

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

NOVEMBER 2015

CALENDAR

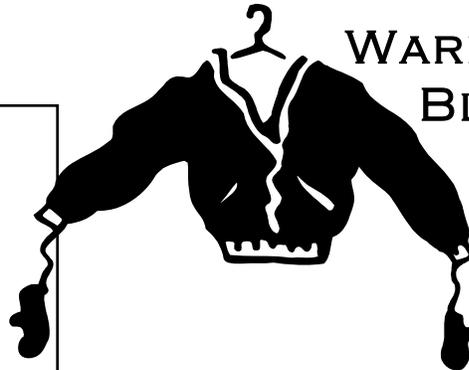
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
Bulk Trash Curbside Pickup

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
Council meeting
CCUMC Room 107, 7:45 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23
Deadline for donations of warm clothing and blankets (see story at right)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26
NO Household Waste pickup
NO Recycling until Thursday, December 3

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2
Last Curbside Bulk Trash Pickup until March 2016



WARM CLOTHING AND BLANKET DRIVE

Every year Section 3 neighbors join together to remember those less fortunate by donating warm clothing and blankets which we take to Martha's Outfitters, a nonprofit adjunct service of Martha's Table, a group dedicated to helping the homeless in the District. This drive is in

memory of a former Section 3 resident Bill Prigg, who for years went downtown with carloads of donated blankets and distributed them personally to the homeless sleeping on grates and in doorways. In later years, he volunteered at Martha's Table. Bill and Nancy Prigg's front porch was the focus of many community donations so in keeping with that tradition, **Kirsten Williams and John Dorsey** continue to offer that same porch (at 3619 Shepherd Street) as one of the two locations in the Village for Section 3 donations. The second location is the front porch of the Village Manager at 3801 Bradley Lane. The more we donate as it gets cold, the better. We like to make certain that these donations are made prior to Thanksgiving so that folks get the warm clothing when they most need it and we don't interfere with your donations to your favorite holiday charities. This year's deadline for getting warm clothing and blankets to either of the two locations is Monday, November 23. We sort the clothing by men, women's and children's clothing including gloves, socks and hats, and blankets and deliver them ready to give to those in need.

Unlike many other charities, Martha's Outfitters is not a place suburban kids looking for cool t-shirts and retro bowling shirts can go to buy clothing with spare change. All the clothing donated is available only to those who qualify on the basis of need. Make someone's Thanksgiving a little brighter with your donation. Go into your closets, drawers and attic and see what gently used warm clothing might benefit someone less fortunate. Section 3 residents are always more than generous.

FOOD TRUCK NIGHT A BIG HIT

About 300 Section 3 residents, friends and family turned up for Food Truck Night, Sunday, October 11. **Go Fish**, the **Corned Beef King**, **LA Tacos** and **Carmen's Italian Ices** all had lines and appreciative customers. The park had lovely new long sod grass and the night, while a little chilly, was perfect!

We plan to hold the event again on a Sunday evening in May. Look for the date in an upcoming *New & Views*.

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**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 at the CCUMC room 107 on Wednesday, October 14. Councilmembers Mike Dietrich and Melissa Brown were absent. The meeting began at 8:15 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

The Council is still awaiting references from our current patrolman for at least two other policemen to be interviewed for the second position in our community. Right now our current patrolman, Chris Jordan, is covering both shifts.

The Council discussed the best way to handle neighborhood concerns regarding a loud party on Fulton Street. It was decided that this was best handled by the police and the Council instructed the Village Manager to discuss the problem with the County police who will reach out to the owner of the property in question.

The Village Managers of Section 3 and Martins Additions met with State Highway representatives on September 25 to discuss solutions to the problem of non-compliance regarding stop signs at Brookville Road and Taylor Street. They all agreed that a new design for the intersection would help to solve the problem. Because this corner is now a school bus stop for Rosemary Hills, Westland and BCC High School, it's of concern to both jurisdictions and parents of children using that bus stop. The Village Manager indicated that she is still waiting to hear back regarding design solutions and timing and funding for the improvements.

