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Town Election and Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

Voting:	8 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Town Hall
Reception:	7 p.m. – 8 p.m.	Social Hall
Meeting:	8 p.m.	Social Hall

The Town Council, in accordance with the Enabling Act of the Town of Chevy Chase, will hold the Annual Meeting on the proposed budget and tax rate for the 2011 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2010, and the Annual Election of Town Councilmembers. The topic of the Annual Meeting will be street lighting. A presentation on the Town's street lighting will be made by the consultant Precisions Systems Incorporated, which produced a report on these issues for the Town.

Feasibility Study for an Addition to CCES

On **April 14**, the Town will host a special community outreach meeting with Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) to discuss with Town residents the current feasibility study for an addition to Chevy Chase Elementary School (CCES). This meeting, which will be held at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall, was arranged by the Town. This is in addition to the work sessions being conducted by the CCES Feasibility Study Committee to provide for further opportunity for resident input and to provide information from MCPS to residents.

At the community outreach meeting, Town residents will be able to provide their thoughts on the feasibility study process and possible classrooms expansion at CCES. While the feasibility study is preliminary, this feedback will prove useful to MCPS representatives in determining whether an

addition at CCES is practicable. The feasibility study is being done in conjunction with three other capacity studies in the B-CC cluster -- at Rosemary Hills, North Chevy Chase and Bethesda Elementary schools. It may be found that an addition, or additions, at these other schools, is more feasible than one at CCES.

Residents are encouraged to attend this special outreach meeting to learn more about the feasibility study. If you cannot attend, you may email comments to Dennis Cross, Project Manager for the MCPS Division of Construction, at dennis_cross@mcpsmd.org or call 240-876-4586.

The Chevy Chase Elementary School Feasibility Study Work Session #4 on Tuesday, April 6, at 4:30 pm has been cancelled. Town residents are invited to the final PTA/Community Presentation at Chevy Chase on Tuesday, April 27, at 7 p.m. in the CCES Media Center. On page 7, there is an article about the Bethesda-Chevy Chase

Town Meeting

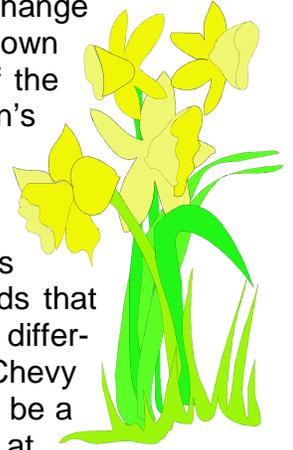


Roundtable Discussion
Group that has been

nized to review facility issues for certain schools in the B-CC cluster.

Greetings from the Mayor Kathy Strom

This spring the Town will have many activities for residents to enjoy. Climate change will be the subject of our **April 8** Discussion and Desert event at **7 p.m.** at the Town Hall where a number of Town residents with experience in different aspects of the field will discuss recent developments. We also are excited to sponsor the Town's annual New Residents gathering at the Town Hall on **Sunday, April 11, from 3 to 5 p.m.** where we look forward to meeting our new neighbors and launching a new tradition – a Town Bake Off where both bakers and tasters are welcome to sample cupcakes! Our "Trash and Treasures" weekend **April 17 and 18** provides an opportunity not only to dispose of unwanted items, but also to donate goods that could benefit others. The detailed description in this Forecast sets out the many different ways to participate. In early May we look forward to a Bike Day at the Chevy Chase Elementary School on **Sunday, May 2, from 2 to 4 p.m.** where there will be a chance to ride, swap, repair and enjoy bikes. We hope you will be able to join us at some of these upcoming Town events.



April

Friday, April 2 – Good Friday, Office Closed

*Wednesday, April 7 – Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Approval of Proposed Budget and Tax Rate

Thursday, April 8 - Discussion and Dessert, 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 11 - Town Bake-Off, 3 - 5 p.m.

Monday, April 12 – Land Use Committee, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 13 – Nominating Petition Deadline, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, April 13 – Public Services Committee, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 14 - Town Meeting on CCES Feasibility Study, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 15 – Environment Committee, 7 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, April 17 and April 18 – Trash and Treasures

Monday, April 19 - Long Range Planning Committee, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 21 – Community Relations Committee, 7 p.m.

Friday, April 23 – Neighbors Greeting Neighbors, 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 25 – B-CC Foundation, 5 – 7 p.m.

Monday, April 26 – Town Candidates' Night, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 27 – Climate Protection Committee, 7 p.m.



*The date of the April meeting was changed from April 14 to April 7 in order to comply with the changes to the Election ordinance regarding the Election timetable.

Please check the Town website for up-to-date details about Town events and meetings.

www.townofchevy Chase.org

ELECTION 2010

Town Elections are governed by the provisions in Chapter 8 of the Town of Chevy Chase Municipal Code, which state:

“...an election shall be held on the first Tuesday in May of each year to elect members of the Town Council. Three (3) members shall be elected in even numbered years and two (2) members in the odd numbered years.”

Town residents will select three candidates in the May 2010 election, each to serve on the Council for a two year term. The terms of Al Lang, David Lublin and Kathy Strom will expire in May. All three will be candidates in the May 4 election.

NOMINATIONS ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for nomination, a resident must have resided in the Town for at least one year immediately preceding the election and be a registered voter in the State of Maryland, Town of Chevy Chase.

NOMINATING PROCEDURES

Residents are encouraged to present by petition their names or those of Town residents who are willing to serve on the Town Council. Blank petitions are available in the Town Office, 4301 Willow Lane, 301-654-7144.

Petitions must contain the following information: name, address, occupation, length of residency in the Town, a short biographical sketch and a short candidate's statement (limit to 400 words or less), confirmation of his or her willingness to serve if elected, and the endorsing signatures, addresses and telephone numbers of at least five persons, other than the candidate, eligible to vote in the above election.

Petitions must be delivered to the Town Office before 5 p.m. on April 13, 2010, the third Tuesday preceding the election, in order for the candidate's name to appear on the printed ballot.

Petitions may be inspected at the Town Hall on **Tuesday, April 13** between the hours of 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Any challenges to the form of the petitions or the persons signing the petitions must be made in writing and delivered to the Election Board at the Town Office no later than 9 a.m. on **Wednesday, April 14**. The Election Board may make additional nominations and must do so if an insufficient number

of candidates have been nominated by petition to insure that at least one candidate is nominated for each opening on the Town Council.

