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## **Town To Provide Free Native Canopy Trees**

The Town Council in July approved a Native Canopy Tree Planting Program to provide and plant a limited number of canopy trees on residents' private properties. The program, proposed by the Town's Environment Committee, aims to enhance the Town's tree canopy and will benefit the entire Town over time by providing shade, runoff control, carbon dioxide absorption, and energy savings. This year, the Town Council has budgeted for 30 trees to be planted on private property. This is in addition to the 100 or more trees

that are planted each year on public property in the Town.

Under the new program, trees are available on a first--come, first-served basis to requesting residents. The Town arborist will visit each resident, in the order of request, to evaluate whether there is an appropriate location on the property for a new canopy tree and to recommend a suitable species. Five to six species of canopy trees such as oaks, maples and blackgums are available through the program. Some will be planted only in the fall, others in the spring. The Town will buy the trees, pay for the service to plant them, and provide a water bag to assist residents with the care needed in the critical first year after planting. Residents will be responsible for the long-term care of the tree once planted.

Residents are encouraged to submit their tree requests early, as there is limited availability. A request form is available in the Town Office and may be downloaded from the Town website at <a href="https://www.townofchevychase.org">www.townofchevychase.org</a>. For more information about the program, contact the Town Office at 301-654-7144.

## **Town History: 100 Years Ago in Our Town**

In 1909, the Chevy Chase Land Company submitted its subdivision plat for the earliest sections of our Town—the area west of Connecticut Avenue and north of Bradley Lane. Inspired by the ideas of noted landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, the plan retained the area's natural topography, rolling hills and small streams and specified wide streets, sidewalks with street trees and generous front yards.

As the Land Company shaped our Town's physical landscape, early residents organized to shape our community's governance. In 1909 a handful of residents on both sides of Connecticut Avenue formed the Chevy Chase Citizens' Association of Section Three and Four. Although our Town would not be incorporated until 1918, the beginnings of self-government and the community we now call the Town of Chevy Chase took root in 1909.

We will celebrate this milestone with our Centennial Supper on Saturday, September 12.

(First in a series of Town of Chevy Chase historical vignettes to be published during 2009-2010.)

## **Greetings from the Mayor**

## Kathy Strom

Welcome back from your summer! It promises to be an exciting fall in the Town. As you have heard, our Town is celebrating the centennial of the platting of the first homes in the Town. As part of our celebration we are having a Centennial Supper in the form of a "progressive" dinner on Saturday, September 12. ("Progressive" means that we start at Town Hall and embark from there to one neighbor's home for dinner and another home for dessert.) I hope to see many of you at Town Hall as we gather to start an evening of getting to know our neighbors and celebrating our community history together. We also are planning a concert and dog picture event on Saturday, September 26 in Elm Street Park with our local B-CC Jazz Band and a local Town artist. We hope you can join us.

We as a community have been engaged this summer in a discussion of a development that is directly on the border of our Town, the State's proposal for a light rail system. The Town held two meetings this summer to discuss this issue and to hear residents' views. Confident that the dialogue will proceed as it has begun, in a courteous and respectful manner, we look forward to a cooperative continuation of this process. We are grateful to have heard from so many of you and welcome your input and ideas.



Wednesday, September 2 – Community Relations Committee, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, September 8 – Public Services Committee, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 9 – Council Meeting/Public Hearings, 7 p.m.
Thursday, September 10 – Gardening Event on Lawn Care, 7 p.m.
Saturday, September 1 - Centennial Supper/Progressive Dinner, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 16 – Council/Committee Chairs Meeting, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, September 22 – Climate Protection Committee, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 23 - Council/Land Use Committee Work Session, 7 p.m.
Saturday, September 26 – Photos of Town Dogs in Elm Street Park, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, September 26 – Jazz in the Elm Street Park, 4 p.m.

## Preview of October

Saturday and Sunday, October 3 and 4 – Trash and Treasures Monday, October 5 – Fight the Flu Clinic, 4 – 7 p.m.

