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## Greetings from the Mayor

*Kathy Strom*

Welcome back to the Town from your summer travels and holidays! We have many interesting Town activities planned for the coming year and hope that you will be able to participate in them. To kick off the year, we are hosting a New Residents Open House at the home of Councilmember Linna Barnes on Sunday, September 14. We look forward to all of our new residents and their families joining us.

Over the summer we invited residents to volunteer to serve on Town committees, and we are pleased that over 60 volunteers have joined the Community Relations, Environment, Land Use, Long Range Planning and Public Services Committees. The new committees will start their work this month. Committee meetings are open to the public, and we encourage all of you to attend when you can. In addition, we are fortunate to have dozens of other Town residents who serve the Town as volunteers on our Climate Protection Committee, Election Board, Tree Board and Water Board as well as others who represent the Town on our community fire and police advisory boards. Thank you to all of you – we need your dedication, hard work and talents to accomplish our goals in our Town today.

As we start a new year at school and return to our daily activities at home or work, we urge you to be mindful of our new safety rules, our school zone speed limit, and other elements of the traffic plan that we worked on during the summer and are implementing in the vicinity of Chevy Chase Elementary School. With care and caution, when we walk, when we bike and when we drive, we can make sure that this year is a safe one for our students, our walkers, our bikers and our drivers.

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## OAKRIDGE PARKING RESTRICTIONS CONSIDERED IN SEPTEMBER

On September 10, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on an ordinance to prohibit parking along portions of the 7200 block of Oakridge Avenue. The ordinance would prohibit parking on the west side of Oakridge Avenue from 100 feet north of the intersection of Curtis Road to Curtis Road and in front of 7208 Oakridge Avenue. (A map of the proposed parking restrictions is posted on the Town website, [www.townofchevy Chase.org](http://www.townofchevy Chase.org).) These proposed parking restrictions were recommended by the Town's traffic engineer to improve motorist and pedestrian safety by opening up sight lines along this block of Oakridge Avenue. The Council had planned to consider these restrictions at its August 6 public hearing; however, at the request of residents along the 7200 block of Oakridge Avenue, and since many residents along that block were unavailable to attend the meeting, the Council deferred consideration of these restrictions until the September meeting.

At the August 6 meeting, the Council approved prohibiting parking on the west side of Oakridge

Avenue from 50 feet north of the intersection of Curtis Road to Curtis Road and from Curtis Road to Thornapple Street. The former restriction simply reinforces State law, while the latter restriction in light of the sidewalk installation that will reduce the width of the street on the 7100 block of Oakridge Avenue. The proposed ordinance to be considered in September, if adopted, would double the distance of the parking prohibition along Oakridge Avenue from the Curtis Road intersection and add the parking prohibition in front of 7208 Oakridge Avenue. The proposed ordinance includes the previously-approved parking prohibitions along Oakridge Avenue.

In addition to speaking at the public hearing, residents may submit comments on the proposed parking restrictions by e-mail to [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org) or in writing to Town Office, 4301 Willow Lane, Chevy Chase, MD 20815. For more information, please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144.

## SEPTEMBER 10 -- PUBLIC HEARING ON ESTABLISHING TIME LIMIT FOR APPROVED VARIANCES

At its September 10 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on an ordinance to impose a time limit on variance approvals. The ordinance would require that a building permit for the construction authorized by a variance be obtained within twelve (12) months of the effective date of the variance or the variance would be void unless an extension of the variance is obtained. The ordinance would allow the Town manager to grant an extension of a variance, with any necessary conditions, upon a reasonable showing that there had been no material change in circumstances since the effective date of the decision approving the variance and, despite due diligence by the recipient of the variance, additional time would be necessary to secure a building permit.

The provisions of the proposed ordinance are consistent with current Montgomery County law, which dictates that an approved County

variance is valid for 12 months, during which time a building permit must be obtained and the erection or alteration started.