CANDIDATES' FORUM

A candidates' forum will be held on **Monday, April 26** in the Town Hall. It will begin promptly at 7 p.m. The forum will be recorded by Montgomery Municipal Cable Television (Channel 16) and will be broadcast periodically throughout the week before the election. Expect seating to be limited, so come early.

FLOOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations from the floor cannot be considered at the Annual Meeting since voting will begin in advance of the meeting.

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

There will be appropriate blanks on the printed ballot for the purpose of adding write-in candidates at the time of the election.

NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS

The names, short biographical sketches and short statements of all nominees will be mailed to all residents two weeks preceding the election.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

There is no requirement for candidates in the Town of Chevy Chase to file a financial disclosure statement for these volunteer positions.

VOTING ELIGIBILITY

A resident must be a citizen of the United States, at least eighteen years of age, have resided within the corporate limits of the Town for thirty days preceding the Town election and be a registered, qualified voter of the State of Maryland, Town of Chevy Chase to be eligible to vote.

POLL LOCATION AND HOURS

The polls will be located in the Town Hall, 4301 Willow Lane. The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on **Election Day, May 4, 2010**.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Any qualified voter may vote by absentee ballot. Residents desiring an absentee ballot individually must apply in writing (by mail, fax, email or in person) to the Town Office. Absentee ballots will be available in the Town office on **Wednesday, April 14**, after 12 p.m. The absentee ballot must be re-

turned in the printed envelope provided by the Town. To be counted, any absentee ballot must be received in the Town Office by 8 p.m. on **Election Day, May 4, 2010.**

Residents with questions on any aspect of the election are encouraged to contact a member of the Election Board: Brenda Lizzio, 301-656-8595; Hope Pinkerton, Chair, 301-657-4486; and Costis To-regas, 301-654-5074.

CRIMEWATCH

3/19/10

- The police reported a house break-in in the 4400 block of Ridge Street.
- The police reported that three cars were vandalized, one in the 7300 block of Maple Avenue, one in the 4200 block of Leland Street and one in the 4300 block of Leland Street. Items were stolen.

3/16/10

- A resident in the 6700 block of East Avenue reported that her garage was broken into. A bike and tools were stolen.

3/11/10

- A resident in the 4200 block of Oakridge Lane reported the back window of his car was smashed. Nothing was stolen.

3/8/10

- A resident in the 4000 block of East-West Highway reported that on two occasions she spotted a man leaving her back yard.
- A resident in the 4000 block of Underwood Street reported that her neighbors told her that they saw people entering and leaving the vacant property during the night.

3/1/10

- The police reported a robbery on Elm Street in a house that backs up to the Capital Crescent Trail.
- A resident in the 4400 block of Elm Street reported that her residence was entered on 2/26 through a basement window. Cash and medications were stolen from the property. The police were notified.

The Bethesda/Chevy Chase 2nd Police District has notified the Town that this district is experiencing garage and shed thefts/burglaries. Be sure to lock your shed and/or garage. Properly marking items stored in your shed/garage will help to deter thieves. A number of measures you can take to improve your security are listed on the Town website, www.townofchevy Chase.org. Click on Neighborhood Watch to review the suggestions. Also, the police recommend removing all valuables, especially GPS systems, from your cars to discourage theft.

Please report all crimes to the police at the non-emergency number **301-279-8000**. For emergencies, call **911**. Please report incidents to the Town Office at 301-654-7144 so that we can notify our off-duty Montgomery County police officers. Crimes reported to the police are included in Montgomery County, Bethesda Station, Second District crime reports. We provide a link to those reports on our website.

TOWN HISTORY: 100 Years Ago in Our Town

Seventh in a series of historical vignettes published during 2009-2010.

An historical vignette in the October 2009 Forecast highlighted Dr. John Ryan and Annie Sinnott Devereux and their stately 1910 Georgian Revival home at 3 West (now 3911) Bradley Lane. Dr. Devereux, a distinguished US Army Medical Corps surgeon and the Town's first Public Health Officer, led efforts to establish a community school, known today as Chevy Chase Elementary School.

Town residents now have a chance to enjoy this local landmark's interiors and gardens. Its current owners, Rob and Robin Wilder, are opening their home from April 10 through May 9 to host the Washington DC Design House. Town residents can step into the grand ballroom, where subsequent owners, Charles Raymond and Minnie Williams Wire, held an inaugural reception for President Harry Truman in 1953 and a Texas tea for Lady Bird Johnson in 1961, or stroll through the expansive grounds where Mrs. Patricia Nixon launched the President's Cup Regatta Ball in 1957.

The Washington DC Design House brings together 21 area designers to benefit Children's National Medical Center. To purchase tickets, contact <http://www.dcdesignhouse.com>.

Correction to March History Vignette

The historical vignette in the March 2010 forecast incorrectly described the Leland Yellow Jackets as the Leland Bumble Bees. Thank you Leland Junior High School Alumnus and Town Resident Tony Shore for correcting our error.

Proposal for Resubdivision of 7206 Meadow Lane

Public Hearing

The Town Council will schedule a public hearing on the proposed resubdivision of 7206 Meadow Lane, also known as the "Li" property, as soon as we receive official notification from the County concerning this proposal. Residents are encouraged to attend this hearing to provide comments on the proposed resubdivision, which would create three residential lots where there is currently one. Once the official notification is received, the proposal will be made available for resident review on the Town website, www.townofchevy Chase.org, and in the Town Office.

The contract purchaser of the property, CC Green Vision LLC, recently submitted a resubdivision application to the Montgomery County Planning Board. Pursuant to Maryland Code, the Town of Chevy Chase is authorized to make recommendations to the Planning Board regarding proposed subdivisions or resubdivisions of property within or bordering the Town. The Town Council will evaluate a proposed subdivision or resubdivision to determine if it is appropriate for and compatible with the neighborhood.

The Town Council recently adopted procedures for reviewing proposed resubdivision requests as well as standards to be used in evaluating these requests. With respect to the procedures, once the Town receives notice from the Planning Board of a resubdivision request, the Town schedules a public hearing, normally at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting. When the hearing is set, the Town notifies all residents of the hearing. The Council then conducts the hearing and votes on a recommendation to approve or disapprove of the resubdivision request, with or without proposed modifications. If the Council votes to recommend denial, the Town will prepare a written report and recommendations and transmit these, along with a transcript of the hearing, to the Planning Board within 45 days of receiving the resubdivision plan and application.