<u>Please check the Town website for the complete October calendar and up-to-date details about Town events</u> and meetings.

www.townofchevychase.org

## **CRIMEWATCH**

Beginning July 1, the Town replaced its overnight security patrols with off-duty Montgomery County officers, who also patrol Town streets during the day. The Council made this change in response to the increase in vehicular crimes during the past year. Not only do the off-duty County officers provide a more authoritative presence than the security patrols, but they also have arrest powers unlike the security patrols. The off-duty County officers patrol Town streets seven nights a week between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

The Town has already benefited from this change. In early August, an off-duty County officer on overnight patrol spotted a suspicious car. He tried to catch up to the car, which was abandoned on Ridge Street. The car had been reported stolen two days earlier from Bethesda. The officer was able to locate the three suspects in the area of Stanford and East and arrested all three for possession of the stolen car. Two of the suspects are prior defendants involved in thefts from residents' cars in the Town and for other crimes. The third is a career criminal. The three were taken to jail by an on-duty patrol officer in Bethesda and charged with possession of the stolen car. This was a fortunate apprehension.

## **Neighborhood Watch Seeks Block Captains**

As interest in a community Neighborhood Watch program has grown, more and more residents have volunteered to become block captains. The Montgomery County Police Department has agreed to train Town volunteers on issues ranging from what to look out for to the best way to communicate with neighbors and police. As block captain for your street, your responsibility is to notify your neighbors about suspicious activity and to provide other useful information to make our Town safer. Residents are encouraged to sign up to become block captains as the Town would like as many blocks covered as possible. If you take the lead, your neighbors will help out.

There will be three training sessions this fall. Further information will be posted on the Town website and sent out on the Town Crier. Block captains should plan to attend all three sessions in order for the police to officially recognize the watch program and to provide the Town with signs and additional Neighborhood Watch materials. If you have any further questions regarding the program or the training, please call the Town office at 301-654-7144, Scott Egloff, the Town coordinator of the program, at 301-907-3263, or Officer Dana Matthis at 301-657-0119.

## MedStar To Offer Fight the Flu Program

#### Flu Shots

The Town is pleased to sponsor a flu clinic in the Town Hall for the fourteenth year. The Medstar Visiting Nurses Healthcare will administer flu shots on Monday, October 5, 4 – 7 p.m. in the Town Hall. The cost is \$30 per shot for adults and children 9 years old and up. There is no charge if you have Medicare Part B. Please bring your Medicare card with you to the clinic. Personal checks are accepted and preferred. Beginning on Monday, September 1, you will be able to sign up to receive a shot by contacting the Town Office at 301-654-7144. You must sign up to receive a flu shot!

#### **Pneumonia Vaccine**

This year Medstar will administer the pneumonia vaccine to residents who are 65 years of age or older at the clinic on Monday, October 5, 4 – 7 p.m. in the Town Hall. Before age 65, you should receive the vaccine every five years. After age 65, you only need to get the injection one time unless instructed by a physician. The cost of the vaccine is \$55. You must sign up to receive the vaccine.

#### **Swine Flu Vaccine**

As soon as the swine flu vaccine is available, the MedStar Visiting Nurses will be setting up clinics to administer the shots to the age groups approved by the FDA for the program. Until the testing is completed, they do not know if one injection or two injections will be required. The MedStar Visiting Nurses will hold clinics beginning in November. The Town has requested that the MedStar Visiting Nurses hold clinics for Town residents who are in the age groups that qualify for the program. If you receive a flu shot, you must wait four weeks before receiving a swine flu shot. We will provide updated information on this program on the Town website and via the listserv.

## Purple Line Update

On August 4, Governor O'Malley announced his Locally Preferred Alternatives (LPAs) for both the Purple Line and the Red Line in Baltimore; he has not yet done so for the Corridor Cities Transitway project. The Governor has said he will be submitting both the Purple Line and the Red Line simultaneously to the Federal Government for consideration under the New Starts Funding Program of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

As anticipated, the Governor endorsed light rail on the Trail for the Purple Line. Some important details:

- The cost of the proposed Purple Line is projected to be \$1.517 billion dollars (in 2009 dollars);
- The FTA cost-effectiveness rating is \$23.20 (the current cut-off for consideration for FTA funding is \$23.99). This cost includes completing the Trail through the tunnel and an overpass at Connecticut Avenue;
- MTA projects 64,800 riders by 2030 of which 19,000 are to be new transit riders;
- There will be 6 minute headways during peak running times trains passing every 3 minutes, and 10 minutes in off-peak hours; and
- Where feasible, the trail will be widened to as much as 16 feet. MTA says "the design of the trail including the trail width, location, and landscaping will include participation by local residents, trail users, and adjacent property owners."