BUILDINGS & ROADS

Buildings and Roads representative Carolyn Gries reported that **Carola Alvarez and Marcelo Cabrol** of Raymond Street received a retro-active permit for a rear yard patio along with the accompanying drainage plan. The **Leleck** family of Shepherd Street received a permit for a front porch addition for which they had already received a variance (see October **News & Views**). The **Kane** family received a permit to re-do their driveway from permeable pea gravel to permeable pavers. The Council also granted a temporary variance to the **Weller** family of Bradley Lane for an ice rink in the rear yard setback to be removed no later than March 15, 2016. The **Clark/Chaturvedi** family of Florida Street is requesting a variance for two sets of landings and steps, each of which extends into the north eight-foot side setback a maximum of four feet. The **LeBoo** family of Georgia Street is requesting a variance for two window wells at grade, each of which extends three feet into the rear 20-foot setback.

The Council voted to make changes to Section 7-312 of our ordinances regarding Dumpsters and Temporary Storage Units. (see story September *News & Views*)

The Council reviewed an initial evaluation of our streets by Chester Engineering Consultant Ric Travers and will be getting a more detailed report within the next week. His recommendations will be reviewed at the next Council meeting and decisions will be made regarding which roads will be either milled and paved and/or reconstructed next spring. The Village Manager has asked D & F Construction to look at the problem of the washed out storm drain on Shepherd Street with an eye towards repairing it and presenting a price estimate for that repair to the County.

The Council agreed that because of the inextricable connection of the chain link fence to the Village's sidewalk at 3602 Shepherd Street that we should pay to have it wirebrushed and repainted or the chain link replaced with vinyl covered chain link and the posts and rails repainted. The Village Manager is awaiting a bid for the work to be done this fall.

A swarming nest of bees in a retaining wall against the sidewalk at Georgia and Taylor Streets was eliminated by our pest control specialist, Bee Be Gone, because it was a public safety hazard.

The Village Manager will be taking a tour of the community with our town arborist to identify trees both public and private that need attention prior to this winter. Trimming of public trees will be done as soon as possible.

The Park is open again now that the sod has taken hold. The Village Manager has asked the community's dog owners to please make certain that dogs don't tear up the sod by digging holes. The damage done to the park prior to the sod being laid was dramatic.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The audit in draft form was delivered to all the Council members and should be complete shortly.

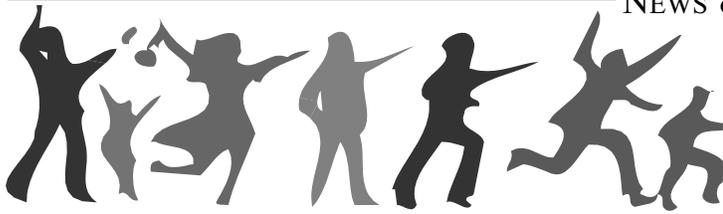
The Office of the Comptroller vows to check the addresses of residents in the Chevy Chases against the Chevy Chase Redbook to be certain that the right jurisdiction is included for Wynn v. Maryland tax claims.

Some of the franchise fees you pay to the two cable TV providers go to the local Montgomery Municipal Cable channel. Because of this, all the Chevy Chase jurisdictions have asked for more fiscal accountability from the channel, which will be provided, along with a greater understanding and say in what goes on the channel intended to serve municipalities.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL

The Party in the Park and Food Truck night went well. (See story this issue on Food truck night).

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Congrats to **Amaya Murphy** who has landed her first post-graduate professional acting gig with the Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey. Amaya will be spending the next six on the main stage in Madison, New Jersey and touring with the company in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Romeo and Juliet*.

FILE OF LIFE INFO:

KEY FOR EVERYONE, ESPECIALLY SENIORS

Last spring Kate Elkins, a public health expert, spoke to seniors in and near Section 3 about safety issues. One of the key things she brought up is that everyone who might be at one time or another need an ambulance should have “File of Life” with forms filled out in the envelope on their refrigerator. This way, if you are unable to give a history or proper information, emergency medical personnel are trained to look for this on the fridge. She sent a large number of these envelopes with blank forms to the Village Manager for any senior who wants one, just contact the her.

She also pointed out that if you have “DNR (Do Not Resuscitate)” papers, you should not only have those on hand, easily found, but you have to fill out this “MOLST (Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment)” document which is the ONLY document Maryland emergency personnel can use as a guide as to how you want to be treated as they transport you to the hospital. This document has to be filled out by you and signed by a health care provider to be legally effective. It’s also something you should copy and share with family along with any advanced directive you have. The File of Life form asks if your advanced directive is on file, but to be effective, you should have it with you or near your file of life so it can be used for the purposes for which it was intended once you get to the hospital. The MOLST form is available online by just putting “MOLST form” into your search engine.

