

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

SEPTEMBER 2010

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
Council Meeting
CCUMC Room 109 7:45 P.M.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
Primary Election
CCUMC Phillips Hall

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
Party-in-the-Park
4 p.m.—7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6
Bulk trash pickup, Curbside

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13
Council Meeting
CCUMC Room 109 7:45 p.m.

PARTY-IN-THE-PARK SLATED FOR SEPTEMBER 19TH



The train will be running down Fulton Street, the Carousel will turn, and the food will be fabulous! Plan on joining us for our big annual “Party-in-the-Park” on Sunday, September 19th from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The rain date is set for the following Sunday, the 26th same time same place.

For those new to the neighborhood, this event started years ago with a co-op dinner in the park with neighbors bringing pot luck items and blankets to eat their food on with their families. A few years later, we stepped it up a notch and assigned courses to various streets (on street would bring veggie dishes, another main courses, another salads, etc). We added a guitar player or another entertainer with the ensuing years. Then some of the residents pointed out that for single, older residents, it was not so easy to prepare the food for a larger group in order to participate, and further, it wasn’t so easy getting up and down from those blankets in the park—so we added tables and chairs and hired a caterer... And, then to entertain our many children, we added rides—one year a memorable hayride with enormous draft horses, another year a few rides, and finally, the event has morphed into a major event with LOTS of rides for children, great catered food, sit down dining, a cake walk, a dj, and of course, hundreds of Section 3 families all eager to catch up with one another after the summer’s activities and the beginning of school.

So mark your calendars and give the village manager a call or an email if you’d like to help with set-up, clean-up or volunteering to take a half-hour shift to ensure the safety of all our children on some of the many rides. This event is always a hit because you are all involved!

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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 on Wednesday, July 14th. All Council members, except Carolyn Greis, were in attendance. The meeting began at 7:55 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Village Manager reported that she had not heard back from the coordinator at the 2nd district police department regarding our request for an off-duty officer to patrol our streets but will make another attempt. There were no responses from the FOP website announcement. A second individual who coordinates off-duty police for Montgomery County Police had some problems regarding the insurance coverage that we require and so we are now working with a third possible coordinator at the county level. This individual has already made contact with Section 5 for the same services and it appears that once contractual issues are worked out with the County attorney, the same contract will be appropriate for Section 3 as well.

We have received approval for funding for the second snow-storm from FEMA and should be receiving a check within the next five or six months.

NEW DIRECTORY IN THE WORKS

Take a good look at your listing in the current Section 3 directory. Make sure to let us know about any errors, additions (new babies) or changes in email that you'd like to make. Remember, emails are not for broadcast emailing—fund-raising, political messages, etc.—they are included here so that you can better communicate with your neighbors and so that we can communicate with you. We've been fortunate that with few exception, people have honored the restrictions we impose and they emails have not been disseminated beyond our community by our directory...

So take a good look, we're in the last phases of updating the book now!

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

The Mostofis at 7001 Georgia Street received a fence permit and are busy building an impressive fence. The property at 7104 Fulton Street is moving into the final stages of completion and the Buildings and Roads representative and the Village Manager have been working with the foreman coordinating the job.

A building permit was issued and construction begun on the first of two lots at Connecticut Avenue and Bradley Lane. A permit was also issued to reface the existing wall that surrounds both parcels. Marc Weller is the contractor on the job and has been working with the Buildings and Roads representative and the Village Manager.

Aly Tareq, the owner of 3600 Taylor Street, has received a permit to build a deck that is now complete; it was built within compliance. The property is now on the market.

Milling and paving on Florida Street was completed without too much disruption. D & F Construction did the concrete work. A.B. Viers did the milling and paving. FSM did the stop bars.

LEGAL ISSUES

The Council agreed to hire David Podolsky to represent the concerns of the community regarding the proposed Edelen daycare center. The next hearing before the OZAH was slated for August 23 but was postponed by the hearing examiner because of a backlog of work. The new hearing date will be in Rockville on October 1st. Interested residents should contact the Village manager for details as to time and place.

FINANCIAL STATUS

The Council went over the CDs maturing in August and agreed to find the highest possible interest rate for everything from 9 months to 18 months.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

All the contractors have been hired for the Welcome New Neighbors' Event...and fans will be used this year because of the heat.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



Neighbors at the “no outlet” end of Florida Street are cleaning house and holding a yard sale! On Saturday, Sept. 18th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.—stop by, you might see some special deals!