According to the Governor's press release, "The announcement of the LPA will be followed by the Preliminary Engineering/Final Environmental Impact Statement (PE/FEIS) phase. During this phase more detailed environmental studies, and financial and construction plans will be completed. Upon completion of the PE/FEIS process a "Record of Decision" (ROD) will be sought from the Federal Transit Administration. The ROD formally transitions a project from the planning and environmental process into design and construction." To see more go to www.purplelinemd.com. To see the Town's press release in response to the Governor's announcement, go to the town's website at <a href="https://www.townofchevychase.org">www.townofchevychase.org</a>.

In anticipation of the Governor's action, the Town held two important meetings over the summer: an Informational Session on June 22 and a public hearing on July 22.

- At the Informational Session, which was moderated by a facilitator, town representatives
  reviewed Town actions and expenditures to date, the possible state and federal schedules
  moving forward, and possible options for the Town to consider moving forward. Residents
  were encouraged to come and ask questions at this meeting. A transcript and report of that
  meeting are available on the Town's website.
- At the Public Hearing, residents were asked to come and comment as to what they thought
  the Town's next actions, if any, should be. A transcript of that hearing is also available on
  the Town's website. Residents who were unable to attend are asked to submit comments to
  the Town office for inclusion in the public record. That public record remains open.

The Town Council will be deliberating next steps during the upcoming months at its Council meetings. Governor O'Malley and the Purple Line project director, Mike Madden, have extended a request to Mayor Strom to meet with Town representatives to begin discussing mitigation measures for the project design. While not precluding any right to take further action, the Town will be putting a group together to meet with the MTA. You'll be hearing more about that committee soon.

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## **Council To Hold Hearing on Amendments to Town Charter**

At its Wednesday, September 9 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on two proposed amendments to the Town Charter. The first proposal would amend Section 205 of the Charter to allow a mayor to serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive one (1) year terms without a unanimous vote of the Town Council. After two consecutive terms, the sitting mayor could continue in that role only by unanimous vote of the Council. Currently, a mayor may not serve consecutive one (1) year terms except by unanimous vote of the Council.

The second proposal would amend Section 210 of the Charter to provide for Town referenda being conducted according to the same procedure as Town elections. Currently, when the Town holds a referendum on an adopted ordinance, residents are required to attend a special meeting for the purpose of voting on that referendum. The proposed amendment would allow residents to vote on a referendum by absentee ballot, as is permitted in a Town election.

These proposed amendments were introduced by the Town Council at its June meeting. At the September meeting, the Council may choose to adopt these amendments following the public hearing or defer consideration until a later time. If and when the Council adopts the amendments, State law requires the Town to advertise them in a newspaper of general circulation over a period of at least 40 days.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may e-mail comments to townoffice@townofchevychase.org or submit written comments to the Town Office, 4301 Willow Lane, by September 9. For more information, please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144 or to review the amendments, visit the Town website, <a href="https://www.townofchevychase.org">www.townofchevychase.org</a>, News and Information, Proposed Charter Amendments.

## Public Hearing Planned on Residential Water Management

The Town Council will hold a public hearing on a proposed Residential Water Management Program at its **September 9** meeting. The program, proposed by the Public Services Committee, would offer residents the opportunity to obtain a professional review of their property for recommendations on improving water management, particularly drainage and runoff. The Town's Water Drainage Ordinance addresses water management related to new construction, while this program would offer assistance with private water drainage problems.

Under the program, a consulting engineer would visit each property where the resident requests a water drainage review. The engineer would then provide a written report to each resident with recommendations on improving water drainage and runoff. The recommendations would not be mandatory for implementation by the resident, in part or in whole, and the Town would not be liable for any results, positive or negative, if implemented. This service would be offered to residents one time each year, and would not be used or be provided to assist with water management related to new construction, which is regulated by the Town's Water Drainage Ordinance. The service would not include developing engineering plans to address water drainage or runoff problems.

The Public Services Committee has proposed a budget of \$20,000 for this program in this fiscal year. This cost would include professional engineering services for 75 resident reviews at 3 hours per review. Residents are encouraged to attend the September 9 public hearing to provide their comments on this proposed program. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may e-mail comments to townoffice@townofchevychase.org or submit written comments to the Town Office, 4301 Willow Lane, by September 9.

