Lane



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2025 Council Election & Annual Meeting

The Town's Election and Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025. Town residents will select two candidates in the 2025 election, each to serve on the Council for a 2-year term. Candidate nominating petitions (bit.ly/TOCCNominate) are due by 5 p.m. on April 15.

Balloting will be undertaken by mail and drop box only. Balloting materials and information on the nominated candidates will be mailed to all residents approximately two weeks before the election. In order for a resident's vote to be counted, ballot return envelopes must either be mailed by May 6 and received by May 13 or placed in the drop box outside the Town Hall by 5 p.m. on May 6.

The Elections Board will host a Candidates' Forum on April 30 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall and via Zoom to give residents an opportunity to meet the candidates and learn more about their positions on many issues facing the Town. The Town's Annual Meeting will be held on May 6 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall and via Zoom and will include a public hearing on the proposed FY26 budget. The budget will be available for review on the Town website by April 15.

Town Council Meets April 16

At its April 16 meeting, the Council will meet with representatives from Corso at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the status of redevelopment of 7100 Connecticut Avenue. The Council also will discuss ratifying the Declaration of Covenants with Corso and approving a Construction Management Agreement and Garage Lease Agreement for the project. In addition, the Council will discuss the Bethesda Market Park project, the County's proposed workforce housing legislation, and legislative updates from the current Maryland General Assembly session. Residents are welcome to attend this meeting in person or by Zoom (bit.ly/TCApril16).



Trash & Treasures, April 26 & 27

The Town's spring Trash and Treasures is scheduled for the weekend of **April 26 & 27**. 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 April 25 or after 7 a.m. on April 28. If you have items that can be recycled or repurposed, **we encourage you to come to the Lawton Center on Saturday, April 26 for our Community Recycling & Shredding event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Community Recycling & Shredding Event, April 26

The following services will be provided on April 26, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the 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 and Household Items:

A Wider Circle collects gently used furniture and household items to donate to families in need. *This collection will be available only from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.*

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 sporting 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.

Bagels and Coffee in the Park, April 5



Join your neighbors and the Town's Community Relations Committee members for coffee and bagels by the Lawton Center playground on Saturday, April 5 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. All ages welcome. New neighbors are especially encouraged to attend! These events happen to facilitate building community and have been very popular over the years. Please RSVP to bit.ly/TOCCSocial by April 3.

Town Public Forum on Workforce Housing, April 14

Residents Encouraged to Submit Questions in Advance

On April 14 at 6:30 p.m., the Town will host a public forum with County Councilmember Andrew Friedson to discuss the County's proposed workforce housing legislation (see Mayor's message on front page). Residents may submit questions in advance of the forum to townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.

Round House Theater Discussion, April 26

The Town's next theatre discussion group meeting will be Saturday, April 26 at 10 a.m. We'll talk about Round House Theatre's presentation of *Bad Books*. The meeting location will be sent to all who RSVP by April 22 to bit.ly/RHTApril26. Mark your calendars, get your tickets for a performance of your choice, RSVP, enjoy the show, and come share your reactions with neighbors.



Scott Fosler Path Dedication, April 26

On April 26 at 3 p.m. in Zimmerman Park, the Town Council will dedicate the new flagstone pathway to former Town Mayor Scott Fosler and unveil a plaque in his honor. In December 2024, the Town Council unanimously agreed to name the new pathway after Scott and to commission a bronze plaque to commemorate Scott and his many contributions to our Town and County. Reception to follow. RSVP by April 20 at bit.ly/FoslerPath. In the event of rain, please come to the Town Hall, 4301 Willow Lane.

Town Book Festival, April 27

The Town of Chevy Chase is chock full of authors! The Town Book Festival on Sunday April 27, 2-5 p.m., is your opportunity to meet more than a dozen neighbors who have published works of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. Visit bit.ly/TOCCAuthors for more information about the authors and their books.



Every writer's journey is shaped by challenges, triumphs, and the pursuit of a unique voice. In two moderated panels, at 2:30 p.m. and 3:45 p.m., authors will share their paths to publication, insights into their writing process, industry experiences, and the resilience needed to bring stories to life.

The afternoon will include book sales and signings, time to schmooze, and light refreshments. RSVP by April 20 at bit.ly/TOCCBookFestival

TOCC Book Club, April 28

The TOCC Book Club will meet on April 28 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall to discuss *Fugitive Pieces* by Anne Michaels. The story traces the path of a young boy who survives WWII Poland, is rescued by a Greek professor, and ultimately migrates to Toronto. The author is a poet, as well as a novelist, and her language is gorgeous. It is Marjorie's favorite book; see if you agree! All residents are welcome.



2025 Spring Fest, May 18, 12-2:30 p.m.

The Town is partnering with the Lawton Center to host the 2025 Spring Fest. The event will take place on Sunday, May 18 from 12 to 2:30 p.m. at the Lawton Center parking lot. Bring the whole family for a festive time! Details to follow next month!

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Go Solar EcoFest, April 5

Been thinking about solar energy for your home, but need more info?

Join us on Saturday, April 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Town Hall for the second annual EcoFest. This year's EcoFest will focus on solar energy and help Town residents learn about two options, both of which can save money and help the environment:

- **Rooftop solar** utilizing Switch Together (bit.ly/TOCCSwitch), a program sponsored by Montgomery County which provides group buying discounts and pre-vetted installers.
- **Community solar** for those who can't or don't want to install rooftop solar. Customers subscribe to the green energy produced by a local solar farm with permanent savings over Pepco rates.



The EcoFest will have **3 elements**:

- 1 p.m.: **Listen** to an “enlightening” overview of both the rooftop solar and community solar options and how you'll save money.
- 1:30 p.m.: **Ask** questions of a panel consisting of a solar professional, a solar installer, a community solar company rep and Town neighbors who are already utilizing the solar options.
- 2 p.m.: **Visit** tables to pick up helpful literature and converse with panel members.

Climate-friendly refreshments will be served! To RSVP for the event, visit bit.ly/GoSolarEcoFest.