

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

OCTOBER 2010

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Bulk trash pickup, Curbside

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

Council Meeting

CCUMC Room 109 7:45 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

4:45 p.m. Gazebo Park

Halloween Parade &

Pizza Party at CCUMC

Phillips Hall

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Bulk household trash pickup—curbside

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Council Meeting

CCUMC Room 109

7:45 p.m.

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PARTY-IN-THE-PARK WOWS US ALL ON A BEAUTIFUL FALL DAY!

The weather could not have been more perfect if we'd put in a special order for this year's Party in the Park. Tables with flowers and baskets of fruit covered half of Florida Street near the park and there was room for all to dine in style. Fulton Street served as the main route for the ever-popular mini-train and the area at the base of the park on Fulton Street was an active obstacle course that extended 50' for a challenging inflated "Junior Obstacle Course." A giant inflated slide covered one end of the park and two delightful toddler scale rides—a mini-ferris wheel and a mini-carousel were located on Spring Street.

Keith Robinson, our favorite DJ from Bristol Sounds, entertained the kids with line dancing, hoola hoop activities, and the piece de resistance—the cake walk! **Kristen Williams** rounded up 30 Section 3 bakers who made the most amazing desserts which literally "walked" away from the park after a series of fun cake walks for all sorts of categories of Section 3 residents.

Special thanks to all our vendors...Big Country Amusements, Mindy's Catering, which as usual, made a delicious meal for us all including their famous brownies and Mr. Davis whose ice cream truck is always welcome. The whole event could not have been possible, as always, without the help of so many Section 3 volunteers. First, thanks to Council members **Natasha Saifee and Donna Harmon** for recruiting so many of you. For set up, special thanks to our strong table and chair movers—**Chris Whatley, Cormac Connor, John Dettleff and Dave Mostofi**. A special thanks to **Susan Manning** and daughter **Elinor** who helped put on table cloths and centerpieces.

Section 3 residents who helped with the train to make them safe for our children included **Kate Manning, Kathleen Millian, Laura Narvaiz, Cindy Owens, Nancy Schnure and Clare Wolfowitz**.

Junior obstacle course helpers included **Katherine Carroll and Anu Connor, Liz Howard and Cynthia Hovda, Colin Beebe and Salim Saifee, Linas Virbikas and Brad Hartnett, Hollis Dittersdorf and Melissa Brown, Debby Glynn and Andra Chernack**.

On the Fun Slide, thanks to **John Jacob, Lisa Jaycox, Alison Nordlinger, Deborah Scheck, and the Franze and Daw families**. And, a special thanks to **Ellen McKenney** who greeted everyone and helped with name tags so everyone would know who was who! Thanks Ellen!

Finally, thanks to **Bob Salmon, Bill Brownlee and Geoff Corbett** who manned the adult beverage stand, helping to share the good cheer and to Bill Brownlee and many of those who set up who also helped with clean up. We're fortunate to have so many people willing to be involved and so fortunate to enjoy one another's company so much when we get together like this once a year.

**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 Thursday, September 9th at 7:45 p.m. All Council members except David Ohrenstein were present. The meeting began at 7:55 p.m.

The minutes, as they appeared in the September newsletter were approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

The contact at District 2 police headquarters has yet to respond to us about the availability of police for off-duty work. Section 5 has also not been able to reach anyone at headquarters. In the meantime, Section 5 has submitted through someone at the 2nd district, a copy of the same contract we use for police work to the County Attorney to make sure it's approved. We will continue to seek additional police coverage.

FEMA promises to reimburse us for some of the cost incurred due to the second set of storms by November. There is no reason given for the delay. They say they will cover the use of the chipper since that was all storm damaged trees.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

The property at 7104 Florida Street seems to be getting finished slowly but surely.

The property at Bradley Lane is waiting for panels to begin construction and it should begin soon.

The property at 3600 Taylor Street has been completed and several interested parties have contacted the Village Manager to determine how and where they could add to the property. They have all been informed that a new fence could only be 48" high except at the corner and that the current fence was put in prior to that ordinance. When that fence is replaced, the neighbor, who got a variance for a 6' fence only until the corner property fence comes down, will have to alter her fence but she is aware of that as that was a condition of her variance.

The Edelen daycare center expansion hearing is slated for October 1st and the village's traffic consultant and the Village Manager and Bill Brownlee will be testifying along with a number of individuals who expressed concern about the expansion.

