

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

JANUARY 2007



CALENDAR

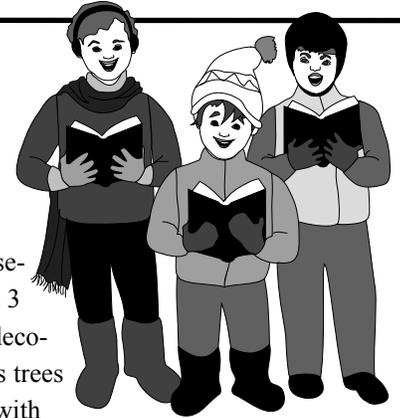
SATURDAY, JANUARY 6
Christmas Tree pickup-Curbside
(no plastic please; tree will be recycled into mulch)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10
Council Meeting
7:45 p.m. CCUMC Room 109
Executive Session at the close of the meeting
for the Village Manager's Annual Review

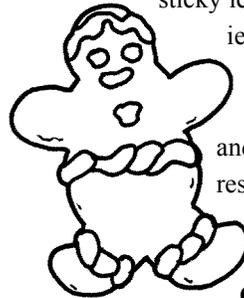
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HOLIDAY PARTY A DECORATIVE SUCCESS!

This year's holiday party, while sparsely attended, was a big hit with the Section 3 children and grandchildren who came to decorate their own cookies. Creative Christmas trees bells and dreidels left Phillips Hall laden with



sticky icing and lots of sprinkles! All very colorful. Surplus cookies were supplied to the men's homeless shelter in Bethesda.



A suggestion was made that next year we organize and sing holiday songs at the homes of some of our older residents. Let us know if you think this is a good idea and if you'd be willing to participate in such an event.

Special thanks to **Kate Harrison** and **Mickey Grossblatt** who led the group in a holiday sing at the conclusion of the cookie decorating. Thanks too to **Carolyn Greis** and **Bill Brownlee** for help with the clean up!

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CONSIDERING AN ADDITION? PAVING A DRIVEWAY? INSTALLING A SUMP PUMP?

Section 3 requires a permit for virtually any home improvement that either changes the footprint of the house or the amount of impervious surfaces on your lot. If you're thinking about making any changes to your home, before you proceed, give our Buildings and Roads chief, Bill Brownlee a call or contact the Village Manager for guidance.

The Council's goal is to make sure that what you build does not adversely affect your neighbors in terms of drainage and that side setbacks for Section 3 (which differ from the County's requirements) provide a little "air" between houses.

Runoff from various improvements continues to be of great concern to the Council and to many neighbors within the community. Please check before you get too far into your planning process.

**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, December 13 at the Chevy Chase Methodist Church in Room 109. All members of the Council except Carolyn Gries and Paul Kiernan were present. The meeting began at 7:50 p.m.

The Council approved the minutes of the November meeting as published in the newsletter.

PUBLIC SAFETY

There were no unusual activities to report in terms of police activity. The speed bump on Shepherd Street appears to be successful in that it is visible and seems to slow traffic coming through. The Village Manager has made arrangements for it to be removed prior to the first snowfall and re-installed after the last snowfall.

The Village Manager has been working with a number of homeowners with trees that need attention and/or removal. Efforts were made to get the tree at 7008 Brookville Road removed by the state, but a check of property lines by the state determined that it is the homeowner's responsibility. It is hoped that the tree will soon be removed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Council needs to open several new bank accounts. Unfortunately the Patriot Act now requires each of the signers to go to the bank to open accounts rather than the Village Manager handling the transaction. The Council asked the manager to research the highest interest rates available and decided to ladder CD maturity dates in insured institutions. In the meantime, all the funds are in a collateralized account in SunTrust Bank.