Sign up for Ellen’s Run 5K Run/3K Walk. The neighborhood event is slated for Sunday, October 10th starting at 9 a.m. beginning at Candy Cane Pavilion. The event is held in memory of Ellen Vala Schneider, a Section 5 resident and community activist and tireless volunteer. The fun-raiser, organized by her friends and colleagues, benefits the B-CC High School Community Scholarship Fund and the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County. Sign up at www.EllensRunOnline.org or make a tax deductible contribution and send a check, payable to Ellen’s Run 2010 to Ellen’s Run, c/o Carole Brand, 7011 Fulton Street, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

Chevy Chase United Methodist Church Pre-School will be sponsoring a special Welcome Back Concert on Thursday, September 30th at 12:30 p.m. on the main playground. Mr. John Henry England will be performing until about 1:30 p.m. Neighbors are welcome to attend and if they’d like, bring a picnic lunch.

SECTION 3 RESIDENT MICHAEL COLES FEATURED IN *POST* SUNDAY MAGAZINE

Kudos to Spring Street resident **Michael Coles** for living such an interesting life that the Washington Post chose him for a cover story on Sunday, August 15th! Coles, known to many of his students as “Master Coles”, is an eighth degree black belt grand master of tae kwon do and runs the Coles Martial Arts Academy in Bethesda. He teaches both adults and children and inspires all. Wife and business partner Joanne helps out as manager of the studio. The article focused not only on Coles’ background and what brought him to tae kwon do, but also on the many benefits and ways he gives back to the community and to individual students.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS BBQ



Lots of new neighbors joined us for our annual Welcome New Neighbors’ Barbeque on July 15th. We almost ran out of welcome leis with all the new families who joined us to meet the neighbors! This annual event has come to be a neighborhood favorite because the focus is on the people who make up our community—and of course, good food! There is

nothing nicer than having an opportunity to welcome new neighbors in such a friendly setting.

A tent went up on Florida Street instead of in the Gazebo Park because we had had so much rain we were concerned that the park would be both muddy and mosquito filled. And because the heat was so oppressive, fans were added to make the dining experience pleasant. In all, we served food to about 300 residents. Old neighbors caught up with friends they hadn’t seen in months and new neighbors had an opportunity to meet the larger community. And as always, the children had a wonderful time and made lots of new friends. Special thanks to all those who helped out to make this event so successful, especially on the set up and clean up!

The food was wonderful, thanks to Rockland Barbeque and Grill. What little leftovers there were went to the homeless men’s shelter in Bethesda, as always. The ice cream man came and finished the evening on a high note with one free ice cream for everyone who wanted one. Thanks too to Mitchell Crispell for fabulous DJ work.

CHEVY CHASE SECTOR PLANNING BEGINS

The Maryland National Park and Planning Commission is beginning the process of developing the planning for the future of the Chevy Chase Lake area. The initial ideas for the future development of this area involve linking it with the new purple line and intensifying the development in that area...all of which will have an effect on all of us to the South. Section 3, the Town of Chevy Chase, Martins Additions and Chevy Chase Village have joined to make it clear that all of us want to be involved in the development of the plans and make sure that the impact of additional traffic does not adversely affect our communities.

Individuals in Section 3 who would like to participate in this process should contact the Village Manager—the more people offering their views, the better!

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL CANDIDATES FORUM

Section 3, along with 14 other groups and municipalities, is co-hosting a candidates forum in anticipation of the primaries on September 14th. Thirteen candidates are running for four At-Large Montgomery County Council seats to represent the entire County. So mark your calendars and come to the public forum on September 2nd at 7 p.m. at the 4-H Center at 7100 Connecticut Avenue.

Over the next four years, the Council members will be making decisions which directly affect our lives—budgets, taxes, transit, building density, education and much more. For us, this is a very important election...so come and get educated—ask the questions you need to know before you vote, and please, VOTE on September 14th. The meeting is expected to last about 90 minutes.

Participants include incumbent at-large Democratic County Council members Marc Erlich, Nancy Floreen, George Leventhal and Duchy Tractenberg along with nine challengers: Democrats Fred Evans, Raj Narayanan, Hans Riemer, Becky Wagner and Jane de Winter; Republican challengers Robert Dyer, Mark D. Fennel, and Brandon Rippeon; and Green Party candidate George Gluck.



CHEVY CHASE @ HOME GALA

Mark your calendars now for the Gala opening event of Chevy Chase @ Home. The cooperative organization works to help Chevy Chase residents stay in their own homes and connect with one another and with services. The group will hold a meeting at the Chevy Chase Village Hall on November 14th from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. with Mark Shields, a Village resident and noted political commentator delivering the opening remarks.

Everyone is invited to attend and learn more about the group and their plans to launch services in early 2011. Find out how you can participate and make a difference.



ALERT MONTGOMERY

Want to know when a storm is coming your way? When a road is closed and why? When the metro station has a problem? When a school is suddenly closed for lack of water, ac, etc? Sign up for a free service which delivers a message to your email address and/or cell phone. Go to <https://alert.montgomerycountymd.gov> and sign up, it's an excellent service that, for those who live in the County, provides valuable information.