The Council voted to participate in the National Flood Plain Insurance Program at the urging of Georgia Street resident **Gabi Koeppe**. See story this issue.

A building permit has been issued for the **Fernandez-Shapiro** family of 3710 Raymond Street to expand their kitchen at the rear of the house and add a patio.

The **Wilsons** of 3704 Taylor Street have been issued a permit to build an enclosed porch.

The **Waterman/Robboy** family of 6803 Florida Street was issued a permit for a fence.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The bank rates for new CDs are extremely low and the Village Manager is seeking decent rates if possible as several are turning over or maturing this month.

The new version of the bookkeeping program had some changes which made the standard budget report unavailable in time for the Council meeting. The Village Manager promises to get each Council member a copy of the new budget report shortly.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

Plans for the Party-in-the-Park are well underway. The one complication is that we may have to substitute one inflatable "ride" for another because we are not going to use the front yard at 6813 Florida Street due to problems in getting adequate insurance coverage to satisfy the owners. The Village Manager had already discussed this possibility with our vendor and we have a "plan B," but until we know the ride, we don't know if we need one or two sets of parents to monitor safety every half hour. Both Donna Harmon and Natasha Saifee are working on getting volunteers for the rides, the Village Manager is recruiting folks for the set up and the adult beverage bar.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

SPRING STREET GETS NEW TRANSFORMER, POLE AND SOON, NEW LINES

The added benefit for some neighbors of the renovated house at 3612 Spring Street is that they get a new transformer, a new pole, and soon, new secondary power lines down the street. The power lines will replace existing lines and should result in more reliable power.

The new neighbors, the **Slidell** family, expect to move in as of September 29th, ending a long construction period for the house. The family has already met many of the neighbors at the Welcome New Neighbors event and the Party-in-the-Park. We're looking forward to having the whole family move in!



A special welcome to 11 year old **Maribel Narvaiz** who has recently been adopted into the Narvaiz family joining parents **Laura and Ric** and brother **John**, 10. Maribel hails from Columbia. Many of you may remember meeting Maribel last summer when she made her first visit to the U.S. and stayed with the Narvaiz family. She is settling into the school routine in the 4th grade at Chevy Chase Elementary School nicely and picking up English rapidly. We're delighted to have you as a neighbor, Maribel!

NEW BABIES AND MORE TO COME!

A special welcome to the newest Shepherd Street resident, **Celeste Naddelman**, born September 9th. Celeste's parents, **Jen Roberti and Rob Naddelman**, are delighted to have baby Celeste join sisters **Ella** and **Juliette**.

Celeste will have fun playing with baby **Charles Leleck**, born September 14th to parents **Colleen and Andrew**. The couple's first baby weighed in at 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

Expect another spate of announcements in November, we're looking forward to hearing from the **Trenor/Carstens** family, the **Kneip** family, the **Benhard** family, the **Butler** family and the **Virbikas** family!

A special welcome to **David Small, Katia Yannaca** and their children **Alexander** (15), **Sophia** (12) and **Ileana** (9) and their nanny **Anna Medina** who have moved into 3710 Taylor Street. The family has been living in the Town of Chevy Chase so they're familiar with the area. We're glad to welcome them to our community and look forward to meeting all of them!

A welcome to **Scott Stone and Julia Watkins** and their three-year-old son **Benjamin** who have moved into 7005 Georgia Street. Happily, they moved in just in time for the Party-in-the-Park and thanks to a special "hello-goodbye" party held by the **Gormans** for them and other new neighbors, they have had an opportunity to meet many of their neighbors. We're delighted to have you here!

NEW SIDEWALK ON BROOKVILLE ROAD

Ground breaking is slated for October 2nd for the new and much desired sidewalk that will go down the eastern side of Brookville Road from Bradley Lane down to Western Avenue. The sidewalk construction is funded by revenues from Chevy Chase Village's SafeSpeed Program (speed cameras).

The design of the sidewalk is somewhat unusual because it had to meet so many different standards. Because there is no storm drain on that portion of Brookville Road, and because the sidewalk must conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act and still be porous, there was only one design that would meet those seemingly disparate requirements. It's called "Gravelpave," a honeycomb base material into which gravel is inserted and "locked" into place with special pervious material. The gravel allows the sidewalk to be pervious while the honeycomb base provides the rigidity necessary for wheelchairs and stroller wheels.