The Council voted to make an additional \$1,000 payment to Unity Disposal and Recycling to cover some of the extra costs for fuel incurred by the firm as they signed a fixed price contract a year and a half ago when such high fuel prices were not foreseen.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Have you been getting periodic alerts from Section 3? If you're not on our e-mail list, consider contacting the Village Manager (villagemanager@chevychase3.com) to add your address to our list. If you've changed your address, let us know so we can keep in touch. We try to limit the messages to Section 3 reminders and crime alerts. All e-mails are sent as blind copies from AndyLeon2000@aol.com so your personal address will not be shared with others.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

The Council voted to adopt the minor word changes as printed in the newsletter regarding what requires building permits.

The Village Manager met with WSSC managers and Council member **Carolyn Greis** regarding the disappointing response to the water main break on Spring Street in early November. Some information was clarified and the next step is to determine why Pepco was so slow in responding as well in hopes that we never encounter this kind of slow response again.

The Council voted to grant **Catherine Graham** a conditional variance for her fence extending from the building line towards the street now at a height of 6 feet. Under the conditional variance, the fence as installed can remain, however, should her neighbor to the north replace her fence, it will have to be a 4' fence to be in compliance with Section 3's existing ordinances, so at that time, the Graham fence will have to be lowered to 4' by removing the top lattice work.

The Council granted a conditional building permit to the **Hauf/Hubers** to put in a driveway. The condition is that if the drainage as proposed does not prove to be adequate, then the Hauf/Hubers will improve the drainage by enlarging the French drains and dry wells installed on the property. The Council discussed this problem and agreed to consult an engineer to get better guidance on the drainage issue. The Village Manager has been asked to look into possible experts who might be able to advise the Council, something that was envisioned as a possibility at the time the stormwater ordinance was passed.

The Council voted to adopt the Verizon franchise agreement as approved by the County. Negotiations will still have to take place with Verizon regarding the installation of any additional wiring within Section III for cable tv.

The Council reviewed the status of various building projects in the community and miscellaneous repairs.

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

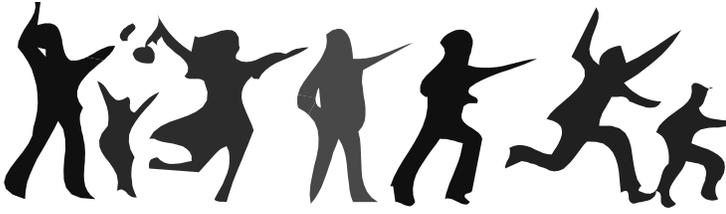
Plans for the Holiday party were discussed and finalized.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

SOAP DONATIONS MUCH APPRECIATED

Section 3 residents were extremely generous in donating small soaps and shampoos to Shepherd's Table, a non-profit organization which provides shelter, showers and meals to homeless people. Section 3 residents answered a call for these items by donating over 100 much appreciated shampoos and soaps.

Their most needed items now are white socks and men's underwear. Please leave donations on the Village Manager's front porch and she'll get them to the shelter.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Congratulations to **Lanny Johnson** on the birth of not one but two grandchildren in just three days! Daughter **Maureen Johnson Avery** and hubby **Chuck** welcomed **Mason Maurice Avery** into the world on November 3rd in New Orleans and three days later in California, son **Keith** and daughter-in-law **Merrilee Proffitt** delivered baby girl **Karydis Lina Johnson**. The children are the first for each of the Johnson offspring and Lanny's first grandchildren as well. Now that's what we call a productive November!!

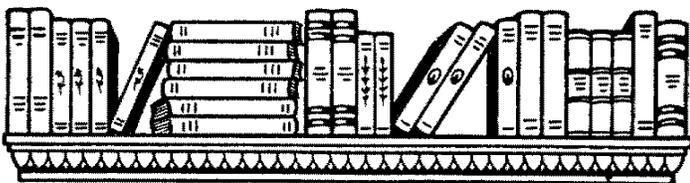
Congratulations to **Mitchell Crispell** on being named to BCC's honor roll for the first grading period...way to go Mitchell!