Currently, the Town does not set time limits on variances, allowing work approved under a Town variance to be completed at any future time. The shortcoming of this unrestricted variance approval is that the Town may, at some future time, have different zoning laws than those of today, and any construction approved under a variance today may be inconsistent with future laws.

In addition to speaking at the public hearing, residents may submit comments on the proposed ordinance in writing to Town Office, 4301 Willow Lane, Chevy Chase, MD 20815, or by e-mail to [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org). For more information, please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144.

## PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWN FENCE AND WALL REGULATIONS

On September 10, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on two ordinances to modify Town regulations concerning fences and walls in front yards and public rights-of-way. The purpose of these ordinances is to streamline the process by which residents can obtain approval from the Town to reconstruct or replace fences and walls. The ordinances, which the Council introduced at its June meeting, are posted on the Town's website.

Currently, Town law prohibits fences and walls in front yards and on public property unless a variance is obtained. Variances for new and replacement front yard retaining walls may be handled administratively, meaning that the Mayor and Town Manager may approve such variances without the need for a public hearing. Variances for all other improvements are handled through the normal public hearing process.

The ordinance regulating front yard improvements continues to allow for administrative consideration of new and replacement front yard retaining walls and adds replacement front yard fences and replacement free-standing walls to the list of improvements subject to administrative approval. This ordinance retains the current Town regulation requiring a public hearing for new front yard fences and free-standing walls; however, it adds the requirement that such variance requests must be accompanied by a boundary survey with a margin of error of one inch or less to determine the exact location of the proposed improvements.

Finally, the ordinance reiterates current Town law allowing for front yard walls less than one foot in height as a matter of right, but adds the requirement that such walls must be set back at least two feet from all public improvements, including sidewalks, curbs, streets, etc.

The ordinance regulating improvements in public rights-of-way retains the current Town regulation requiring a public hearing for all new fences and walls on public property and includes a new provision allowing for administrative consideration of replacement fences and walls on public property. The ordinance adds the requirement that variance requests for new fences and walls in public rights-of-way must be accompanied by a boundary survey with a margin of error of one inch or less. This boundary survey must show distances of proposed fences and walls from public improvements, such as sidewalks, curbs and streets, and any other improvements within ten feet of the proposed structures. Finally, the ordinance establishes standards to be met for the Town Council to grant variances for new fences and walls in the public right-of-way.

In addition to speaking at the public hearing, residents may submit comments on the proposed ordinance in writing to Town Office, 4301 Willow Lane, Chevy Chase, MD 20815, or by e-mail to [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org). For more information, please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144.

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## INSTALLATION OF NEW PLAYGROUND AT THE LELAND CENTER

At its July 9 meeting, the Town Council generously approved a \$30,000 donation towards the installation of a new playground at the Leland Center. The design for the playground, which was created with help from many of the Town's youngest residents and their parents, is available on the Town's Public Services Committee website (<http://www.townofchevy Chase.org/c/208>). The new playground will serve children of all ages, and includes structures for children of all abilities. The installation is expected to begin in late fall and last approximately two weeks. We look forward to welcoming children at the new play space later this year and thank everyone who participated in the playground design process.

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## OAKRIDGE/THORNAPPLE SIDEWALKS UPDATE

The Town has contracted with D&F Construction to install new sidewalks on the east side of the 7100 block of Oakridge Avenue and the north side of the 4200 block of Thornapple Street. The width of the sidewalks will be 3.5 feet on both Oakridge and Thornapple. We hope to complete the sidewalk project as soon as the contractor's schedule allows. As part of the plan, parking will be restricted to the east side of Oakridge and the Town will install a 3-way stop control and crosswalks at the intersection of Curtis and Oakridge. Please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144 for more information.

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# TOWN TOPICS

## GARDENING GROUP

E-mail the [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org) or call the Town Office at 301-654-7144 today to sign up to become a member of the Gardening Group. Many of you have already expressed an interest in joining. We would love to have your input in planning a calendar of events with gardening themes. We will host our first event on Thursday, October 16 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for a light supper and program.