When evaluating resubdivision requests, the Town Council considers certain County standards to determine if a proposed resubdivision is compatible with the neighborhood. These standards assess whether the resulting subdivided lots would be of the same character as other lots in the immediate vicinity with respect to street frontage, alignment, size, shape, width and suitability for residential use. "Alignment" means the direction that the front of the lot faces (i.e. north, east, south or west). Generally, if all lots in a block face north or south, any new lots also should face north or south. In addition, the resulting subdivided lots should have a geometric shape that is similar to the other lots in the immediate vicinity (i.e. the proposed lots should generally be rectangular unless there is a different predominant geometric lot shape). "Properties in the immediate vicinity" includes all lots on the block(s) of the street on which the proposed lots would front.

The subdivision standards also provide guidance to property owners and members of the public who are considering proposing or opposing the subdivision or resubdivision of property in the Town of Chevy Chase. They are guidelines, and there may be special circumstances where the Council would recommend approval of a subdivision or resubdivision even if the proposed lots would not meet all of the standards. Alternatively, there may be circumstances where the Council would recommend denial of a proposed subdivision or resubdivision, even if the resulting lots would meet the standards.

If you are unable to attend the Council meeting to testify in person, you may e-mail comments, prior to that date, to townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or submit written comments to Town Office, 4301 Willow Lane. For more information, please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144.

Host Families Needed for International University Students

The Washington-Ireland Program for Service and Leadership (WIP), the South African Washington Intern Program (SAWIP), and New Story Leadership (NSL) are seeking host families for university students from Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, South Africa and Israel and Palestine respectively. These programs bring together students from post conflict societies to aid in peaceful resolution of historic divides. The students from WIP arrive early June and depart early August and are here for 8 weeks. The SAWIP and NSL students arrive early June and depart mid July and are here for 6 weeks. If you are interested in the programs or would like more information, please call 301-657-4343 or email TerryAbelEason@aol.com. These are voluntary programs.

Council Adopts Ordinance To Change the Definition of Street

At its **March 10** meeting, the Town Council adopted an ordinance to change the definition of “street” in the Town Code. This change conforms the Town Code definition of street to the County Code definition. Specifically, the definition of “street” has been amended so that it includes only public or dedicated rights-of-way that are “for vehicular travel” and “thirty (30) feet or more in width.”

The Town Council proposed to clarify the Town Code to reflect that the yard of an interior lot abutting an alley is not to be considered a front yard for purposes of certain building regulations. Unlike streets, alleys do not act as major thoroughfares through Town and, as such, the yards of interior lots abutting alleys should not be subject to the same development standards as the yards of interior lots abutting streets.

With the adoption of the ordinance, the definition of “street” has been amended to exclude alleys. Since a “front yard” is identified as adjacent to a street, the yards of interior lots abutting alleys would not be “front yards” and would not be subject to front yard setbacks. The amendment resulted in the following additional changes to Town regulations. First, fences, earth berms, hedges, and walls are no longer prohibited in yards of interior lots adjoining alleys. Residents have been required to obtain variances because the yards were deemed to be “front yards” under the Town Code. Under the new definition of “street,” variances are not required because the yards are not “front yards.” The 6-foot, 6-inch height limitation for these improvements would continue to apply. Second, the maximum nonvegetative surface area regulation in the Town Code would not apply to the yard of an interior lot adjoining an alley, as the yard would not be considered a “front yard.”

For more information, please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144.

Council Adopts Revised Water Ordinance

The Town Council adopted a revised Water Drainage Management Ordinance at its **March 10** meeting. The proposed ordinance was introduced at the February Town Council meeting following a Council work session with the Town’s Environment Committee. Following is a synopsis of the changes to the Water Drainage Management Ordinance.

- **Permeable Surfaces:** The original ordinance required a water drainage plan to be submitted if a project added 700 or more square feet of impervious surface to a property. The revised ordinance amends the definition of “impervious surface” to include surfaces that are semi-impervious but that interfere with the infiltration of water, because such surfaces significantly contribute to post-development runoff. The revised ordinance amends the definition of the term “impervious” to include these materials: “buildings, accessory structures, and concrete or asphalt sidewalks, walkways, stoops, stairways, patios, driveways, and parking pads, and other similar surfaces.” The new definition also calls for executive regulations to further identify what is “pervious.”
- **Posting Requirement:** The revised ordinance adds a provision requiring applicants to post a public notice on the subject property indicating that a water drainage plan has been submitted to the Town. The posting has to occur within seven days of submitting a plan.
- **Technical Amendment:** The revised ordinance includes a change to the language related to the applicable engineering criteria to more accurately describe the review methodology used by the

Town. The revised ordinance also adds a provision to conform the ordinance to the Town's engineering methodology by requiring a volumetric measurement to be included in the calculation for a ten-year storm event. The ordinance was amended to require that the greater of the following be retained on site: (1) the volume of all stormwater runoff from all new impervious surfaces for a 3-month storm event, or (2) the volume by which post-construction runoff from new impervious surfaces exceeds pre-construction runoff for a 10-year storm event.

- Other Clarifications: The reference in the ordinance to the Town's "supplementary guidelines" was deleted to make evident that such guidelines are non-binding. Also, the ordinance was amended to reflect that design criteria must be "consistent with" the Maryland Stormwater Design Manual, as approved by the Town Engineer, but need not be "set forth" in the Design Manual, as the ordinance previously stated.

The full text of the ordinance is posted on the Town's website. Please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144 for more information.

Bethesda-Chevy Chase Roundtable Discussion Group



The Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has organized a “Bethesda-Chevy Chase Roundtable Discussion Group” to review facility issues for certain schools in the B-CC cluster, including Westland Middle School and Bethesda, Chevy Chase, North Chevy Chase, and Rosemary Hills Elementary Schools. The overarching goal of these roundtable discussions held at Bethesda Elementary School at **7:30 p.m.** is to solicit community input for the MCPS superintendent to review prior to making a recommendation to the Board of Education concerning school facility issues, including the possible expansion of some of these schools. The feasibility studies currently underway at the individual schools will provide important information to the roundtable group when discussing approaches to address over-enrollment.

PTA representatives from each of the schools serve on the discussion group. Each meeting of the group has specific goals. The first roundtable discussion, which was largely organizational, was held on March 9. The second meeting was held on March 23. At that meeting, MCPS staff presented a summary of approaches and, where possible, the impact of the approaches on enrollment and school utilizations. Discussion group members were advised to share the approaches with their communities between this meeting and the third meeting, and to use the input they receive to identify the pros and cons of each approach. Future meetings, and the purpose for each, are detailed below.

