

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

FEBRUARY 2012

CALENDAR

NO BULK TRASH
PICKUP



IN FEBRUARY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8
Council Meeting, 7:45 p.m.
CCUMC Room 109

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14
Council meeting, 7:45 p.m.
CCUMC Room 109

SATURDAY, MARCH 17
Everybody's Irish
6 p.m to 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21
Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 12
Shredding Event: Brookville Market
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

BCC CLUSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCATION SELECTION REDUX

Dr. Joshua Star, the new MCPS Superintendent, has decided to revisit the site selection process for a second middle school slated to be opened in August 2017 for the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster. Projections show that the BCC Cluster will have about 1,600 middle school students, far beyond the capacity of Westland Middle School. The new site selection advisory committee (SSAC) has 47 representatives from the affected schools, local homeowners associations and municipalities as well as from Montgomery County agencies, such as Parks and Planning and MCPS. We are fortunate to have both **Wendy Eaton** and **Karen Jacob** on the committee, both of whom are Section 3 residents (see Council Actions).

The group has whittled down the potential sites to 11 public and three private sites. The privately held locations are confidential and can't be disclosed but the publicly held sites include: Rock Creek Hills Local Park (LP), North Chevy Chase LP, Lynbrook LP, Rosemary Hills/Lyttonsville LP, WSSC Lytonsville site, Grace Episcopal School, Norwood LP, Westland Middle School, Meadowbrook LP, the Montgomery County Bus Lot, and Highway Administration property off exit ramp 33 off route 495.

The next two meetings will narrow the candidate sites. There is not a single site which does not affect the local neighborhoods around it and the committee has to take into consideration neighborhood views as well as the larger Cluster needs. Interested Section 3 residents are urged to attend either or both of the next two meetings to be held at the B-CC High School Cafeteria from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on February 8 and 22nd.

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CHEVY CHASE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS MEET

In an effort to share ideas and concerns, representatives from Somerset, Chevy Chase Village, Section 3 and the Town of Chevy Chase met recently. The goal of the group is to share ideas and activities and perhaps cooperate on some activities in the future. The Village Manager attended the first meeting and shared some of the activities Section 3 has been engaged in over time. The group hopes to meet again to continue this kind of flow of information between the contiguous Chevy Chase communities.

In addition to the above group, all the managers of all the Chevy Chase communities meet on a quarterly basis to share ideas and concerns. The Connecticut Ave. Corridor Coalition includes many members of that group, but the focus there is the Chevy Chase Lake Sector Plan. Happily, we all communicate on a regular basis which improves our ability to be a proactive Council.

**In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and our desire to have our meetings open to everyone in our community, Council meetings are held at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church which has handicapped elevator access via the parking lot entrance. We are grateful to the Church for their generosity in allowing us to use their facility each month.*



COUNCIL ACTIONS

The Council met on Wednesday, January 11 at Chevy Chase United Methodist Church. All Council members were present. The meeting began at 7:55 p.m.

The minutes from the December meeting, as published in the newsletter, were approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Tree limbs have been cut back on all the trees identified earlier by the arborist with the Village Manager as posing a risk of falling if we get any heavy wind, snow or ice storm; hopefully we won't have problems on our streets.

The Council discussed the recent upsurge of crimes in Friendship Heights, AU Park and Upper Northwest. We have checked with our police patrolmen and, if we feel the level of crime warrants, they can work additional hours.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

No permits were issued last month, but three homeowners have inquired about our building code requirements in anticipation of having some work done on their properties.

We have been working with one of the owners at 3821 Bradley Lane and the fence is now in compliance with our rules and they have worked to try and remediate the drainage problem at the rear of the property and they have cleaned up the neighboring lot. The Village Manager has also worked with one of the owners to help facilitate releases by WSSC so that the water and sewer on the property can be hooked up.

Chevy Chase Lake Sector Plan discussions with the Connecticut Avenue Corridor Coalition continue to take place with members of the Chevy Chase Land Company. The Planning Staff is expected to release their preliminary plans for the area in late February.

FINANCIAL REPORT

We have two CDs coming due in January and early February and the Village Manager is trying to find an institution with a slightly better rate than the rollover rate being offered.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

The new Superintendent of Montgomery County Schools has decided to revisit the site selection for the new middle school that would serve the children of our area. As part of this process, they have formed an advisory committee including representatives of

affected jurisdictions. The initial location for the school, near Rosemary Hills Elementary School, is one of the sites on the table, but there are now 14 potential sites being looked at by the new committee (see story this issue). Section 3 has asked Wendy Eaton to represent the Council in addition to another Section 3 resident, Karen Jacob, who represents the PTA at Rosemary Hills School. Each will serve as the alternate for the other if they both can't make it to meetings.

The Village Manager reported that the wine and cheese event for single Section 3 women is slated for January 15 (see story this issue) and she expects about half of those in the community to attend.

Plans are underway for the Everybody's Irish Party which falls on a Saturday this year. As this is an event for all ages and ends by 8 p.m., it shouldn't interfere with residents' other plans. Green food for all and good Irish liquid refreshments for adults are planned. The Village Manager is already working with the caterer to refresh the menu...Green Eggs and Ham and Guacamole will stay on the menu, of course!

Other events upcoming are the Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon, to be held on Palm Sunday the week before Easter and a Shredding Event slated for May 12th (see below).