A special welcome to **Gillian Karp and Ian Bricknell** who've moved into 6821 Delaware Street with their one year old son **Jack**. Ian is a civil engineer with EarthTec and Gillian is working on an advanced degree in clinical psychology. They've just moved from Alexandria and we're delighted to have them in Section 3.

Welcome to **Silvia and Ricardo Lopez** who moved into the house at 6707 Connecticut Avenue. After working abroad for a number of years, the couple is happy to be settling in in Section 3!

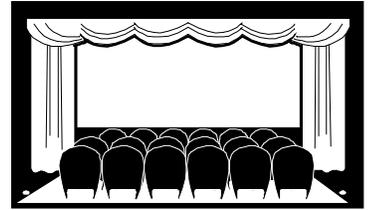
LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

The Chevy Chase Library has wonderful activities for people of all ages... there is a toddler time with stories, meet the author series, and in February, you can learn how to compose your memoirs with Armiger Jagoe in a four part series beginning January 31st. If you have books you no longer want, consider recycling them at the library where they will be sold to support other library activities by the Friends of the Chevy Chase Library. Just ask the reference librarian where to put the books or tapes and she'll give you a statement of receipt for your taxes.



BENEFIT THEATRICAL PRODUCTION!

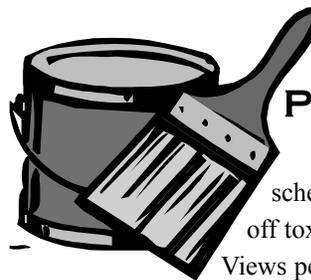
Make plans now to attend an outstanding production of "Educating Rita" by Willy Russell on Friday, January 19 at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 4700 Whitehaven Parkway in



Washington. Under the direction of Fran Cleaver, this annual event is always a theatrical treasure and all of the proceeds benefit Capital Interfaith Hospitality Network (CIHN), a shelter program for homeless families. Light refreshments will be served at 7 pm followed by the play at 8 pm. Tickets are \$25 and will be sold at the door. For more information, please call Julie Murphy at 202-363-5198 or e-mail at juliecihn@verizon.net.

Barbara Prince (301 652-4009) and Mary Gorman (301 657-3222) are on the CIHN Board. Call them if you want more details.

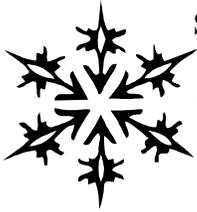
WHAT TO DO WITH LATEX PAINT



Montgomery County regularly schedules locations where you can drop off toxic and hazardous waste and News & Views periodically publishes those dates and nearby locations. Many people have used these drop off points for latex paints-but no more. The County will no longer be accepting latex paints...so what to do? If there's not much left, then take the top off and let it dry completely and then put it in the regular household trash (not the once a month bulk trash, just a regular Monday or Thursday pick-up).

If you've got a lot, Habitat for Humanity has a shop out in Gaithersburg where old house parts, working toilets, and all sorts of home repair goodies are sold for the benefit of Habitat for Humanity...so if it's a nice color and you have more than a 1/4 of a can, consider bringing the paint to them with the color marked on the top so that they can pass it along to a good use.

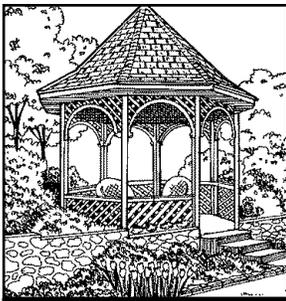
If you don't have enough to take out as a donation, consider getting mulch, cat litter or waste paint hardener from area hardware stores to make that can totally dried up so it can be disposed of.



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If there's even a hint of snow in the air or on the weather reports—**PLEASE PARK YOUR CARS OFF THE STREET!** With all the shared driveways in Section 3, this requires a lot of neighborly cooperation, but with your help, we can have cleanly plowed streets...without your help, it's difficult for anyone to pass, much less a snow plow!

If you're going away, please make arrangements for someone to shovel your walk while you're gone... you don't want a neighbor slipping and falling in front of your home!