- Meeting #3, **April 21**: At the third group meeting, members report on the community feedback they received on the various approaches—describing the pros and cons of each approach. The discussion group then determines whether additional approaches need to be developed. If so, another brainstorming session is facilitated to develop a second round of approaches to the facility issues. After the third meeting—if a second round of approaches is developed—MCPS staff summarizes the discussion group approaches and, where possible, prepares tables showing the impact of the approaches on enrollment and school utilizations. If the group determines that no additional approaches are needed, then they are directed to finalize the feedback and bring it to the final discussion group meeting.
- Meeting #4, **May 19**: If a second round of approaches was developed, the Division of Long Range Planning staff presents a summary of them and the impact of the approaches on enrollment and school utilizations. Discussion group members are then advised to share the approaches with their communities between this meeting and the final meeting, and to use the input they receive to identify the pros and cons of each approach. (If a second round of approaches was not desired, then this fourth meeting is not necessary.)
- General Public Information Meeting, **May 27**
- Meeting #5, **June 2**: At the fifth group meeting, members report on the feedback they have received on the second round of approaches—describing the pros and cons of each approach. A draft report, which is prepared by the MCPS staff, is reviewed and modified as necessary. One of the appendices to this report will include the feedback that each group member has prepared. Another appendix will include any PTA position papers that have been submitted. Other appendices will include a roster of committee members and all of the approaches that have been considered in the process.

At the roundtable meetings, MCPS staff facilitates the discussion and prepares information on the approaches to facility issues that are raised by the group. MCPS staff also responds to requests for information and assists the group in compiling its report to the superintendent at the end of the process. Although discussions of the roundtable group are limited to its members, there is to be a public question and comment period at the end of each meeting. Residents are welcome to attend these meetings and express their views during the public comment period.

Throughout the process, MCPS will post materials from the roundtable discussions, on its web site at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/planning/index2.shtml>, including approaches.

Preserving Peace and Quiet in the Town

Quiet hours to limit noise from landscape and construction sources in the early morning and evening hours have been instituted by a new Town ordinance. The Town's quiet hours supplement Montgomery County's existing noise limits for residential areas, which continue to apply to all activities in the Town. The Environment Committee joins the Town Council and staff in encouraging residents not only to observe Town and County noise measures, but also to put some extra effort into being truly courteous and considerate of neighbors. Let your landscaping provider know that the Town will be hosting an informational session for landscapers regarding the new noise ordinance in May. The Town will send out a notification with the time and date of the meeting. Here are some suggestions for minimizing the impact of noise generated by landscape and construction work.

Landscape Care. A variety of power equipment is routinely used in the Town to keep outdoor areas neat. Most noise complaints from residents relate to two types of equipment, leaf blowers and mowers, particularly when multiple pieces are used simultaneously by lawn care crews.

Leaf Blowers. Manufacturers provide guidelines for safer and quieter use of leaf blowers that emphasize proper use and maintenance. These tips from manufacturers will help reduce noise:

- Use the lowest possible throttle speed to do the job
- Use nozzle attachments that help reduce sound (see operator's manual)
- Use only one blower at a time, especially in neighborhoods;
- Regularly check the condition of the leaf blower muffler, air intakes and air filter;
- Purchase and use sound-reduced blowers. Blowers are now available that are as much as 75% quieter than older blowers.

Lawn Mowers. Today's electric-powered equipment (many are cordless) tends to be 10-20 decibels quieter than gas mowers (one half to one fourth as loud). Recharging an electric mower may total \$3-\$5 per year, plus, no gas cans and no walking in the exhaust stream of an internal combustion engine. This is a smart and courteous alternative when it's time to replace older equipment.

Construction Noise. The County has established "reasonable and practical controls" to minimize construction noise levels and balance the interest of all concerned. With planning, many construction activities can be (and routinely are) conducted without exceeding the County's daytime residential noise limits. The Town has a pre-permit meeting to give neighbors a chance to raise these kinds of issues at the outset. Share these tips from the County for reducing construction noise with owners and contractors:

- Incorporate noise control into project planning and work scheduling, For example. schedule noise intense activities for less intrusive times, such as mid-morning to mid-afternoon;
- Purchase a sound level meter for self-monitoring and documentation;
- "Work quiet" and communicate to subs that noise control is important to the job;
- Buy quiet and rent quiet. Most manufacturers provide noise emission specs;
- Use proper, well-maintained mufflers; close doors and hatches; operate at the minimum necessary level (also saves fuel); and shut down equipment not in use;
- Let surrounding residents know what is happening and when it will be over;
- Construct portable barriers around noisy, non-mobile equipment with readily available materials (e.g. plywood with sound absorbing material);
- Use alternatives to factory pre-set back-up beepers, such as flag persons, "Smart Alarms" or video systems.

General Noise Courtesy Among Neighbors:

For those who want to make a special effort on behalf of their neighbors, the County has these general tips:

- Consider the volume of stereos and radios (especially bass controls) during quiet hours;
- Check central and window air conditioning and heating units to ensure they are operating as quietly as possible;
- Take good care of pets and consider that excessive barking could disturb neighbors;
- Make sure your service vendors know about and observe quiet hours and general residential noise limits;

- Buy quiet when selecting equipment and appliances.

Find more information about noise reduction, buying guides for landscape equipment, and links to County noise materials on the Town website at Quick Links: Noise Control. And encourage your lawn care service to send a representative to the Town's Noise Awareness meeting to be scheduled soon.

Tree Triage 2010

Tolbert Feather, Town Arborist

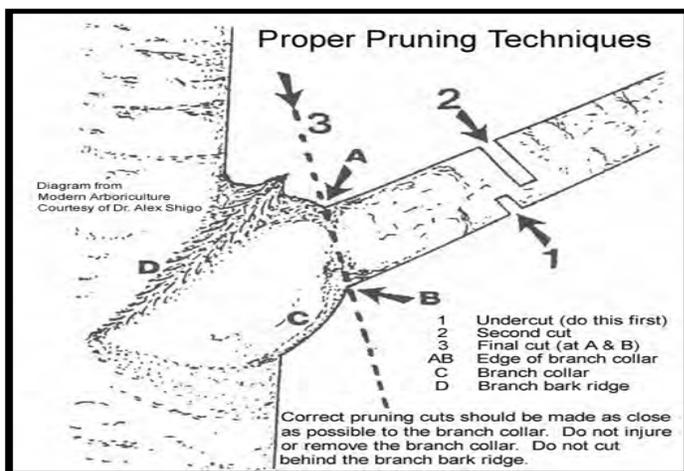
Over fifty residents attended Tree Triage, a discussion of how to rescue your landscape plants from snow damage and get ready for spring. We had an open forum in March with many questions. This is a summary of the talk.