## Committees' Organizational Meeting Slated for September 16

The Town Council and Committee Chairs will meet on Wednesday, September 16 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall to discuss the committees' procedures and roles and responsibilities. The meeting is open to all residents who would like to attend. The discussion will focus on the procedures that each of the committees will observe. In the October issue of the FORECAST, we will publish the mission statement of each of the committees and a list of the members. This information will be available on the Town website. Also, the minutes from the monthly meetings of each of the committees will be posted on the Town website.

#### **Work Session To Discuss Land Use Committee Recommendations**

On September 23 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall, the Town Council will hold a work session with the Land Use Committee to discuss its recommendations for streamlining the recent changes to the Building Code. At the July Council meeting, the Committee presented these recommendations to the Council. The Committee's report can be found on the Town website, <a href="www.townofchevychase.org">www.townofchevychase.org</a> – click Boards and Committees, Land Use Committee, Proposed Building Codes Changes - or please call the Town office to receive a copy.

The Committee recommendations include: possible changes to how rear setbacks are calculated on lots with depths between 120' to 137'; possible changes to how rear setbacks are calculated on lots with sides of different lengths; alternate ways in which to apply regulations to the code requirement that only 35% of front yards be non-vegetative surface; possible changes to regulations governing replacement front yard walls and fences; and possible amendments to the code to correct grandfathering dates in the existing ordinance. The committee also suggested that the Town consider commissioning a town-wide survey to establish the Town's right of way and front lot line for all lots throughout the Town.

At the work session, the Council will discuss with committee members why the recommendations were made and potential code and/or regulation changes. After the discussion and agreement on whether certain of the recommendations will go forward in whole or in part, the Council will ask the Town's attorney to prepare any amendments to the code as discussed by the Council. Any amendments will be introduced during a regular Council meeting in either October or November, and after that there will be a public hearing scheduled before the Council considers taking any action on such proposed code changes.

## Chevy Chase at Home Kick-Off – Cupcakes and Conversation September 29, 2 to 4 PM, Chevy Chase Village Hall, 5906 Connecticut Avenue Need a ride? Contact Lois Fern at 301-652-0640

CHEVY CHASE AT HOME will hold its kick-off event, billed as "Cupcakes and Conversation" on September 29, 2009, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Village Hall at 5606 Connecticut Avenue. This is a wonderful opportunity for residents interested in the organization to get together for fun, to learn more about us, and also to exchange ideas to help shape our direction as we go forward. Our Social Networking Committee, co-chaired by Betty O'Connor and Sandy Geller, has gained approval to use a room in the Chevy Chase Village Hall at least once a month for activities for CC@H members, and "Cupcakes and Conversation" will be our first event. Please join us, and be sure to visit our newly designed web site at: www.chevychaseathome.org., where you will also find the invitation.

The Governance Committee of CC@H has sent completed bylaws to the Interim Board in preparation for filing for tax-exempt status. Meanwhile, we are accepting donations to help with start-up costs (e.g., office supplies, liability insurance, creation of data bases for members and volunteers, etc.). To make a contribution, send your check made out to Chevy Chase At Home, Inc. to: CHEVY CHASE AT HOME, P.O. Box 15102, Chevy Chase, MD 20825. Once our application for tax-exempt status has been approved by the IRS, your contribution will be retroactively tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

Many thanks to all those who took the time to fill out our recent survey. The information you provided is proving invaluable as we move ahead. For more information about CHEVY CHASE AT HOME please call Caroline Michaelis at 301-657-8847, or go to our website at: <a href="https://www.chevychaseathome.org">www.chevychaseathome.org</a>.

## Shades of Green



LOCOVORE: One who prefers to eat locally grown/produced food to promote local sustainable agriculture. Many locovores try to buy as much food as possible from a 100-mile radius of their home.

#### Should you become a locovore? Yes! Here's why:

- Locally grown produce is fresher, therefore tastes better, and is more nutritious.
- Because there's no shipping, food is picked "almost ripe" as opposed to days or weeks ago. Varieties are chosen for *taste*, not shelf life.
- No shipping means less resource depletion and air pollution (can be cleaner than eating organic).
- You can stay in touch with the seasons by eating foods that are at their peak. Less expensive, too!
- Local food is often safer. Food traveling from foreign countries is not always well-protected from pesticides and other contaminants.
- More variety. Local farmers don't have to limit themselves to supermarket "generic" brands, but can experiment.
- Promotion of responsible land development. Demand for local food creates an economic rationale for leaving farms and pastures undeveloped.