## TRASH AND TREASURES

The date of fall Trash and Treasures will be October 11 and 12. You will have an opportunity to donate reusable items to A Wider Circle by dropping them off at their truck in the Leland Center parking lot on Saturday, October 11 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Also, we have scheduled Shred-It so that you can shred documents from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Leland Center parking lot. We will announce a few new features to "T&T" in the October FORECAST.

## PERMIT PARKING IN TOWN

Parking permits are issued to all residents who live on streets included in the permit parking program and are ***intended for vehicles parked within the vicinity of that address only***. We remind you that the Town's parking permit program is designed to make sure that residents can find convenient parking in front of or close to their homes, especially those living adjacent to the Bethesda Urban District. Thanks for your cooperation to ensure that these residents enjoy the same benefits of the permit parking program as residents on other streets.

## DOGGIE DO – DOGGIE DON'T

Several residents have requested that we remind dog owners to be sure to keep their pet on a leash when not on private property. Although a pet owner might feel that their pet is under their control, a surprise encounter with an unleashed dog can be frightening. We encourage you to visit the website, [www.montgomeryparks.org](http://www.montgomeryparks.org), for information about dog exercise parks in Montgomery County.

## CLEAR SIDEWALKS

As part of the Town's efforts to ensure the safety of our students who walk to and from school or the bus stop and other pedestrians, we urge you to make sure that the sidewalk abutting your property is not blocked by parked cars, overgrown vegetation or any obstacle. Thanks for your help in our efforts!

## CCES GROUNDS

The faculty and staff of Chevy Chase Elementary School have asked that we join them in keeping the school grounds litter free. Please do not discard trash on the school property.

## STORM DRAIN RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE FROM MONTGOMERY COUNTY

We are happy to report to you that County has completed the storm drain renovation project. Thank you again for your cooperation during the project.

## WSSC WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

WSSC has notified us that they plan to complete the work on Walsh Street by the second week in September. The work on Oak Lane should be completed by October 15. If all goes as scheduled, WSSC will have finished the water main replacement project in Town by mid-October.

## PURPLE LINE UPDATE

For up-to-date information on the work of the Long Range Planning Committee regarding the Purple Line, please visit the Town's website, [www.townofchevy Chase.org](http://www.townofchevy Chase.org), News and Information.

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The Council will meet on October 14 due to the Jewish holiday on the second Wednesday of October.

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# MONTHLY REMINDERS

## TOWNNEIGHBORS IS DIFFERENT—GIVE IT A TRY

Need a recommendation for someone to fix or install something in your home? Do you have items or tickets to sell or give away? Looking for a new doctor or want an opinion about one you've heard about? Need a babysitter or nanny? Need travel or restaurant suggestions? Lost or found a pet? These subjects and many, many more can be posted and responded to on the Townneighbors listserv. Although at times we discuss issues involving the Town, we offer a much more personal approach of neighbor-to-neighbor exchange than the Town's entirely separate, more formal Towncrier listserv that sends out official Town-related announcements. Why not join Townneighbors today? The more members we have, the more we can share. For instructions on how to join the Townneighbors listserv, go to [www.townofchevy Chase.org](http://www.townofchevy Chase.org) and click on "Townneighbors" under "Quick Links" found at the bottom of the page.

## TOWN CRIER KEEPS RESIDENTS INFORMED

We strongly encourage residents to join the "Town Crier," the Town's e-mail alert system. The Town uses the listserv to keep residents informed of timely Town news and information. To subscribe, please visit the Town's website [www.townofchevy Chase.org](http://www.townofchevy Chase.org).

## NEW RESIDENT INFORMATION PACKETS

The Town staff will be happy to provide new residents with a packet of information about the Town. Please give us a call at 301-654-7144 or e-mail [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org) to request that we drop the packet to your house. We also invite new residents to stop by the office to pick up the packets. The Town website, [www.townofchevy Chase.org](http://www.townofchevy Chase.org), is another great source of Town information.