Types of snow damage.

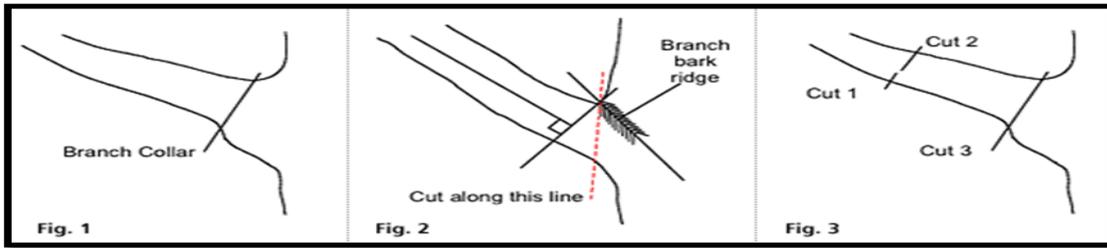
1. Breakage – Primarily evergreens were damaged by the record snowfall. Broken limbs on trees and shrubs should be removed. If the main leader of a tree is broken, for some species, such as Leyland cypress, arborvitae, Virginia juniper, the tree should be removed. Other species can be cleaned up and can develop into handsome plants, such as hollies, rhododendrons, and cherry laurel.
2. Bending – Evergreens as well as shrubs were bent over by the snow. Most of these have recovered. If after the snow has melted your tree or shrub is still bent, you can try to stake or guy it to straighten the plant. This should be done in the next couple of weeks before the plant starts growing. This method may or may not work.
3. Uprooting - Some trees and shrubs have been uprooted by the weight of the snow. You can straighten and guy the plant. Keep it staked for the growing season. At the end of the season check it for stability and the stakes may be removed.

Proper pruning of woody plants.

1. Target Pruning – The diagrams show how to properly prune trees and shrubs. Research has shown that by making pruning cuts that maintain the integrity of the branch bark collar allow the woody plant to trigger defenses to protect the open cut from infection and infestation by insects, bacteria and fungi. Flush cuts that remove the branch bark collar open the trunk or branch of the plant to attack by insects, bacteria and fungi. Any broken or dead stubs should be removed to the branch bark collar.
2. Timing of pruning for flowering shrubs – To preserve blooming, shrubs that bloom on this year's growth should be pruned before blooming. Shrubs that bloom on last year's growth should be pruned immediately after blooming. A list of examples of shrubs in each of these categories is posted on the Town website. Hard copies are available in the Town Office.



Pruning of Woody Plants - Method if the branch collar is not obvious



Shades of Green

From the Environment Committee

Bike More: Challenge Yourself to Drive Less

This spring, challenge yourself and your family to **bike more and drive less** – especially on short trips around town. We're so lucky that within a relatively flat, one-mile bicycle ride from our homes are doctors, dentists, banks, coffee shops, grocery stores, farmer's markets, all kinds of retail stores, two libraries, bakeries, restaurants, pharmacies, barber shops, salons, swimming pools, playgrounds, and even car dealerships!

Running errands on a bike can be easier, less stressful, and less expensive. No meters to feed, frustrated searches for a parking spot, or expensive parking tickets! And, it's healthier for you and the environment.

So **TAKE THE CHALLENGE!** Start small by identifying just 2-3 errands you run every week that could just as easily be accomplished by bike. (Okay, maybe not the dry cleaning.) Track your progress, and add more bike miles as you can.

Some tips to get you started:

- **Get a good basket.** Choose front handle bar detachable baskets or rear wheel collapsible varieties for bulky items. A comfortable backpack can be invaluable for quick errands.
- **Get a check-up.** Take your bike in for a tune-up of gears, brakes, and tires. The bike needs to always be ready and willing.
- **Get a good lock.** Cable combination locks are flexible and there's no key to lose! Just set the combo to your birth-date for easy remembering.
- **Keep your bike easily accessible.** This is essential to the transition to a bike-using life-style. Otherwise you'll return to your old driving habits.
- **Take a lesson.** Improving your gearing skills and riding efficiency will make biking more fun!
- **Craigslist** always has a wide selection of used bikes for sale.
- **Bike to Work Day** is Friday, May 21, 2010. Bethesda Urban Partnership will sponsor a morning celebration on the small green space next to Mon Ami Gabi. Come at 6:30-8:30 a.m. for entertainment, music, breakfast, and prizes.
- **Map a bike route.** Google Maps now provides directions for planning a trip by bicycle. It may help you stay on the side streets.

Join in with neighbors at the **Town Bike Day, Sunday, May 2, 2 – 4 p.m.** at Chevy Chase Elementary school. Check out SHADES of GREEN on the Town Website "quick links" for local bike stores, biking links, and MORE!

Chevy Chase at Home

Joan Hoover, ChevyChase@Home

Cherry blossoms are not our only treat come April. On **Tuesday, April 6 at 2 p.m.** at the Chevy Chase Village Hall, our talented neighbor Tim Healy will entertain us with his melodious guitar. Of course, all our usual Meet and Mingle attractions will also be available that day; bridge, scrabble, puzzles, book discussion, refreshments, and delightful new friends just waiting to be met.

On **April 20**, at the same time and place, our three experts will, (Presto !) wave their wands and simplify your life. Terri Scanlin, Kathy Beal, and Judith Carrig know how to add space and beauty to your home, just by getting rid of the clutter, holding a yard sale, and making good use of a consignment shop. Come and learn their secrets and have all your questions answered. Plan also to enjoy the usual Meet and Mingle fun and refreshments while you are there.

2010 County and State Elections: Why care?

As fall elections approach, the Town and neighboring communities will co-host two public forums to help residents better know Montgomery County Council candidates and their views. Hear about the issues from incumbents and their challengers before the primaries on **September 14**. The first discussion will take place the first week in June (details to follow in the May Forecast). The second discussion will be announced later. These discussions will be supplemented by articles in the Forecast in order to bring readers up to date on who is on the ballot and why every vote counts in the often overlooked mid-term elections.



