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**Proposed Ordinance to Amend the Front Setbacks for Certain Corner Lots**

At its September 15 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on an ordinance to amend the front setbacks for certain corner lots. The ordinance, which was introduced in July, allows for a 15 foot setback from the street for a corner lot if there is no interior lot between the corner lot and the adjoining corner lot on that street.

**Public Hearing**

Since corner lots are subject to multiple front setbacks, the permissible building area of a corner lot is restricted to a greater extent than “mid block” lots in the Town. By administrative interpretation of the current Code over the years, the Town has allowed a reduced front setback of 15 feet, rather than the minimum 25 feet, for adjoining corner lots along a common street where there is no interior lot between the adjoining corner lots. The proposed ordinance would simplify the current Code language and make it consistent with the Town’s prior application of the Code.

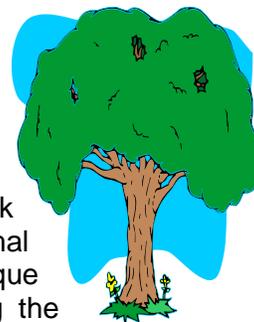
Prior to the Council’s introduction of the ordinance, Town staff performed research that confirmed that the proposed amendment would be consistent with the application of the Town Code and with existing development in the Town. It also would maintain the character of the neighborhood.

If you are unable to attend the September 15 meeting, which begins at 7 pm in the Town Hall, you may e-mail your comments to [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org) or submit written comments to the Town Office, 4301 Willow Lane, prior to that date. We look forward to receiving all resident comments on the proposed ordinance, which may be reviewed at [www.townofchevy Chase.org](http://www.townofchevy Chase.org). For more information, please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144.

**TOWN HISTORY**

**Twenty-Four Years Ago....**

...the Town designated its first park in our community, Zimmerman Brothers’ Park. Long-time residents and avid gardeners, Fred and Carl Zimmerman, cared for a stretch of vacant land opposite their residence at 7605 Maple Avenue. Azaleas and other cuttings from their garden still bloom today in the spring. After the Zimmermans sold their home in 1969, the Town took over the plantings. In 1986, the Town assumed formal ownership of the park. Today, a boulder with a plaque can be found at the park’s southern edge honoring the



Zimmerman brothers and their contribution to the Town.

Tenth in a series of historical vignettes.

## Greetings from the Mayor David Lublin

Although summer is normally a relaxed time, this one has been unusually trying due to repeated losses of power to large areas of the Town. Neighbors nonetheless faced the summer heat and repeated food spoilage with remarkable good cheer. Many residents shared stories of help given to them by their neighbors as they stopped by the Town Hall to cool off or recharge portable devices.

Outages are not so shocking after intense storms such as the one that uprooted enormous trees on Aspen and Blackthorn streets. However, it is highly disconcerting that we lose power so often in smaller storms and even when there are no storms. The restoration of service after an outage also has been slow with Pepco providing little information to residents or the Town government about repairs.

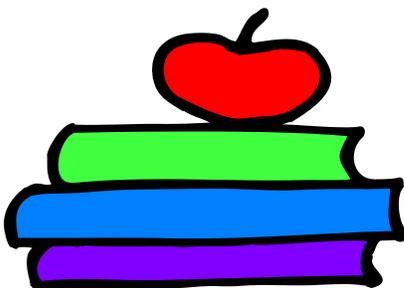
The Town already has contacted PEPCO to request information on the frequency, duration, and causes of outages in the Town as well as to seek concrete actions that can be taken by the Town or PEPCO to improve reliability and redundancy as well as communications about restoration efforts when needed. PEPCO representatives have been invited to the September Council meeting, and the Town plans to follow up further with PEPCO on improving the reliability of service.

Several residents have inquired about the possibility of burying the power lines in the Town as a means of reducing the number of outages. The Town could not take such an action lightly as the cost to bury all the lines in Town is very conservatively estimated at \$10 million—substantially more than current Town reserves. Of course, the construction would be highly disruptive as it would involve not just burying the lines but the relocation of other utilities.

When the Town investigated power reliability in the Town several years ago, we discovered that most outages occur due to breaks in PEPCO's feeder lines outside of the Town limits. Also, buried lines can make it difficult and time consuming to discover the location of breaks in the power lines when they occur.