A number of Village residents entered into temporary or perpetual easements because the sidewalk would either be on their property or would require activity on their property. Property owners on Brookville Road were supportive, for the most part, of the process which is finally, after five years of planning, moving forward.

At a point when the Park and Planning Board needed to approve the plan, many Section 3 residents responded by sending letters of support for the sidewalk, which should make it much safer for all pedestrians and encourage many of us who would like to walk down Brookville Road to school, church or shopping.

A special thanks to the hard work and patient steadfastness of all those in Chevy Chase Village responsible for bringing the sidewalk to reality.

PEPCO TO IMPROVE MAIN POWER LINE IN EARLY 2011

The main power line which serves parts of Section 3 and Martins Additions as well as Chevy Chase Village will be replaced and improved during the first quarter of 2011. The line will run up Connecticut Avenue and down along Bradley Lane where it will connect with lines on Brookville Road.

Pepco has also been very cooperative in responding to calls from Section 3 to remove limbs hanging over power lines in our community. Four locations will be taken care of in the next few weeks.

CHEVY CHASE LAKE SECTOR PLAN TO UNDERGO UPDATING

The Chevy Chase Lake area to our north is about to be re-evaluated and the plan updated. This area includes the last major inside the beltway set of land holdings of the Chevy Chase Land Company. The very rough outlines of the project plan embrace much more intensive land use with big-box retail outlets and more dense retail, commercial and residential land uses. As part of the initial exploration of that plan, a traffic study is being conducted. Initially, the scope of work for the traffic study and its impact under the new more densely used land would have ended at East-West Highway.

Thanks to the careful monitoring of the scope of work by the Town of Chevy Chase, Section 3 and Chevy Chase Village were made aware of this oversight and together all three communities lobbied to have the Park and Planning Commission expand their scope of work to embrace a traffic study which would expand the study area to include the area from Chevy Chase Circle all the way up to Kensington as any intense development at Chevy Chase Lake will doubtlessly affect the entire region.

Towards the end of September, the Park and Planning Commission re-evaluated their scope of work and agreed to have the traffic study reach as far south as Bradley Lane (which means the impact on Section 3). Thus, the impact of any more intense development at Chevy Chase Lake will be reflected in their initial studies.

We will continue to monitor this sector plan as it evolves as the already congested traffic on Connecticut Avenue will be affected by any development at Chevy Chase Lake.

DEMOLITION SLATED FOR FLORIDA STREET HOUSE

The **Harmon** family home on Florida Street will soon be reduced to rubble...why? Because they love the neighborhood, but have outgrown their home. So rather than move away, **Zach, Donna, Will, Miles and Luke** will be temporarily lodging on Fulton Street while a new home goes up on the same site.

So if you see the house go down in the next few weeks, expect that a new one will soon be rising. And just to keep it in the family, so to speak, Michael Banks, who used to live on Taylor Street, will be the builder on the project. If you have any questions about the project, feel free to ask Donna or Zach, they're excited by what they are planning to build.

TREE TRIMMING COMING SOON!

Section 3's arborist and the Village Manager have



combed the community looking for limbs which could be cut back if they hang over the sidewalk, tree limbs that with a little ice and snow may dip too low for even a Fed Ex truck, and sick or dangerous trees that need attention.

The Village Manager has already contacted all residents with sick trees to see if the owners will tend to them. Pepco has been contacted about dangling limbs near power lines. The State Highway Department has been contacted to take care of trees in their right-of-way and work will begin in October to trim back trees or limbs which are considered dangerous or too low for comfort. We want to avoid the risk of any limbs falling on houses, sidewalks, cars or pedestrians.

BRADLEY LANE HOUSE WELL UNDERWAY

The first of two houses slated to go in on Bradley Lane is well under construction. The house went up in about a week after pre-engineered panels were delivered to the site. The advantage of this kind of construction is the rapidity with which the house goes up. Construction noise is limited by the rapidity of construction and the outlines of the entire home are readily apparent. Developer Marc Weller has been active in the area and has already set the tone for the job by putting stone facing on the stucco wall all around the two lots.

Eventually a driveway will be cut on Bradley Lane close to the Terpeluk home in keeping with the agreement at the time of the subdivision, as far as possible from the intersection to minimize congestion especially at rush hours.