CHEVY CHASE @ HOME SPONSORS TWO SPECIAL NOSTALGIC EVENTS

On Tuesday, September 7th, Sandy Geller will lead a program entitled “nostalgia—War and Wonderful Memories of the Good Old Days, and on September 21st, Jerry Bernstein will share excerpts from his amazing collection of OLD RADIO PROGRAMS... Both events will be at Chevy Chase Village Hall from 2 to 4 p.m.

EDELEN DAYCARE CENTER APPLICATION SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 1 HEARING

Despite the concerns presented by Section 3 regarding the impact on traffic and the community, including the thorough traffic study we commissioned, the Park and Planning Commission voted 3 to 1 on July 1 to recommend that the expansion of the Edelen daycare center be approved as long as they made alterations to the driveway to accommodate ADA regulations. The Commission also recommended that if the hearing examiner approved the plan, it would be reviewed after nine months of operation to assess whether it was causing traffic problems. However, they did not indicate what remedy was available if that finding occurred). The plan, as approved, calls for 9 children to arrive between 7:45 and 8:30 p.m., another 9 children between 8:30 and 9:15, and another 6 children, who will only attend for a half day, to arrive between 9:15 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. As we indicated in our testimony before the Commission, we are concerned that these arrival time windows, as well as pick up times, may not be strictly implemented in a way that will minimize the traffic safety concerns cited in our traffic study.

Testifying before the Commission against the proposed application were our traffic consultant Joe Cutro, Council Chairman Bill Brownlee, developer Marc Weller who is developing the two adjacent lots, Pat Burda representing the Town of Chevy Chase, Lanny Johnson, another adjacent neighbor, Bob Salmon, former Council chairman and a Raymond Street resident, and Andy Leon Harney, the Village Manager.

The next hearing is slated for the morning of October 1st before the OZAH hearing examiner. Anyone interested in attending this hearing should contact the Village Manager to get details on the location, etc.

CCUMC BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

Chevy Chase United Methodist Church invites members of the community to bring their animals for the annual blessing service that is usually held on October 4th (or the closest Sunday to that date) in observance of the birthday of St. Francis of Assisi.

If your pet is uncomfortable in the presence of other animals, bring a pet carrier.

PROPERTY TAX BILLS: SECTION 3 RESIDENTS DO NOT PAY SOLID WASTE CHARGE

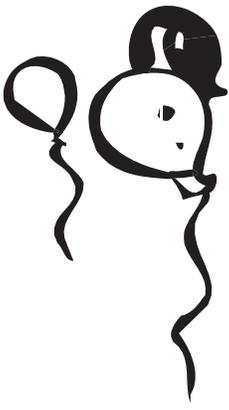
If you've already paid your tax bill, and you paid for the entire year at once, then you may want to ask for a refund of \$41.43, the solid waste charge that Section 3 pays for all residents living in Section 3. If you make two payments, then the County will make the adjustment on your second bill. Every year the County provides us with a listing of all residents and we pay for every owner occupant in Section 3 in a lump sum. Unfortunately, the bills have already been sent out by the time they get us our invoice, so the only way to adjust for this problem is to notify you directly. Several years ago the Council decided to cover this charge with the funds collected from our property taxes. This particular charge, along with the water quality protection charge are NOT deductible..

HEAVY RAIN STORMS LEAVE SOME IN SECTION 3 POWERLESS

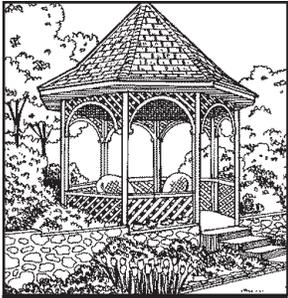
The most recent rain storms left 8 Section 3 residents without power for 5 days! Two transformers blew and it took Pepco to the final day they promised to have everyone back on line to get to these hot, unhappy homeowners. One thing that everyone with FIOS discovered in this last series of outages, if you have phone service via FIOS as opposed to the "old fashioned" land lines, you didn't have phone service for long, as the batteries, said to last 12 hours, lasted for much less time in most instances. Those with cell phones spent some time running to neighbors or their cars to recharge their phones and those with land lines suffered no hardship in communicating with others even if they were without power.

JOHN HENRY TO PERFORM AT CCUMC PRESCHOOL

Chevy Chase United Methodist Church pre-school will be having a "Welcome Back" concert on Thursday, September 30th at 12:30 p.m. on the large outdoor playground. Back to entertain the children in the preschool and their families will be John Henry England who will perform until about 1:30 p.m.



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