However, the Town will explore this option, perhaps in a modified form that would consider burying some of the key lines, in addition to other alternatives to improve the consistency of our power service. The Council plans to work with and place pressure on PEPCO toward that end. We are also heartened by the many county and state officials who view the current state of affairs as unacceptable, and we will continue to work with them to demand meaningful improvements.

Thanks again for your patience and efforts to help out. I hope the school year is off to a good start and that the lights stay on in all of our homes.



# September

Thursday, September 2 – County Council Debate, 4-H, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 7 – Public Services Committee, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 14 – Community Relations Committee, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, September 15 – Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 21 – Public Safety Info Session, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, September 22 – Coffee with the Town Manager, 10 a.m.

Saturday and Sunday, September 25 – 26 – Trash and Treasures

Saturday, September 25 – Alternatives to Trash and Treasures

**Save these Dates!**

Saturday, October 2 – A Moveable Feast  
Thursday, October 14 - Fight the Flu Program  
Friday, October 15 - Oktoberfest

Visit [www.townofchevy Chase.org](http://www.townofchevy Chase.org) for a complete schedule of committee meetings.  
At press time, not all of the September schedule had been finalized.

## CRIMEWATCH

**The crimes listed below were reported to the Town Office during July and August.**

**8/10/10**

Resident in the 4300 block of Elm Street reported that her house was robbed. A television and a router were stolen.

**7/20/2010**

Resident in the 4400 block of Walsh Street reported that his unlocked car was opened overnight. About \$20 in change was stolen.

**7/18/10**

Resident in the 4300 block of Leland Street reported that his unlocked car was opened. A cell phone charger and camera were stolen.

**7/16/10**

A police officer on-duty in the Town spotted two men engaging in suspicious activity in the area of Bradley Lane and West Avenue. The officer witnessed one of the men drop a backpack into the bushes. When he examined the backpack, he found stolen property. He spotted the two men again and apprehended one of them.

**7/14/10**

A car was stolen from a house in the 4300 block of Willow Lane. A police report was filed. The car was found on July 28.

**7/14/10**

Resident in the 4200 block of Maple Terrace reported a break-in to a house under renovation. Police inspected and found no signs of forced entry, and nothing was stolen.

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.

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## Public Safety Info Session/ Block Captain Meeting

Help Increase Our Community Awareness

The Town's Neighborhood Watch Block Captains invite you to a **Public Safety Information Session** on **October 6 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Town Hall. The session will feature personal and home safety tips from nearby Neighborhood Watch coordinators, Montgomery County police officers, and Town Block Captains. Samantha Nolan, Director of the Neighborhood Watch Program in Chevy Chase, D.C., will give a presentation that explains ways to prevent 'crimes of opportunity' and discusses strategies on how not to become the next victim of a crime. Mayor Adrian Fenty presented Samantha Nolan with the 2009 Mayor's Award for Lifetime Volunteerism for her dedication and leadership in the field of public safety. Officer Dana Stroman from the 2<sup>nd</sup> District station also will speak regarding crime trends in the area and provide crime prevention tips. Their experienced insight and advice will help make us aware of ways in which to keep our families and homes safe. The Public Safety Information Session will offer an opportunity to meet the Town's Block Captains as they will be combining their meeting with this forum. Come to the event to learn about preventing theft from vehicles, keeping your home safe, and how to get involved! Block captains will meet at 6 p.m. before the Information Session.

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[Sign-Up for the Fight the Flu Clinic](#)

October 14, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m., Town Hall,



The Medstar Visiting Nurses Healthcare will administer flu shots on Thursday, October 14, 4 – 7 p.m. The cost is \$30 per shot for adults and children 4 years old and up. There is no charge if you have Medicare Part B. Medstar will administer the pneumonia vaccine to residents who are 65 years of age or older. The cost of the vaccine is \$55. Please call the Town Office at 301-654-7144 by Friday, October 8 to sign up for the program. You must sign up to receive a flu shot or pneumonia vaccine.

### Zoning Special Exception Hearing for 6705 Connecticut Avenue

On October 1, the County's Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings (OZAH) will hold a hearing on a special exception request from the residents at 6705 Connecticut Avenue to permit an expansion of a day care facility at their home. While the County Planning Board has recommended approval of this request, with conditions, the Town continues to believe that the expansion will create traffic and safety problems and, therefore, opposes the special exception request.