## COMMUNITY SPIRIT – HOST A BLOCK PARTY

The list of block parties continues to grow as more and more neighbors realize that this is a great way to get to know each other and create a stronger sense of community. If your block has not hosted a block party and would like to give it a try, call the Town staff (301-654-7144) to find out how to get started.

## COMPLAINT/COMPLIMENT FORM ONLINE

If you have a complaint or compliment about a Town service or program, please complete the electronic form on the Town website, [www.townofchevy Chase.org](http://www.townofchevy Chase.org). The form provides a way for us to track issues and to make improvements to Town services and programs.

## THE MVA IS ON A ROLL!

**Reminder: MVA On Wheels will be in Friendship Heights, Monday, September 22, 10am to 2pm**

The MVA on Wheels will be set up at the intersection of North Park Avenue and Friendship Heights Boulevard near the Friendship Heights Village Center. The mobile unit is usually in front of the Village Office on the fourth Monday of each month. (This month it is the third Monday.) For details of the services offered at the MVA on Wheels, call the MVA at 1-800-950-1682.

## RECYCLE COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS (CFL) IN THE TOWN OFFICE

Have you wondered where to recycle CFL bulbs? We have a collection box for the bulbs in the Town office. Just drop them by, and we will make sure the bulbs are recycled properly.

## RECYCLE CELL PHONES

Drop used cell phones at the Town office. The Town staff will deliver the phones to the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department. The phones are programmed for use by domestic violence victims.

## TOWN DISCLAIMER

The Town's newsletter and listserv sometimes refer to companies and organizations that may be of interest to Town residents. In providing this information, the Town does not formally endorse these groups or their products or services. The Town encourages all residents to perform the screening they feel necessary to determine if these groups are suitable.

## CRIMEWATCH

In August, the following crimes were reported to the Town Office:

- August 18 Residents in the 4100 blocks of Aspen and Blackthorn Streets reported that cars on their blocks were egged.
- August 12 A resident in the 4100 block of Blackthorn Street reported that her house was egged.
- August 8 A resident in the 4300 block of Rosemary Street reported that her car parked in the driveway was vandalized. The GPS was stolen from the car.
- August 8 A resident in the 7000 block of Maple Avenue reported that her car parked in her driveway was vandalized. Change was taken from the car.

We cannot overemphasize the importance of reporting all crimes to the police. These reports result in increased police coverage. In addition, when you report incidents to the Town office, we notify our off-duty Montgomery County police officers and our overnight security service. Any information you can give to the police about criminal or suspicious activity in Town will help to make us safer. Please contact the Town office at 301-654-7144 to report crimes so that we can provide accurate crime stats in the FORECAST and on the Town website. Thank you.

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## THIS ISN'T YOUR MOTHER'S RECYCLING...

Monique Shimm, Public Services Committee



You may remember my last article carefully explaining the very restrictive list of plastics that we may recycle. Well, the good news is that over the summer, Montgomery County expanded its list of acceptable plastics. I apologize to those folks who diligently memorized the last list, but this change is good news for the environment. Many of those empty plastic tubs which hold yogurt and margarine can now go in your green bin rather than the garbage can. This is definitely a huge step forward for our community.

Here is the NEW list of acceptable plastics:

- Plastic food-grade tubs and lids
  - examples: margarine/butter tubs, cottage cheese, yogurt, sour cream, mayonnaise, whipped topping, peanut butter and deli containers, and prescription bottles
- Narrow-neck plastic bottles that contained food, drink and household products
  - examples: milk, juice, water, syrup, vegetable oil, salad dressing, cleaning, detergent and shampoo/conditioner bottles
- Plastic pails/buckets
  - examples: ice cream, detergent, pet food and kitty litter containers
- Plastic flower pots
- Plastic beverage cups

All the other common sense rules remain the same. For example, please rinse out the containers before throwing them into your bin. Paper should be placed in a separate bin but everything else can be contained together. Although we can now recycle kitty litter containers, you still cannot recycle containers that held hazardous automotive or garden products.

