



Forecast

SEPTEMBER 2025

NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE

September

Monday, September 1
Labor Day
Town office closed

Thursday, September 4
Climate & Environment*, 6 p.m.

Monday, September 8
Land Use*, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, September 10
Community Relations*, 6 p.m.
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Town Council, 7 p.m.

Monday, September 15
TOCC Book Club, 7 p.m.
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Tuesday, September 16
Public Services*, 7 p.m.

Thursday, September 18
Long-Range Planning*, 7 p.m.

Friday, September 26
TOCC Happy Hour, 5 p.m.
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September 27 & 28
Trash and Treasures
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*Town Committee Meeting



Town Committees Begin New Year

As you can see in this month's calendar, all five of the Town's standing committees will begin their active engagement for the coming year over the next few weeks. Many thanks to the large group of volunteers who have joined these committees to help plan Town events, consider issues of concern to residents, and provide ideas and guidance to the Town Council.

Special recognition is owed to the committee chairs: Michele Grace and Lisa Geiser for the Climate and Environment Committee; Quynh Tran and Stephanie Martz for the Community Relations Committee; Dedun Ingram for the Land Use Committee; Joy White for the Long-Range Planning Committee; and Howard Berkof for the Public Services Committee. Thanks also to Grant Davies, who will chair the Election Board this coming year; Lees Hartman, who will chair the Ethics Commission; and Ken Rubin, who will chair the Water Board.

Prompt Action Required on Workforce Housing Lot Consolidation

Page 2 of this issue has an article on the Workforce Housing law that the County Council passed in July. Within the Town, this new legislation will permit multi-family housing to be built along Connecticut Avenue and East Highway. The County Council will begin consideration this month of a companion piece of legislation that will determine the extent to which developers could combine lots for multi-unit developments. The current draft would permit 3 lots to be "chained" laterally along a corridor.

The Town Council held a work session on August 27 to review this matter and discussed advocating for stricter limits on permitted consolidation. The Council will consider input from the Long-Range Planning and Land Use committees and will form a final position at its meeting on September 10. In collaboration with other municipalities, we will then present testimony to the County Council at a public hearing on September 16.

– Mayor Barney Rush



Trash & Treasures, September 27-28
Recycling and Donation Opportunities Available



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County Council Approves Workforce Housing Legislation

In late July, the Montgomery County Council approved Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 25-02. This ZTA, which will become effective on November 1, 2025, will allow multifamily and workforce housing, including duplexes, triplexes, townhouses, and apartment buildings, up to 40 feet in height through optional method development along designated corridors in the County. Within the Town, the designated corridors are Connecticut Avenue and East West Highway. Lots eligible for multifamily/workforce housing are those with addresses on the corridors (corner lots with side street addresses are excluded). The Town estimates that the ZTA will affect approximately 50 lots in Town.

Under the zoning measure, 15 percent of units, or at least one unit in a residential building with three or more units, must meet the requirements for workforce housing. Duplexes are not subject to the requirements. The County defines workforce housing as housing that is available to those whose incomes are at or below 120% of the area-wide median income (see bit.ly/WFHAMI). All multifamily/workforce housing is subject to optional method development, which includes a full regulatory review by multiple agencies of elements such as stormwater, forest conservation, parking, transportation, water and sewer, and school infrastructure, among other development regulations. It also includes opportunities for public input.

The delayed effective date of the ZTA will allow time for the County Council to adopt a Subdivision Regulation Amendment (SRA 25-02) to prohibit multifamily/workforce housing on certain lots (e.g., interior, pipestem, and through lots) and limit lot consolidation for such housing to a maximum number (currently proposed at 3) of eligible lots (i.e., eligible lots could be combined laterally along a corridor, but combining lots with addresses on a corridor with lots immediately behind them would be prohibited). A public hearing on SRA 25-02 is tentatively scheduled for September 16. The Town Council intends to present testimony at this hearing and discussed the content of this testimony at a work session on August 27.

Town Council Meets on September 10

The Town Council will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 10 in the Town Hall and by Zoom video conference. The agenda for this meeting will be published on September 5. Residents may submit comments on any agenda item to townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.

Fall Tree Planting Program

The Town is preparing its fall tree planting list. If you have a spot in your yard suitable for a tree, we encourage you to take advantage of the Town's Private Tree Planting Program (bit.ly/TOCCPrivateTree). 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. You also may request a tree to be planted along the street in front of your home (bit.ly/TOCCPublicTree).



2025-2027 Parking Permit Renewals

Current parking permits will expire on September 30, 2025. 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).

To renew permits or request new permits, simply complete the form at 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.

TOCC Book Club, September 15

The Town Book Club will meet on Monday, September 15 to discuss *Time of the Child* by Niall Williams. A portrait of life in the Irish village of Faha (from *This is Happiness*) in 1962, when a child arrives. We will meet at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall. All residents are welcome.

TOCC Happy Hour, September 26

The Town's Community Relations Committee is hosting a happy hour event Friday, September 26 from 5 to 7 p.m. at World of Beer, 7200 Wisconsin Avenue (entrance on Bethesda Ave.). Come by to kick off your fall and meet other Town residents. Complimentary appetizers while supplies last. The event is open to all.



Trash & Treasures, September 27 & 28

The Town's fall Trash and Treasures is scheduled for the weekend of **September 27 & 28**. 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 26 or after 7 a.m. on September 29. If you have items that can be recycled or repurposed, **we encourage you to come to the Lawton Center parking lot on Saturday, September 27 for our Community Recycling & Shredding event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Community Recycling & Shredding Event, September 27

The following services will be provided on September 27, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Lawton Center lot

Shred Your Documents: *Shred Ace* will shred documents. Staples and paper clips are okay. No batteries, binders, or books.

Donate Furniture and Household Items:

A Wider Circle collects gently used furniture and household items to donate to families in need. For large items, please email 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 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.

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

Other Repurposing Opportunities

Recycle Clothing and Home Goods: The *Interfaith Works* Clothing Center collects clothing and home goods to donate to low-income County residents (info@iworksmc.org; 301-762-8682).

New Homes for Old Bikes

Bikes for the World collects bicycles and delivers them at low cost to community development programs assisting the poor in developing countries (bikesfortheworld.org).

Donate Building Supplies

Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland (habitatmm.org; 301-990-0014) and *Community Forklift* (communityforklift.org; 301-985-5180) accept donations of building materials.

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A Message from the Public Services Committee *Back to School*

As we come back from summer vacations and families gear up for the start of school, the Public Services Committee wanted to remind all of us 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 over 430 students attending Chevy Chase Elementary School and 150 students attending the Oneness-Family Montessori School.



The streets near both schools, particularly Rosemary Street by CCES and West Avenue by Oneness are narrow and can get very crowded with students in the mornings and mid-afternoons. Please observe all traffic rules, especially come to full stops at all STOP signs, look for pedestrians and bikers at all crosswalks, be extra careful when driving near the schools, and adhere to the Town's speed limits and one-way streets.

- **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 direct more attention to the areas around Chevy Chase Elementary School and the Oneness-Family Montessori School during the hours when students are arriving and leaving. The Town also has installed two flashing Stop signs adjacent to CCES. We are all responsible for the safety of all residents. Please "Slow Down and Stop!"