There's much at stake for residents this year: the County's pending growth policies could dramatically increase commercial development near the Town, including at Chevy Chase Lake. Action looms on the Purple Line light rail along the trail. And the County is studying possible school expansions in our Bethesda-Chevy Chase cluster, including at Chevy Chase Elementary.

These issues and more will likely be decided by those serving four-year terms on the next County Council and in the Maryland legislature. How will your tax dollars be spent? Which programs will be funded and which will be cut in a climate of budget deficits, job losses and eroding revenues?

In addition, a series of *Forecast* articles between now and the November elections will consider the question: *2010 County and State Elections: Why care?* Articles will also be posted on the Town's website, identifying why your vote matters on Primary Day, **September 14, 2010**, and Election Day, **November 2, 2010**.

Take this 3-minute quiz and find out what you know this election season.

BETTER KNOW YOUR DISTRICT QUIZ

[Answers at the bottom of the page]

1. What does 1-8-18-3 signify? (Hint: It's not a football call.)
2. Which of these is not like the others: Montgomery County Council, Montgomery County Planning Board, Montgomery County School Board?
3. How many Montgomery County Council members do we elect this year?
4. How many state legislators do we vote for in 2010?
5. Why vote in these mid-term elections?

Answers: (1) Those are, respectively, our County Council, U.S. Congressional, State Congressional and School Board districts. (2) The Planning Board is the only non-elected body. Its five members are appointed by the County Council. All Council seats are up for election in 2010. (3) While there are 9 members on the County Council, Town residents vote for up to five: One Council member representing District 1, and four at-large members representing the entire County. The County Executive is also running for another four-year term. (4) One state senator and three delegates are running for re-election. (5) These elections affect your money, your family and your quality of life.



Common Cents Solar

... powered by neighborhood energy

SOLAR PRESENTATION: APRIL 6, TOWN HALL, 7:30 p.m.

The community solar co-op, Common Cents Solar, wants you to THINK SUN! In just its first two years, your neighbors in the Co-op have installed 50 solar systems and earned thousands of dollars in discounts, incentives and energy savings. Their solar systems will offset 15,500 barrels of oil, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 10 MILLION tons. Learn more about the process, the environmental benefits, as well as the economic climate that makes going solar so popular in Maryland right now. We will be able to give you a quick on-the-spot assessment of your home's solar potential. We will also talk about great deals on energy audits to complement solar systems, as well as some exciting potential projects to put solar panels on the Lawton Center and neighborhood schools. You need to consider your solar options now, if you want to "chill out" for less \$\$\$ this summer. To learn more before you come, check out www.CommonCentsSolar.org. See you Tuesday the 6th! Make a lasting Earth Day promise and join us!

Discussion and Dessert

What's this country going to do about climate change? The **Climate Protection, Environment, and Community Relations Committees** invite you to a lively and provocative discussion with a panel of local experts on climate change on **April 8, 7 - 9 p.m.** in the Town Hall. Many of us who are concerned about climate change are baffled by the news we have read about what's going on in Washington and at international meetings. Greater clarity is on the way! One of the great benefits of living here is that many of the movers and shakers are our neighbors, and this is certainly true in the case of climate change. The panelists for this discussion include: **Charles Ebinger**, Director of the Energy Security Initiative at the Brookings Institution; **Juliet Eilperin**, national environmental reporter for the Washington Post who writes the Post Carbon blog; **Stephen Seidel**, Vice President for Policy Analysis and General Counsel at the Pew Center on Global Climate Change; and **Alexandra Teitz**, a counsel on the Democratic staff of the Committee on Government Reform, U.S. House of Representatives (ranking member Rep. Henry A. Waxman). The session will be moderated by **Charles Duffy**, host of Political Pulse on MMTV, Channel 16. Each panelist will give a short opening statement and then the audience will take over with questions and comments.

Meet New Residents at the Town Bake-Off



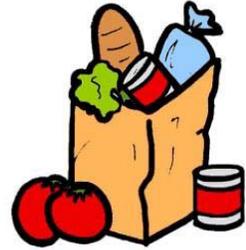
The Town's first Bake-Off is the perfect setting to welcome new residents to the Town. Erin Kopelman, who moved to Leland Street in June 2009, suggested that the Town host a bake-off. The Community Relations Committee jumped at this idea and decided to combine the bake-off with the Town's annual new residents' event. We hope that you will bring your family and encourage neighbors to join you at this event on **Sunday, April 11, 3 - 5 p.m.** in the Town Hall. The Bake-Off is being judged by the owners of Georgetown Cupcake. They will supply a prize of a gift card to Georgetown Cupcake. Interested bakers and tasters should RSVP to the event by e-mailing townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or by calling the Town Office at 301-654-7144. Please indicate if you are a baker or a taster. Each baker will need to bring 1 cake or 12 cupcakes to the event.

Coffee with the Town Manager

Todd Hoffman will host "Coffee with the Town Manager" on **Wednesday, April 21, from 10 to 11 a.m.** in the Town Hall. We encourage you to take this opportunity to stop by the Town Office and chat with Todd about issues that are important to you and the Town. If you cannot attend the coffee, but would like to discuss an issue with Todd, you can e-mail him directly at thoffman@townofchevy Chase.org or call the Town office at 301-654-7144 to arrange a time to meet with him.

Manna Food Collection

Thanks to all of you who continue to contribute food to the non-profit Manna Food Center by dropping it by the Town Office and to those who brought food to the Sunday Afternoon for Families Events. We increased our contribution by 76 pounds bringing our grand total to **883 pounds**. We will continue to collect food in the Town Office and at Town-sponsored events. Each time you shop, you may wish to simply buy one extra item for the food drive. When a grocery bag is full, drop it at the Town office or call 301-785-0933 for a pick-up. If you are interested in assisting with this project, please contact the Town Office.



Neighbors Greeting Neighbors

Please join your neighbors for a Town gathering at the home of Kristin Solheim and Manny Ortiz, 6810 Meadow Lane, on **Friday, April 23, from 7 to 9 p.m.** All are welcome, but please RSVP to the hosts at 301-718-0998. Wine or appetizers to share would be appreciated. If you have any questions or would like to host a future morning or evening Town gathering, please call Maria Olsen at 301-652-4370. Hope to see you there!