And remember, if you can, it is better to reuse than recycle. For example, find alternative uses for flower pots, donate them, or return them to nurseries.

This information is summarized in a fact sheet available on the web at:  
<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/dep/solidwaste/store/documents/fact-sheet-plastics.pdf>

Please remember, even though we can recycle more items, the maximum weight for each recycling bin is 45 pounds!

## LIVING THE VIDA LOCO<sub>2</sub>

Climate Protection Committee, Judith McGuire, Chair

*This is the third in a series of interviews with Town residents who are working hard to conserve energy.*

What does it take to save a lot of energy? In the case of Bruce and Jean, it takes a penchant for measuring and tracking outcomes, and a no-waste ethic. Residents of the Town for twenty years, this couple lives in a four-bedroom 1940 colonial. Over the last three years, they have given the 2000 square foot house a major tune-up.

Not all of the changes were voluntary. Many of their large appliances failed in a short period or reached the end of their useful life. This provided a chance to upgrade to more efficient products. They made deliberate decisions to replace the gas hot water heater, air conditioner, range, dishwasher, refrigerator/freezer, humidifier and dehumidifier with Energy Star appliances. After careful analysis of their needs and the newer, more efficient options, they decreased the size of their hot water heater by 20%, chose a refrigerator that has the freezer compartment on the bottom to maximize energy efficiency, and reduced the power demand of their aged attic fan from 250 to 220 kilowatts. They decided against an Energy Star furnace because their chimney lining wasn't designed for the extra heat, but the new furnace is much more efficient than the old one. Increasing attic insulation, tightening up the leaks around doors and windows, and installing foam plates behind the wall sockets on outside walls helps improve their efficiency and keep things comfortable. They calculated that it would not be cost-effective to replace their double track, single-pane windows but make sure the storm tracks fit tightly and are adequately caulked. Energy conservation is a habit with them. On cool summer mornings, for instance, when they get up to walk the dog, they open the windows to let the cool air in and shut them when they get home. That alone cools their house several degrees, Bruce says.

They systematically went through their house replacing incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescents. They kept incandescents in reading lights, on dimmer switches (because dimmable CFLs require rewiring), and for the front light because candelabra CFLs aren't available.

A programmable thermostat keeps their daytime temperatures at a comfortable 76 degrees in summer and 70 degrees in winter (63 at night) because they both work in home offices. Shade trees keep the house relatively cool but humid so they use their air-conditioner for dehumidifying as well as temperature. Recently, for instance, they've used it less than expected, relying instead on opening and shutting windows to let cool air in the mornings. "It's not hard. You just make it part of your routine," says Bruce.

One of their energy luxuries is their hot tub. Even there they have reduced energy consumption by turning down the temperature when it's not in use. Turning it on a few

hours before they want to use it provides the tub's full enjoyment using much less energy. Another luxury is Bruce's boat. He recently replaced a 31-foot gas hog with a smaller, more agile outboard with a quiet, state-of-the-art engine that makes fishing more fun while saving huge volumes of gas.

Their personal and educational backgrounds laid the groundwork for their attitude toward saving energy. They both have advanced degrees in natural resource management. Plus they are do-it-yourselfers at heart.

Their conservation ethic applies to other parts of their lives as well. While they have two cars, they drive fewer than 8000 miles a year. When they do go out on long trips they take the more fuel-efficient car. Low mileage is possible by using Metro and advances in computer and internet technology. Bruce has worked from a home office for over a decade. Jean telecommuted 1-2 days a week for several years before she retired. Part of her motivation was avoiding a long, awful commute. So the switch to working from home provided multiple benefits.