#### It's not an all or nothing effort. Choose your "Shade of Green." Here are some options:

- 1. Start small. Choose five foods you want to try to buy locally, then add to the list.
- 2. Visit farmers' markets. They keep small farms in business through direct sales.
- 3. Lobby your supermarket. Ask where their meat, produce and dairy come from. Let them know that you want to "buy local."
- 4. Invest in a local farm in exchange for a weekly box of assorted vegetables and other farm products through a local CSA ("Community Supported Agriculture") program. It takes the work out of buying locally, because the farmer selects it all for you!
- 5. Preserve local food for the winter. For many things, it's as easy as using your freezer!
- 6. Find out what restaurants in our area support local farmers and frequent them.
- 7. Create the next generation of *locovores* by taking your children to visit a local farm. It's fun, and the kids will quickly learn that the food tastes WAAAAY better!

Visit the TOCC *Green Pages* for more information (go to www.townofchevychase.org and click on "Community Links"). If you have relevant information to share, you may post it on the separate Townneighbors listserv (to join, see "Quick Links" on the TOCC homepage).

# Manna Monthly Weigh-In Three Hundred and Fifty-three Pounds To Date! Community Relations Committee

We will continue to collect foods in the Town Office and at Town-sponsored events for the non-profit Manna Food Center. Residents attending the Centennial Supper are asked to donate food to Manna. To date, residents have donated 353 pounds of food to Manna. 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 (301-654-7144) or call (301) 785-0933 for a pick-up. If you are interested in assisting with this project, please contact the Town Office.

## TRASH AND TREASURES

#### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Our fall Trash and Treasures is scheduled for the weekend of Saturday, October 3, and Sunday, October 4. The Town provides this special service to residents, who may assemble at curbside unwanted discards from garages, basements, attics and yards. You can dispose of 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 it, please 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, OCTOBER 2.

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 newspapers, mixed paper or cardboard – 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, October 5, 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 WasteTransfer 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 County website, <a href="https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recylcing">www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recylcing</a>.

## **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 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, <a href="https://www.bikesfortheworld.org">www.bikesfortheworld.org</a>.

## **ALTERNATIVES TO TRASH AND TREASURES**

## **RECYCLE TVs and Electronic Equipment**



The Town will provide a truck in the Lawton Center Parking Lot on Saturday, October 3 from 10 a.m. to 12 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. E-Structors, Inc., a vendor recommended by the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection, will pick up the items and recycle them.

#### **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, October 3, 10 a.m. – 12 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

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, which is 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade children in the metro area. Teachers from the seven under-resourced schools in the District are invited to two **BookShare** events. At these events the teachers can 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 September and/or in the Lawton Center parking lot on **Saturday**, **October 3**, **10** a.m. to

12 p.m. If you would like more information, visit the website www.capitalbookshare.org.

## **A Wider Circle**

We are happy to continue our five-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, October 3, 10 a.m. to 12 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. Please allow 2 - 3 weeks for the pick-up appointment.

## **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, October 3, 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.



What: 5K Run/ 3K Walk

When: Sunday, October 11, 9 am

Where: Candy Cane City - Rock Creek Park, Chevy Chase Who: B-CC HS families, parents, staff, students, community

members; individuals and TEAMS!

How: Register at www.EllensRunOnline.org by October 6

Why: To benefit B-CC HS Community Scholarship Fund & Mental

**Health Association of Montgomery County** 

Ellen's Run is held annually in memory of Ellen Vala Schneider, former chair of the B-CC High School Scholarship Fund. A parent of two B-CC HS alums, Ellen worked tirelessly for the B-CC community. Proceeds from the race benefit the B-CC High School Community Scholarship Fund and Mental Health Association of Montgomery County. The fund has awarded scholarships every year since 1997 to B-CC students. Each dollar collected by the Fund goes directly to B-CC scholarship awardees.

- \$25 Adults; \$20 Students; \$10 children (3-12 years)
- After October 6, \$40 Adults & Students; \$10 children (3-12 years)
- Donations are welcome. Contributors of \$100 or more will be recognized on race day as members of
- "Ellen's Legacy Circle." Post-race brunch and celebration, prizes for winners, T-shirts if you register before October 6
- For more information, contact Pam Feinstein, feinstep@aol.com or 301-332-7859.

