



Forecast

OCTOBER 2025

NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE



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

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

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

Thursday, October 9
Climate/Environment*, 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 11
CCFD Open House, 10 a.m.
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Monday, October 13
Columbus Day
Town office closed

Thursday, October 16
Long Range Planning*, 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 18
BCCRS Open House, 11 a.m.
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Sunday, October 19
Halloween Playdate, 12 p.m.
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Tuesday, October 21
Public Services*, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 22
CC@H Event, 1 p.m.
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Saturday, October 25
Theatre Discussion, 10 a.m.
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* Town Committee meeting

*Please visit the Town website
for more information*

Bradley Lane Traffic Calming

Following two serious accidents on Bradley Lane last spring, the Town -- with the involvement of Bradley Lane residents -- has engaged the State Highway Administration (SHA) and the County in discussions to slow speeds and improve pedestrian safety along this corridor. The SHA prepared a draft report over the summer that reviewed the dangers on Bradley Lane and made a series of recommendations to calm traffic and promote safer walking conditions. The draft report is available at bit.ly/BradleySafety.

Proposals being considered include speed cushions, narrowing the traffic lanes, and striping the west bound lane so that there is two feet of clearance between the edge of the traffic lane and the curb and sidewalk. Speed tables are elongated humps that force traffic to slow but are gentler than speed bumps.

The draft SHA report is now being reviewed by the Town's Public Services Committee and Bradley Lane residents. The Council will review all feedback at its meeting on October 8 and intends to formally respond to the SHA with comments shortly thereafter. We will not know what actions may finally be taken until, and only after, a subsequent final report is issued and further discussions are held with the SHA. However, we are pleased to see the SHA take the Town's concerns seriously and develop what may be an effective series of measures to address this important safety concern.

Corso Construction Progress

We've all seen the rapid demolition of the 4-H Center! All that's left on the site are the foundations. Following are the next steps in the construction process:

- Expected approval of financing: October 2025
- Notice to proceed: November 2025
- Tree & invasive plant removal: December 2025/January 2026
- Foundation removal: January 2026
- Construction start: January or February 2026

The construction period for the first phase of the development is expected to last 26 months. This phase includes the buildings on the west side of the complex. Construction of Phase 2, which will complete the project, will begin after the lenders see progress in renting the Phase 1 units and is expected within a year of the completion of Phase 1.

On another note, my colleagues and I hope you will review the flyer inside this newsletter and consider donating to both the Thanksgiving Dinner Drive and to the Rosemary Hills Elementary School outdoor classroom project. Thank you for your support!

– Mayor Barney Rush

Climate and Environment Committee Resident Survey

The Climate and Environment Committee has developed a brief survey (bit.ly/CECClimateSurvey) to better understand residents' interests and knowledge around sustainability and environmental health in our Town. The results will directly guide the committee's priorities and projects for the coming year.

Your input is vital. By taking just a few minutes to complete the survey, you'll help shape initiatives that promote a healthier, more sustainable community for all of us. We would greatly appreciate your participation -- every response makes a difference!

Town Council Meets on October 8

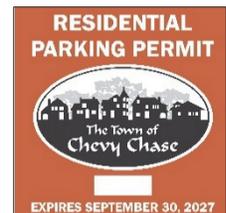
The Town Council will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 8 in the Town Hall and by Zoom video conference. The agenda for this meeting will be published on October 3. At this meeting, the Council will hold multiple public hearings, including those for a sidewalk extension on Ridge Street; a parking restriction change in the 6700 block of West Avenue; an extension of the exemption on the use of gas-powered leaf blowers by the Town's leaf collection contractor, and a \$5,000 contribution to the Chevy Chase Fire Department.

At the same meeting, the Council will discuss, among other topics, the Town's response to the County's workforce housing legislation; the State Highway Administration's Bradley Lane safety study; possible speed cameras on Bradley Lane; and West Avenue traffic and public safety improvements. Residents may submit comments on any agenda item to townoffice@townofchevyCHASE.org.

2025-2027 Parking Permit Renewals

Current parking permits expired 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.

Help Rosemary Hills ES Build an Outdoor Classroom

In May, the Town Council approved a \$10,000 contribution and a \$10,000 maximum matching contribution towards an outdoor classroom at Rosemary Hills Elementary School. The Council also discussed how to assist in raising funds for this project, which includes installing durable surfaces, benches, picnic tables, shade sails, raised planters, and new teaching tools. We encourage you to review the insert in this edition of the Forecast and consider contributing. Every dollar you personally give will be matched by the Town up to \$10,000 -- doubling your impact! Visit tinyurl.com/toccmatch.

Leaf Collection to Begin in October

Leaf vacuuming will begin in late October. Vacuum trucks pick up continuously, street by street. A collection map is available at bit.ly/TOCCLeafMap. Please rake leaves to the edge of the curb and make sure that your leaves are not contaminated by cans, sticks, bottles, or rocks.



Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers Prohibited in Town

Gas-powered leaf blowers are prohibited year-round in the Town. Residents can report violations of the ban to the Town at townoffice@townofchevyCHASE.org or 301-654-7144.

Chevy Chase Fire Department Open House, October 11

The Chevy Chase Fire Department will hold its annual Open House at its fire station on Saturday, October 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (8001 Connecticut Avenue).

The following events are for children (and parents): the Extreme Dual Slide; fire engine rides; balloons, fire helmets, and fire prevention material for children; the Jaws of Life; a state canine police demonstration; and more!