OTHER

Delegate Al Carr approached Section 3 to gauge our interest in testifying in support of the bill that he introduced last year to make it easier in an eminent domain hearing to decide what is reasonable to compensate Pepco for their equipment and also for a place on the pole. The Council expects to go back to Pepco this year to see about getting new street lights on the poles where lights need only be changed out, not moved. The Council decided to approach the issue on two fronts—testify before the state legislature AND open talks again with Pepco to see if we couldn't come to a more reasonable agreement regarding compensation to them for existing lights and our desire to purchase our own lights and maintain them.

The Council discussed the request from Chevy Chase @ Home to list their activities on our Calendar and on our website. The Council felt that while we support the activities of the group and often publicize their events in our newsletter, that the Calendar, both in the newsletter and on the web, should be limited to Section 3 activities exclusively, just as the emails to residents are limited to Section 3 activities. The Village Manager agreed to let Jan Augustine of the Communications Committee of Chevy Chase @ Home know the Council's decision. The Council agreed to co-sponsor a shredding event with Martins Additions and Section 5 this spring.

The Council adjourned at 9:15 p.m. and went into executive session to discuss the Village Manager's performance and compensation.



Congratulations to **Emily McKinnon**, a sophomore at University of Dallas, who gets to spend her spring semester in Italy! She'll be taking a full load of classes at the school's Rome campus, including a 10 day trip to Greece, integrated into the curriculum and led by Dallas professors. Emily made Honor Roll again last semester.

Welcome Section 3's newest resident, **Joshua Henry Waterman**, brother to **Jake**, born January 18th, a few days early weighing in at 6 pounds, 12 ounces and almost 19 inches long. Just like brother Jake, he decided to come with the snow, but at least it wasn't as heavy as a few years ago when Jake arrived! Congrats to Mom **Rachel Robboy** and Dad **Jaime Waterman**.

It is with sadness that we report the passing of long time resident and former Council Chairman, **Barbara Porterfield**. Mrs. Porterfield, long active in Section 3 activities, passed away after a brief illness. She leaves her children **Leslie, Kate** and **Sid** and daughter-in-law **Claire** and Kate's boyfriend **Blu**. Leslie had been living with her and caring for her.

ON-LINE YARD SALE A BIG SUCCESS!

Section 3 residents were able to recycle and give away things through the second "on line yard sale." There are only 10 individuals without email access in all of Section 3, so this most recent version was distributed on line—all five pages of offerings! Using your directories, you can contact individuals who may well have just the right thing for you to put in your basement or living room.

If you forgot about this event and didn't download the listings and would like another shot at it, just contact the Village Manager and she'll email you the listings. If you are a seller and you had no takers, contact the Village Manager for ideas as to which charity might like what you had to sell. We plan to do this about every six months...any suggestions you may have to improve the sale, let us know. We intentionally did not put in photos because of the number of offerings, but many sellers are more than willing to provide a photo if contacted.



We've been fortunate not to have a lot of snow this year, so perhaps it's understandable that in the last light snow in January, very few residents remembered to move their cars into their driveways. Happily, we only had to salt and sand once for that storm, but this is a reminder, at the first possible hint of snow—please pull your cars off the streets!

Similarly, many residents neglected to shovel their sidewalks. Please remember, not all your neighbors are as steady of foot as you may be and by not shoveling your walkway—even if it's only a thin layer of snow—it does turn to ice and can be a serious fall hazard for your neighbors! Section 3 has an ordinance requiring that residents within 12 hours or a reasonable time after a snowfall, remove snow and ice for a reasonable width for the entire length of any sidewalk abutting their property (corner residents, this means all sides please!). The fine for non-compliance is \$200.

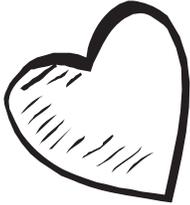
So if you are going away for any period of time, please make arrangements to have your walk shoveled in your absence. If you are a senior, please understand that we only shovel when the snow is two inches or more to help you with the "heavy lifting" so to speak. If it's less than that, please make arrangements for someone to clear your walkway. Feel free to contact the Village Manager if you need suggestions as to some neighborhood kids who might like to earn a little money.

Finally, if the weather is bad, remember those around you who may have a tougher time getting out and offer to pick up a few items at the store if necessary.

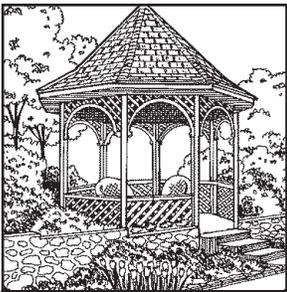
SINGLE WOMEN'S EVENT WELL-ATTENDED

Section 3's first Single Women's Event was a big success! We had over half of all the single women in Section 3 and indeed, many of them were able to meet women they didn't know—the purpose of the event. All the wine and cheese were devoured along with sparkling sodas as well.

The group is hoping to continue to meet again at one another's homes and shared email addresses so that they could continue to communicate with one another.



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CHEVY CHASE @ HOME TALK ON FINDING THE RIGHT HEARING AID

In its continued effort to serve its members, the Chevy Chase @ Home group is sponsoring a talk on Tuesday, February 7th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00s p.m. Helping people find the right hearing aid should be a great help to many. The talk is part of the group's Meet and Mingle Series and will be led by audiologists Carolyn Wyatt and Aurion Dwyer.