All this sounds morbid, but we all want to be prepared, that’s why we write wills, fill out advanced directives and try and have our affairs in order as we age. If you want a magnetic “File of Life” envelope and form, just contact the Village Manager.

SECTION 3 POLICY REVIEW

In the interests of greater transparency, the Council decided to take a hard look at all our policies and then post them to our website. The policies are distinct from our ordinances and have been adopted by resolution by the Council. Several of the policies re-adopted were state mandated: the investment policy (approved in February 1996), debt policy (approved in April 1994) and our policies and procedures related to the Maryland Public Information Act (approved at the October meeting). Our policies regarding the destruction and retention of documents are also state-mandated. A few changes have been made by the Council to the investment policy to allow us to invest in banks outside of the state of Maryland and for longer terms and those changes have to be approved by the state treasurer before they can be embraced officially as our policy. Other policies which have not been printed prior to this were also approved by the Council. Until they are up on our website, under the governance tab, residents can request copies of any of the following policies approved at the October meeting:

FINANCE RELATED POLICIES:

- Investment policy—(mandated by law) adopted February 1996.
Changes to be adopted October 2015 are pending state treasurer approval.
- Debt Policy—(mandated by Law) adopted September 2009.
- Charitable Donation Policy—adopted January 2011.

INFORMATION RELATED POLICIES:

- Maryland Public Information Act Policy, Procedures & Application—(mandated by law)—adopted October 2015.
- Document Retention and Disposal Schedule—(mandated by law) approved 2013.
- Section 3 email distribution list policy— adopted October 2015
- Section 3 Directory Addresses Use Policy—adopted October 2015 (note this policy appears in the front of every directory and has for a number of years).

STREET USAGE POLICIES:

- Curb Cut Policy—adopted April 1994.
- On Street Parking Policy—adopted October 2015.

PUBLIC OPEN SPACE POLICIES:

- Gazebo and Park Use Policies—adopted October 2015.
- Greenway planting and Tree Preservation policies—adopted October 2015.

COUNTY NEWS

The County Board of Elections had voted to move the early voting site from the Lawton Center to an up-county location in Potomac. Their recommendation went to the State Board of Elections which sent back the recommendation to the County Board and asked them to reconsider. Happily, they did and the early voting location at the Lawton Center has been retained!

The County Council has voted to adopt a pesticide law that does not go into effect until 2018 but mainly bans the use of pesticides on County properties with some significant exceptions such as the soccer plex in Gaithersburg. The state has maintained that they alone have the power to ban or permit the use of certain pesticides and it appears that there will be a number of legal challenges before this bill goes into effect.



LEAF BAGS DISTRIBUTED ON OCTOBER 24

If you signed up for leaf bags and did not receive a set of 25 bags, please contact the Village Manager to come pick up your allotment.

THINKING OF BUILDING AN ADDITION? A FENCE, A PATIO?

You probably need a permit...before you get too far into your planning, consider talking to the Council's representative for Buildings and Roads so that you're on the right path. Boundary surveys are required for most efforts, drainage plans are often required, and finally, if you're building something, check first to find out if you have to get a permit and/or need a variance to do what you want to do!

COUNCIL ACTIONS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

The Village Manager has asked the preschool for volunteers to help with the Halloween decorating for our children and the pre-school children at CCUMC.

The Village Manager has been working with our webmaster to finally finish up the revisions for our new website which will be more complete, updated, and hopefully more informative. A notice will appear when it goes "live."

OTHER

The Council discussed and approved the response to the Steptoe-Carson family regarding the noise and conversations and emails with the Village Manager.

The Council received a thank you note from the head of the CCUMC preschool for a \$3,000 contribution toward the cost of the mulch used for the two playgrounds used by our children as well as those enrolled in the preschool.

The Council adopted a number of policies (see story this issue) which will be included on our website. Some of these policies were previously adopted and required by law, others have been policies followed by the Council but never written down for public reference or formally adopted by the Council. In the interests of transparency, all will be included under the governance tab on our website as soon as they are properly prepared in the right format. In the interim, anyone wishing to see any of these policies should feel free to contact the village manager.