Rescue Squad Open House & Family Fun Day, October 18

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad (BCCRS) is sponsoring its annual Open House and Family Fun Day on Saturday, October 18 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This family-oriented event will feature local area food trucks, multiple activities for kids and adults (including a pumpkin moon bounce, inflatable whack-a-mole, inflatable axe throwing, and a football toss), music, and demonstrations of BCCRS's station and EMS, fire, and rescue capabilities. BCCRS is located at the corner of Battery Lane and Old Georgetown Road.

Halloween Playdate in the Park, October 19

Join your neighbors for some Halloween fun on Sunday, October 19 from 12 to 2 p.m. at the Lawton Center playground. Halloween candy and apple cider will be provided. All ages welcome. Wear your costume!



CC@H Speaker Series with Elizabeth Bleuer, October 22

The United States has spent the most per capita on the people of Kosovo than in any other foreign country, resulting in a 20-year democratic state where minority rights and democratic rule are core to its survival. However, with the pulling back of U.S. diplomatic and foreign aid support, what will happen to one of the world's youngest nations? Visit bit.ly/CCHBleuer for more information and to RSVP.

Round House Theatre Discussion Group, October 25



Theatre lovers, join the conversation! The Community Relations Committee will once again organize discussions of each major production in Round House's upcoming season (visit bit.ly/RHTStage). The theatre is at 4545 East West Highway, an easy walk from Town. Our conversations will be near or after the end of the runs, so participants can see shows whenever they like. Depending on our numbers, we will meet either at the Town Hall or in a private home. Mark your calendars, get your tickets, RSVP, enjoy the shows, and come share your reactions with neighbors.

The first RHT production is *The Inheritance, Parts One and Two*, and the discussion group will meet on Saturday October 25 at 10 a.m. Round House's Casting Director and Associate Producer Sarah Cooney will join us! RSVP at bit.ly/RHTOctober25 by October 20.



Fall Fest, November 2

The Town is partnering with the Lawton Center to host the 2025 Fall Fest. This family friendly event will take place on Sunday, November 2 from 12 to 2:30 p.m. at the Lawton Center parking lot. There will 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!

Town Book Club Meets November 10

The Town Book Club will meet on November 10 to discuss *The Plot* by Jean Hanff Korelitz. A campus novel that is also a thriller and wickedly funny. We will meet at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall. All residents are welcome.

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17th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets

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Climate & Environment Tip of the Month *Sustainable Fall Gardening*

What you plant and how you maintain your yard in the fall can make a great difference in how healthy it is and how it supports all the creatures and organisms that live in it, above it, and in the soil.



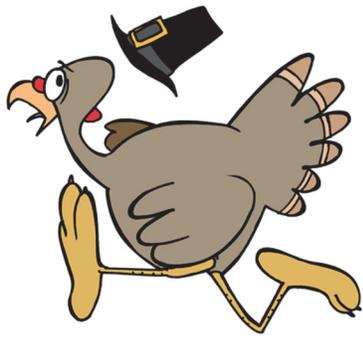
- Leaving fallen leaves on your beds along with spent perennials and some discrete piles of dead branches gives winter protection for insects and animals and provides nature's free fertilizer.
- Mowing leaves with a mulching mower improves the soil for a healthier lawn.
- Fall-blooming native plants such as Goldenrods or New England asters beautify while their nectar strengthens pollinators for the winter ahead.
- Fall planting of native shrubs and trees with berries such as Serviceberry or Winterberry will feed birds and other wildlife for years.
- Fall is a great time to deal with invasive and damaging English Ivy climbing up trees. It's easy to spot on barren branches. Clip at the base and, in time, it will die off and fall away.



Climate and Environment Committee Resident Survey

Help shape initiatives that promote a healthier, more sustainable community

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17th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Donations

Organized by
Town of Chevy Chase
Lawton Community Center

*Helping MCPS families in need through
YMCA Youth & Family Services of Montgomery County*

Once again, this Thanksgiving we can help 100 nearby Montgomery County Public School families in need with \$100 food gift cards from Giant and Aldi. The timetable for donations is the month of October, so school families will have the cards by mid-November for holiday food shopping.

The YMCA's youth and family services programs are helping more families than ever in our neighboring down-county schools. With food insecurity on the rise in Montgomery County, the holidays are especially challenging this year for many MCPS families. In a small but very immediate way, we can help make a difference. **Contributions are gratefully accepted through Venmo, a check payable to the YMCA, or Giant or Aldi gift cards.**

Thank you for your generous support once again!

Here's how you can help! October 1 - October 31

- **Use the Venmo QR Code or ID ([@TOCCFriends](#)) or drop off/mail a check payable to YMCA-YFS or gift cards from Giant or Aldi** to the Town Office or Bridget Hartman's mail slot (7214 Ridgewood Avenue) during the month of October. If you would like us to pick up your donation, please contact one of us below. **Your donation of any amount will help purchase a \$100 food card for each of the 100 families.** 100% of your donation will support MCPS families in need. Additional funds contributed to this Town effort will purchase extra food cards. You will receive an acknowledgement of your donation from the YMCA.



- **Have questions?** Send an email to Georgia Guhin (gbquhin@gmail.com); Bridget Hartman (bridget@hartmanjr.net); or the Town Office (townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org).



Help Us Build The Rosemary Hills Outdoor Classroom!



Your donation will transform an underutilized space into a vibrant outdoor classroom where nearly 600 Rosemary Hills students can learn, explore, and thrive. From science lessons to story time, from gardening to language development, this space supports hands-on learning for every child.

Why Give?

- Your gift helps install durable surfaces, benches, picnic tables, shade sails, raised planters, and new teaching tools.
- Every dollar you personally give will be matched by the Town of Chevy Chase up to \$10,000 – **doubling your impact!**

Donate Today!

<https://tinyurl.com/toccmatch>



Together, we can create a beautiful, functional, and lasting outdoor classroom.