MOBILE MVA ON WHEELS

The mobile Motor Vehicle Office will be in Friendship Heights from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on October 25, November 22 and December 20th. The bus parks in front of the community center at the Village of Friendship Heights at 4433 South Park Avenue in Chevy Chase.

HALLOWEEN PARADE AND PARTY SET

Mark your calendars for the Annual Halloween Parade for those in second grade



and under. Sunday, October 31st at 4:45 p.m. We'll gather at the Gazebo Park in costume to begin the march up the street to the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church for our annual Pizza Party before everyone goes trick-or-treating. Older siblings and other family members are welcome to come and watch and march up and join everyone for the Pizza Party.

Because the CCUMC pre-school will have their party on the 29th, we will be decorating Phillips Hall ahead of schedule to benefit both CCUMC children and our own on Sunday. If you would like to volunteer to decorate the room on the 28th, please contact the Village Manager.

RESCUE SQUAD AND CHEVY CHASE FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSES

Learn about the workings of both the B-CC Rescue Squad and the Chevy Chase Fire Department at their upcoming open houses. The B-CC Rescue Squad has its open house on Saturday, October 2nd from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the Chevy Chase Fire Department holds its event on Saturday, October 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Section 3 residents are active in both community services. Florida Street's **Ferrall Dietrich** and Fulton Street's **Julia Hawley** both volunteer at the BCC Rescue Squad and **Russell Weil** and **Mary McDonough** both volunteer on the board of the Chevy Chase Fire Department. We are grateful to them all for their service.

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE SOON TO BE AVAILABLE

The Council passed two resolutions necessary to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which Congress recently reauthorized for another year. All the paperwork to participate in the program has been submitted and as soon as we receive confirmation of our inclusion into the program, residents will be notified. This will mean that those who wish to contact their insurance agents and get flood insurance added to their coverage will be able to do so.

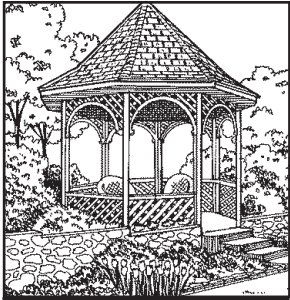
While Section 3 is not located in a flood zone according to the NFIP, FEMA says that homes in low to moderate flood hazard areas like Section 3 have a 25% chance of flooding. Your regular homeowners insurance policy may cover sump pump failures and sewer or storm drain back-ups but you need to check your coverage to see if you need or want this additional coverage.

Flood insurance has very specific parameters and limitations. It can cover up to \$250,000 of building coverage and \$100,000 of contents generally with a \$500 deductible. National Flood Insurance doesn't cover basement improvements such as finished walls, floors or ceilings, or personal belongings that may be kept in a basement, such as furniture and other contents. They do cover unfinished drywall for walls and ceilings, electrical junction and circuit breaker boxes, ac units, furnaces and hot water heaters and fuel tanks, light fixtures and foundation elements as well as cleanup.

Standard flood insurance policies exclude water or water-borne material that backs up through sewers or drains, discharges or overflows from a sump pump, sump pump related equipment, seeps or leaks on or through the property unless there is a flood in the area and the flood is the proximate cause of the sewer or drain back up, sump pump discharge or overflow or seepage of water. It also excludes damage caused by moisture, mildew, or mold that could have been avoided by the property owner. Consult your insurance broker to get more details or go to www.floodsmart.gov for more information. Once we receive confirmation of Section 3's participation, if you are interested, be prepared for a 30 day wait period should you decide to sign up for this coverage.



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SCARY DOINGS AT FULTON STREET ON HALLOWEEN

Halloween will be in full swing again at the **D'Ambrosio's** at 7009 Fulton Street this year on the evening of Sunday, October 31st. For those new to the neighborhood, the D'Ambrosio's have been Section 3 residents for almost 30 years, and Mario D'Ambrosio, (who produces lasershow for bands and larger music venues), has graciously provided us with amazing displays of Halloween theatrics over the years, incorporating strobes, black lights, music, fog, and high-powered lasers. Due to the huge popularity of this event over the years and the traffic/pedestrian challenges involved, Fulton Street will again be closed to traffic on Halloween evening from Taylor Street to Shepherd Street. Don't miss this chance to give your ghosts and goblins a special Halloween experience! NOTE: for those who need to stay home for the trick or treaters on Halloween, there will be a special "dry run" of the show on Saturday evening October 30th (after dark, of course!!).