The Council adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

NEW DIRECTORY

We've had so many new neighbors move into Section 3 it's time to publish a new directory. Has your email changed? Is your cell phone included and is the number right? Do you still have a land line? Are there any other changes we need to know about? Please contact the Village Manager as soon as possible.

CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY UNIQUE NOVEMBER OFFERINGS

Montgomery College's Lifelong Learning Institute has teamed up with Chevy Chase Library to offer some fascinating classes including a three-session class on Vincent Van Gogh: Paintings and Letters to be held at 1:30 p.m. Registration is through the institute at (240) 567-5188 and tuition waivers apply with seniors only paying a modest fee. The class will be held on Mondays November 2, 9 and 16 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the library.



TREE TRIMMING

The Village Manager and the Village Arborist took an extensive tour of the community looking for trees in need of trimming back—both street trees and trees and shrubs on private property. The work will be done in early December and a notice will be sent out to residents asking that cars be put in driveways rather

than left on the street to facilitate the work.

Close to 75 homeowners have trees or shrubs that need trimming back and all have been notified. Those who expressed a desire to have the work done by their own landscapers have notified the Village Manager. The goal is to clear the sidewalks to an eight-foot level as we don't do this work very often. Bushes and trees laden with snow and ice weigh down and make walking on the public sidewalk difficult in a number of locations. We want to avoid that. We are also trimming some of our street trees of dead wood and "elevating" them to give better clearance and light. If you have not yet responded to an email sent to you by the Village Manager, please do so.

In addition to looking at limbs in the right-of-way, the Village Manager asked the arborist to point out trees in need of some attention by homeowners. Those letters are also going out to residents so that they can get their own arborist to address questions regarding the health of their trees. If you have any question or concern about a bush or tree you hope is on the list, please contact the Village Manager.

CHEVY CHASE AT HOME OFFERS MOSAIC WORKSHOP

Chevy Chase at Home is offering two special workshops November 10 and 17 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Chevy Chase Village Hall. Artist Millie Shott will teach how to make a memorable mosaic plaque and asks participants to bring broken and chipped pottery or glass from home to help shape your mosaic.

For more information, check with Chevy Chase at Home at (301) 567-3115.

HALLOWEEN PARADE AND PIZZA PARTY BIG SUCCESS

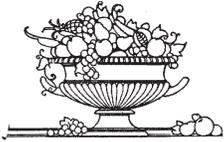
Thanks to the decorating assistance of **Ellie Nader** and **Alison Mandell**, everyone who attended our Pizza Party at the CCUMC Phillips Hall came to an atmosphere fit for the evening.



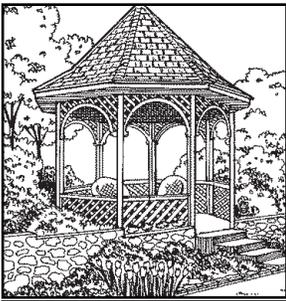
Andrew Leleck led the parade of ghosts and goblins up the street and families enjoyed their pizza and snacks before setting out on a night of excitement! Thanks to **Judy Corbett** and **Sudi Press** for helping serve up hundreds of pieces of pizza in record time!

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING... SAY SOMETHING!

CAMPAIGN POSTERS VANDALIZED. TWO HOMES IN SECTION 3 WITH CAMPAIGN POSTERS ON THEIR LAWNS HAVE HAD THEM RIPPED UP ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION. AS A COMMUNITY PROUD OF ITS CIVILITY, WE ASSUME IT IS SOMEONE LESS TOLERANT FROM OUTSIDE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WHO IS VANDALIZING THESE POSTER. IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, PLEASE TELL THE VANDALS TO STOP OR YOU'LL CALL THE POLICE.



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KEEP THOSE SIDEWALKS CLEAR OF LEAVES!

PLEASE MAKE A POINT OF KEEPING YOUR FRONT WALK AND SIDEWALK CLEAR OF LEAVES AS THEY ARE OFTEN SLIPPERY AND CAN CAUSE FALLS. IF YOU HAVE A LAWN SERVICE, PLEASE BE AWARE THAT WE DO NOT ALLOW LEAVES TO PILE IN OUR NARROW STREETS—THAT'S WHY WE GIVE YOU LEAF BAGS!