Their energy consumption over the most recent twelve month period was quite reasonable: 10,350 kilowatt hours of electricity and 813 therms of natural gas. They've seen a reduction in both utilities since 2005: a 9% reduction in gas and a 22% reduction in electricity (even before the new air conditioner came on line). Their carbon footprint, including gasoline for their cars, comes to a mere 6.75 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per person per year. Compare this to the Town average of 9.3 tons. If we add in Bruce's boat (boats were not included in the Town assessment) they still emit a relatively modest 7.8 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>.

"We like to be comfortable but don't like to waste things," says Bruce. This maxim certainly applies to their approach to maintaining their lawn and garden. Bruce, a master composter, is passionate about getting everything he can out of what other people call "yard waste". They compost virtually all yard waste (save invasive plants) and all their kitchen (vegetable) waste. He calculates that by composting the kitchen waste, they divert 12 cubic feet of solid waste per year from landfill or sewage treatment (i.e. food not sent through the sink garbage disposal). In return, they gain 30 cubic feet each year of rich compost to enhance their gardens. If they were to buy that it would cost at least \$100, a good portion of which is just for the plastic bag (which can't be recycled) and transportation (more greenhouse gases).

At the end of the day it boils down to making conscious choices, according to Bruce. "You can have a great quality of life. It just takes a little thought and you get multiple benefits. You really can do well by doing good."

## DISCUSSION GROUP ON GEORGIA CRISIS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 7:30 P.M., TOWN HALL

In the past few weeks, we all have been watching disturbing news reports on a crisis taking place many thousands of miles away, in the Republic of Georgia. We have watched from afar as troops exchanged fire, as Russian tanks rolled into both the province of Ossetia and into other cities across Georgia, as many tens of thousands of refugees have fled-- both north into Russia and south into the Georgian capital of Tbilisi -- as their homes are destroyed and their families scattered.

What has prompted this crisis? Why is this fighting, in an area of the world many Americans know little about, potentially important to us? Where is South Ossetia, and why are troops in a neighboring region of Abkhazia also involved? What is Russia's role? Why are analysts pointing to this tragic conflict as possibly "the beginning of a new Cold War"?

Town resident Andrea Harris, who lived in Tbilisi from late 2003 to late 2007, will be in the Town Hall on the evening of September 2 to provide answers and to help lead an informal discussion group on the roots of the crisis, where things stand today, and how concerned citizens in the US can take action to support building of a lasting peace in this troubled region.

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## THIRD ANNUAL ELLEN'S RUN

**Event:** Third Annual *Ellen's Run*  
**Date:** Sunday, October 19, 2008  
**Time:** 9 am  
**Description:** 5K race/3K walk at Candy Cane City Pavilion (7901 Meadowbrook Lane, Chevy Chase) Sign-up by October 11: \$25 (adults -- includes a t-shirt), \$10 (3-12 years old-- includes t-shirt). After October 11: \$35 (adults).  
**Contact:** Nancy Wolfson (301-657-2314 or [cnwolfson@comcast.net](mailto:cnwolfson@comcast.net))  
Proceeds benefit the B-CC HS Community Scholarship Fund and the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County. Prizes for the top runners.

Save the date! Ellen's Run is going green this year, so please print your registration form from the website or pay online. To donate or register, go to: <http://www.ellensrunonline.org/>

The third annual Ellen's Run is being held to remember our dear friend and neighbor Ellen Vala Schneider, whose involvement in our community touched and inspired so many. Proceeds from the race will benefit the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Community Scholarship Fund and the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County. Over 700 individuals participated in Ellen's Run last fall. We hope that you will be able to join us again this year and bring family, friends, and neighbors.

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## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The Abused Persons Program of Montgomery County's Department of Health and Human Services is recruiting volunteers to assist victims of domestic violence who seek legal protection. Volunteers will be required to be interviewed in person and attend training sessions in October to learn about the court system, domestic violence laws, and issues in victim services. There is a special need for bilingual individuals.