## 49<sup>th</sup> Woman's Club of Chevy Chase Antique Show 7931 Connecticut Avenue

September 12 and 13, Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Chippendale to Cottage – Deco to Diamonds -- All merchandise guaranteed authentic!
All proceeds benefit local charities. Handicap accessible.

## **Fall Events at the Writer's Center**

The Writer's Center begins its fall season with an Open House on Saturday, Sept. 12, noon-3 p.m. It's an excellent chance to meet and speak with workshop leaders, staff, and board members, and find out what The Writer's Center is all about. Next up, we welcome poets Elizabeth Rees, Jamie Brown, and Neva Herrington as they read from their respective works on Sunday, September 13, at 2 p.m. at The Writer's Center.

On the Friday, September 18, at 7:30 p.m, The Writer's Center hosts its first-ever Emerging Writers Reading Series event, Story/Stereo, featuring poet Suzanne Frischkorn and novelist Neil Smith. Joining them in a unique blend of music and words will be the band The Roofwalkers. Michael Montlack, editor of the anthology *My Diva: 65 Gay Men and The Women Who Inspire Them*, will discuss the book, field questions, and join other contributors on Sunday, September 20, at 2 p.m.

For the second year in a row, we will partner with George Mason's Fall for the Book Festival. As part of our contribution, we will host literary giant James Ellroy (*L.A. Confidential, Black Dahlia*) as he reads from his latest novel, *Blood's A Rover*, on Saturday, September 26 at 7:30 p.m. Finally, on Sunday, September 27 at 2 p.m. we will open up the floor to the public for a poetry and prose Open Mic. Got something you'd like to share? Perform your work in a welcoming atmosphere of other authors, poets, and other literary-minded folks. 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda, MD 20815, <a href="https://www.writer.org">www.writer.org</a>.

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS



## **Centennial Supper**

#### Sign-Up for the September 12 Centennial Supper today!

Fourteen Town residents are graciously opening their homes for our Centennial Supper on Saturday, September 12. Our hosts will serve a delicious dinner or a decadent dessert prepared by fourteen talented Town chefs. This festive evening will start at the Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. with hors d/oeuvres and refreshments and a drawing for dinner and dessert locations. Dinners begin at 7:30 pm and desserts at 9:30 pm.

We will be able to accommodate 60 guests so we encourage you to R.S.V.P. today. The deadline to R.S.V.P. is Tuesday, September 8. The evening is free of charge, but we ask each resident to donate canned or packaged food to the Town's Manna Food Center food drive.

## Gardening Event – Environmently Friendly Lawncare September 10, 7 p.m., Town Hall

If you have questions about seeding, fertilizing, applying lime, and controlling weeds in your yard, then you will want to come to our September gardening event. Mitch Baker, from American Plant, has agreed to share environmentally friendly approaches to all your lawn care questions. We have scheduled this event early in September so you can get all of this good advice before beginning your fall lawn care program.

## Jazz Concert, Canine Photo Shoot in the Park

Join us to celebrate the recent renovation and reopening of Elm Street Park.

Jazz Concert begins at 4 p.m., Canine Photo Shoot at 3:30 p.m.

The Town is happy to host another concert in Elm Street Park starring the B-CC Jazz Band. We hope you will bring family and friends to this afternoon of jazz. Not only will you hear great music – you will also be treated to great refreshments. The concert will begin at 4 p.m. If you arrive at 3:30 p.m. with your dog on a leash, you will have an opportunity to become part of Town history.

Artist and muralist Kathryn Freeman (Katie Vita), a Town resident, is planning to do a painting about the dogs of the Town of Chevy Chase. The setting of the painting will be Elm Street Park, to celebrate the recent renovation and reopening of the park. Kathryn needs Town dogs and their owners to model for the painting. She will be photographs throughout the month of September and at the B-CC Jazz Band Concert at Elm Street Park on September 26. If you would like your canine to be in the painting please contact Kathryn or be sure to come to the jazz concert with your dog at 3:30 p.m. The concert begins at 4 p.m.

Kathryn can be reached by email: <a href="mailto:kathryn.freemanstudios@gmail.com">kathryn.freemanstudios@gmail.com</a> or by phone: 301-907-6876. To see examples of Kathryn's work, go to <a href="mailto:www.kathrynfreeman.blogspot.com">www.kathrynfreeman.blogspot.com</a>.

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