B-CC HS Alumnae Authors Highlighted at Book Event

On **Sunday, April 25 from 5 to 7 p.m.** in the Town Hall, the Town and the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Educational Foundation will co-sponsor a book discussion and signing event featuring two new authors and B-CC High School graduates Laurie Strongin (class of '83) and Sarah Pekkanen (class of '85). Laurie, who attended Chevy Chase Elementary School and Leland Junior High, recently appeared on "Good Morning America" to discuss her memoir, Saving Henry, which details her incredible fight to try to save her young son from a rare illness. Saving Henry has won rave reviews from many national publications. Sarah, who attended Westbrook Elementary School and Western Junior High, is the author of the novel The Opposite of Me, which just earned 3.5 out of 4 stars from People magazine and has been translated into four languages. Laurie and Sarah - who played together on B-CC's field hockey team - will chat about finding literary agents and their journey through the publishing process. The event is free and refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Carole Brand at csbrand@verizon.net or 301-657-2547. For more information, visit the Foundation's website, www.bccedfoundation.org. The authors' books will be for sale at the event.

Laurie Strongin

Sarah Pekkanen

Artists Create Small Works for Haiti

The Town will be holding an exhibition of art, titled Small Works for Haiti, opening on **Friday evening May 21, 7 – 9 p.m.** with a reception, and continuing through the weekend with a second reception on **Saturday afternoon May 22, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.** The show will be a charity event to raise money for Partners in Health, an organization doing work in Haiti. Each artist is invited to contribute one or more works. All pieces must be under 12 inches, including the frame, in height, width and depth, and must be submitted, suitable for hanging. Each piece will be for sale for \$100. It will be a great opportunity for residents and others to buy art at a bargain price and to contribute to a good cause. "Artists" include architects, film makers, photographers, graphic designers, sculptors, potters, fiber artists, jewelry makers, as well as art students (high school, college and beyond). Town artists are encouraged to invite a guest artist from outside the Town to donate a work. To participate, contact the Town Office at 301-654-7144 by **May 7.**



Collection of Household Items for A Wider Circle

The Town's Community Relations Committee will continue to collect basic household items for A Wider Circle to create Welcome Home Baskets for families moving out of shelters and into permanent housing. Household items must be unused and in unopened containers and include the following: toilet paper, tissues, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, laundry detergent, diapers, wet wipes, baby lotions, soaps and shampoos, diaper rash cream, soap, shampoo and conditioner, lotion, band aids, antibiotic ointments and other first aid items, dish soap, sponges, and general household cleaning supplies. Drop off any of the items weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Town Hall.



TRASH AND TREASURES

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Our spring Trash and Treasures is scheduled for the weekend of **Saturday, April 17, and Sunday, April 18.** As you consider taking advantage of the Town's Trash and Treasures service, we encourage you to recycle or donate recyclable or reusable items. The Town offers this bulk trash pickup so that residents can dispose of items that are no longer usable, such as appliances (doors must be removed for safety), furniture, rolled rugs, mattresses, games and bikes, but if the items are usable we encourage you to review the list of Alternatives to Trash and Treasures. We have tried to give you a variety of options. If you have an item that you are not sure how to dispose of, consult Shades of Green on the Town website "quicklinks" or give the Town staff a call at 301-654-7144.



GUIDELINES

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BAG, BOX OR CONTAIN ALL OF YOUR DISCARDS.

PLEASE DO NOT PUT ITEMS ON THE CURB BEFORE FRIDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 16.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP:

NO construction debris

NO parts of junked automobiles (engines, transmissions), boats or trailers

NO loose glass of any kind

NO firewood or fencing of any kind

NO paint cans

NO flammable or hazardous liquids or solids

NO recyclable items, such as newspapers, mixed paper or cardboard, landscape pots, old books and magazines, large plastic bins for bird/pet food– please recycle!

NO shrubbery cuttings, yard clippings, leaves or grass – recycle with yard trash!

If you have questions about how to discard any of these items, please give the Town staff a call at 301-654-7144. We will be happy to help you arrange a special pick-up for items, which are not included in Trash and Treasures. There will be a charge for a special pickup.

PICK UP SCHEDULE: At 7 a.m., **Monday, April 19,** a crew will begin clearing feeder streets to Chevy Chase Elementary School. During non-rush hours, the peripheral streets will be cleared. After these priority streets are cleared, the truck will

proceed according to a schedule arranged with the Town Manager. An account of daily progress will be kept in the Town Office. Once a street has been cleared, the contractor will *not* return to that street. Residents who discard items after the street has been cleared will have to arrange for a special pick-up – for a fee.

Hazardous Waste Disposal

The Household Hazardous Waste receiving area at the Shady Grove Solid Waste Transfer Station is located in the recycling drop-off section of the Public Unloading Area, 16101 Frederick Rd, Derwood, MD 20855. Please use the Car Entrance to the facility. The drop-off is open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Monday - Sunday) Household Hazardous Waste can only be received during these hours -- please do not drop off this material at other times. All batteries are accepted (alkaline batteries may be put in regular trash), fertilizers with herbicides, fluorescent light tubes and bulbs, including CFLs, herbicides, insecticides, mercury containing items, oil-based paints, paint thinners, pesticides, used motor oil and most other oils. For a complete list of items accepted or more information, visit the website, www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling. Montgomery County has planned two community collection sites for the spring. On **Saturday, May 22, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**, the County will host a hazardous waste collection event at Westland Middle School, and on **Saturday, June 12, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** at the Silver Spring International Middle School. Details are on the County website.

Bike Recycling



Bikes for the World (BfW) is project sponsored by the Washington Area Bicyclist Association whose mission is to collect valuable but unwanted bicycles and related material--parts, tools, and accessories--in the United States and deliver them at low cost to community development programs assisting the poor in developing countries. If you have a bike you would like to donate, please bring it to Bike Day, **May 2, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.** at Chevy Chase Elementary School or take it to City Bikes, 8401 Connecticut Avenue, 301-652-1777. A \$10/bike donation is suggested to defray shipping to overseas charity partners. Receipt provided for all material and cash donations. For more information, please visit the BfW website, www.bikesfortheworld.org.

ALTERNATIVES TO TRASH AND TREASURES

RECYCLE TVs and Electronic Equipment



The Town has contracted with CDM eCycling to have a truck in the Lawton Center Parking Lot on **Saturday, April 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** for the collection of TVs and the following electronic equipment: monitors, printers, copiers, stereos, VCRs & DVD players, camcorders, CD players, fax machines, calculators, scanners, electronic toys and microwaves. If you have a question about items not listed, please call the Town office at 301-654-7144. CDM eCycling was recommended by the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection.