Volunteers are needed to fulfill any of the following duties:

- Staff an office in Rockville District Court on weekdays
- Accompany clients to civil and criminal court proceedings, offering support and information throughout the process of obtaining legal protection
- Support and assist victims at the Crisis Center in Rockville during evening and weekend shifts on an on-call basis

For more information, please call Cathy Wolf at 240.777.4215

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## **NOVEMBER ELECTION REFERANDUM ON SLOT MACHINES**

**Attend Forum to hear both sides of the issue.**

Wednesday, September 10, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
Woman's Club of Chevy Chase  
7931 Connecticut Avenue

As you know, the November election will bring to the ballot a referendum on expanding slot machines in the state of Maryland. This proposal has evoked strong arguments for and against it, and this forum is being held to help you explore this issue and its implications for our state.

Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot will take the anti-slots position, and Maryland Secretary of Labor Tom Perez will take the pro-slots position. Bruce De Puyt of News Channel 8 will moderate the discussion. The forum is free of charge and open to all. Questions will be taken from the audience. Sponsored by Women's State Democratic Club (WSDC) of Montgomery County. For more information, contact: Carole Brand, [csbrand@verizon.net](mailto:csbrand@verizon.net) or 301-657-2547.

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## **IMAGINATION STAGE INVITES FAMILIES TO FALL OPEN HOUSE & DEL RAY AVENUE BLOCK PARTY**

WHO: Imagination Stage (formerly Bethesda Academy of Performing Arts/BAPA)  
WHAT: FREE Annual Fall Arts Open House  
WHEN: September 5: 6:00 PM-8:00 PM "Teen Party & Sample Classes" for families with older children, Grade 6 through 12  
September 6: 9:30 AM-12:30 PM for families with children ages 1-5  
1:30 PM-4:30 PM for families with children, Kindergarten-Grade 5  
WHERE: Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Avenue, Bethesda, MD. 301-961-6060.  
WHY: An opportunity for children and their families to watch a season preview performance and to sample drama, dance, and musical theatre classes or hands-on arts activities. Families can also stroll down Del Ray Avenue for a full Block Party from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM for even more activities and family-oriented food and fun (participating businesses include Wiggle Room, Jabberu, Hard Times Café, Daisy Baby, MusiKids, and Guardado's).  
PRICE: FREE

For 29 years, Imagination Stage has been a leader in theatre arts for young people. It produces year-round professional theatre for family audiences in the beautiful, 400-seat Lerner Family Theatre and has classes for children ages 1-18 of all abilities. Imagination Stage's fall semester begins on September 13.

More information is available at [www.ImaginationStage.org](http://www.ImaginationStage.org), or by calling 301-961-6060. Imagination Stage is located at 4908 Auburn Avenue. There is ample parking in the garage next door and it is free on weekends.

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## **THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF CHEVY CHASE**

**48<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ANTIQUES SHOW AND SALE  
7931 CONNECTICUT AVENUE**

Friday, September 5, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, September 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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## **BRAD METZLER, GUEST AUTHOR**

Brad Meltzer, author and past Town resident, will be a guest author at the Bethesda Barnes and Noble on Wednesday, September 3, 7:30 p.m. and at Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Avenue, on Thursday, September 4, 7:00 pm. He will be reading from his new novel Book of Lies. When Brad lived in the Town, he participated in the Town authors' events and led a discussion group on the art of writing. Be sure to introduce yourself to Brad.

## **OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW RESIDENTS**

**Sunday, September 14, 2 P.M. – 5 P.M.**

The Town Council and the Community Relations Committee will host an Open House for new residents and their families at the home of Councilmember Linna Barnes, 7112 Ridgewood Avenue, on Sunday, September 14 from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. There will be some long-time residents on hand to talk informally about the Town and the Chevy Chase area. If you have moved to the Town in the last two years or so, please join us at the Open House. Please RSVP by Monday, September 8, by e-mailing [townoffice@townofchevyCHASE.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevyCHASE.org) or by calling the Town office at 301-654-7144.

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## **THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE WELCOMES STUDENTS BACK TO SCHOOL**

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