DONATE Computer Equipment

Blair High School's all-volunteer program BlairConnect refurbishes higher-end usable computers and installs a number of freeware programs. **The donations must meet the specifications listed below to be accepted.** Their goal is to make sure that every student has a computer in his or her home, with access to the Internet. The Town will be collecting donations for BlairConnect on **Saturday, April 17, from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.** in the Lawton Center Parking Lot. BlairConnect accepts donations with the following specifications and will provide a tax receipt.

Computers, at least 1 GHz

Intel Pentium 4, Intel Celeron, AMD Athlon and Other processors at least 1 GHz

Working monitors

CRTs (normal monitors): at least 15 inches in size, less than 6 years old, LCDs (flat panel monitors): any size

Peripherals

Working mice (optical or ball, USB or PS/2), Working keyboards (US layout, PS/2 or USB), Power or USB cables

Working speakers with all required parts (power supply, cables, etc.), No printers

All data from the hard drive will be removed. Upon request the entire drive can be overwritten 4 times, the government standard.

Donate Childrens' Books



Town resident Melissa Fox, 4123 Aspen Street, and seven other volunteers run **Capital BookShare**, a small non-profit organization that organizes book drives to collect books for kindergarten through 6th grade children in the metro area. Teachers from the seven under-resourced schools in the District are invited to events to choose as many books as they want to take back to their classrooms. If you have children's books (only new books and books in good condition can be accepted) to donate (NO textbooks), you can drop them at the Town office during the month of April and/or in the Lawton Center parking lot on **Saturday, April 17 from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.** Visit the website www.capitalbookshare.org for more information.

Shred-It – Shred Your Documents

Back by popular demand! The Town has contracted with SHRED-IT to have a truck in the Lawton Center parking lot on **Saturday, April 17, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** to shred paper for residents. Staples and paper clips are okay. Shred-It is bonded and insured. If you have additional questions, please call the Town office at 301-654-7144.

Interfaith Works

Recycle your gently used clothing and home goods and preserve our planet while helping your Montgomery County neighbors in need. The Interfaith Clothing Centers provide clothing/home goods free of charge to low-income County residents. Your donation is tax deductible. Interfaith Works will have a truck in the Lawton Center parking lot on **Saturday, April 17, 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.**

A Wider Circle



We are happy to continue our six-year partnership with A Wider Circle to collect usable items for families in need. The mission of A Wider Circle is to work to reverse the cycles of poverty and poor health by providing programs and services free of charge to needy families in the Washington, DC, area. A Wider Circle will have a truck in the Lawton Center parking lot on **Saturday, April 17, 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.** If you have household items in good condition that you would like to donate, please bring them to the drop-off. The items may include dish sets, furniture, lamps, mattresses, bedding, household goods, dressers, tables and chairs. Computers are not accepted. If you have larger items of furniture in good condition such as mattresses, box springs, chests and tables that you would like to donate, you can call A Wider Circle at 301-608-3504 to ask if the items are needed. (Mattresses and box springs are desperately needed!) In some cases, A Wider Circle will arrange to pick up the items.

Donate Building Supplies

The following organizations accept donations of reusable or new building materials. Please visit their websites or give them a call. For large items, both organizations will arrange special pickups.

Community Forklift <http://communityforklift.com>
 Habitat for Humanity <http://www.habitat-mc.org>

301-947-3304
 240-876-5542

MARYLAND RESIDENT TAX RETURN 2009 - FORM 502

FORM 502 MARYLAND RESIDENT INCOME TAX RETURN

OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING		2009, ENDING	
SOCIAL SECURITY #		SPOUSE'S SOCIAL SECURITY #	
Your First Name	Initial	Last Name	
Spouse's First Name	Initial	Last Name	
PRESENT ADDRESS (No. and street)			
City or Town	State	Zip Code	
Name of county and incorporated city, town or special taxing area in which you were a resident on the last day of the taxable period. (See Instruction 6)	Maryland County	City, town or taxing area TOWN OF CH CH	

A major source of revenue that the Town receives each year is the Town's share of income taxes, which each resident pays to the State of Maryland. Remember to write *Town of Chevy Chase* in the box marked city, town or taxing area. If you use a tax form online, please type *TOWN OF CH CH* in the box (there are not enough spaces for the complete spelling). Also, please use your street address not a post office box in the box marked present address. This will insure that a portion of your tax dollars will return to the Town so that the Town is able to provide you with municipal services. Do not assume that people at the state level understand the different municipalities that share the 20815 zip code.

Town Crier Keeps Residents Informed

The Town uses the Town listserv to keep residents informed of timely news and information. If you have not joined the Town's email alert system, the Town Crier, we strongly encourage you to do so. To subscribe, please visit the Town's website, click on "About the Town" and follow the instructions.

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Join us at Bike Day!

May 2, 2-4 PM

Chevy Chase Elementary School

Cosponsored by the Town of Chevy Chase and the Chevy Chase Elementary School PTA

Riding a bike is great exercise, lots of fun, a terrific family activity, and a clean and non-polluting way to get around. Bike day will help you get out of your car and onto your bike. There's something here for every biker, young and old.

Bike Rodeo	Safety tips, bike and helmet adjustment, and an obstacle course just for kids (run by the Washington Area Bicyclist Association)
Bike Tune-Ups	A local bike shop will check your bike, make minor repairs and diagnose problems
Bike Swap	Has your child outgrown his or her bike? Bring in the old one and pick up a bigger one.
Biker's Corner	Talk to neighbors who bike a lot to find out about great rides, see their bike equipment, connect with other riders and pick up bike maps and information from local organizations
Bike Donation	Give that unused bike in your garage to Bikes for the World, which will pass it on to someone who really needs it.
Bike Generator	Can you bike hard enough to make a smoothie in a blender? Come find out what it takes.
Bike to Work Day	Have fun, win prizes, and connect with neighbors by becoming part of a convoy that rides to work together on May 21.
Bike 'n Bus	Learn how to put your bike on the Metrobus bike rack

Please note: Bring your own water bottle. No single use drink containers will be provided.

Volunteers needed! Please contact Betsy Johnson (301-656-4948; betsy_johnson@comcast.net) to volunteer.

For more information contact Warren Rizzi in the Town office at 301-654-7144