The Town recently sent letters to both the Planning Board and OZAH outlining our objections to the proposed expansion. Connecticut Avenue between Bradley Lane and East-West Highway forms the Town's eastern border; thus, the Town's residents who reside across the street from the proposed Center, as well as other Town residents who regularly use Connecticut Avenue, will be directly and significantly affected by the increase in traffic caused by this proposal.

On June 9, the Town Council met to discuss the special exception request and identified two major concerns related to traffic and pedestrian safety that were relayed to the Planning Board and OZAH in the Town's submissions.

1. The project plan has only one entrance to the facility and that is on Connecticut Avenue, an extremely congested and busy main thoroughfare. Given the large number of parking spaces on a small property and the number of cars picking up and dropping off children, it is inevitable that traffic will back up and block Connecticut Avenue or Bradley Lane. Based on our review of the plan, it is difficult to conceive how cars will get onto the property to pick up children and get off the property again without having to back out onto Connecticut Avenue. Also, cars waiting to enter the property will be sitting on Connecticut Avenue. This increased traffic will be disruptive to an already extremely overburdened traffic situation in that area.
2. The crossing at Rosemary/Raymond Streets and Connecticut Avenue is used by many school children during the morning rush hour when the Center proposes to have children dropped off as well. We are concerned that increased traffic in that block could create additional hazards for children walking to Chevy Chase Elementary School.

Officials from Chevy Chase Section 3, where the residence is located, oppose the exemption and commissioned a traffic study that highlights the traffic problems that would be created by the proposed expansion of the day care facility. The proposed staging of drop-offs and pick-ups at the day care facility does not adequately address these problems, and they were not properly addressed in the report by the Planning Department's staff, who recommended approval of the special exception request. At the Planning Board hearing, the Board's chair proposed scheduling a follow up hearing in nine months to reevaluate the traffic impacts of the expansion. The Town is concerned that this remedy is neither practicable nor fair to the Center. If there are negative traffic impacts associated with the Center's expansion, it would force this small business to convert back to its previous size after having spent considerable time, effort and money on the expansion.

Given these problems and unalleviated impacts, the Town has recommended that OZAH deny this special exception request. Residents who wish to testify may do so at the OZAH hearing, which will be held in the Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, Second Floor, Davidson Memorial Hearing Room, at 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville MD 20850 beginning at 9:30 a.m. If you are unable to testify, you may submit written comments by 5 p.m. on September 30, the day before the hearing. All comments must be signed; otherwise, they will not be included in the public record. Individuals can mail and e-mail their comments. As comments need to be signed, they are usually sent as a scanned attachment. The e-mail address is [ozah@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ozah@montgomerycountymd.gov).



## Coffee with the Town Manager September 22, 10 a.m., Town Hall

Pat Burda, Councilmember and Community Liaison, will join Todd Hoffman at the Town Manager's Coffee in September. They encourage you to stop by the Town Hall for refreshments and conversation.

## Committee Highlights 2009-2010 Warren Rizzi, Management Assistant

Over the past year, the Town's committees worked extremely hard to provide our community with dedicated support on a number of important projects and programs. From evaluating street lighting to hosting the Centennial Dinner, our volunteers dedicated tireless hours to contribute to the high quality of life we enjoy. While it would be hard to list all of the accomplishments of each committee, here are some highlights from the past year and goals for the next.

**Climate Protection Committee:** The CPC volunteers worked to implement the goals set out by the Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. During the winter, the CPC hosted events with energy experts who provided energy saving solutions to Town residents. In May, they organized the Town Bike Day, which over 200 people attended. In the coming months, representatives from the committee will attend a national conference with a network of local governments to learn more about green initiatives and local sustainability.

**Community Relations Committee:** Thanks to the Community Relations committee, residents from all over Town enjoyed events ranging from an Oktoberfest celebration to a Town Bake Off. These fun events encourage residents to meet their neighbors and foster a closer sense of community. The committee is currently planning the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Progressive Dinner, entitled 'A Moveable Feast,' for October 2, since the first dinner was received so enthusiastically last fall.

**Environment Committee:** After conducting significant research and holding public hearings and information sessions, the Environment Committee recommended a new Noise Control Ordinance, which was adopted by the Town Council, to help reduce noise pollution in the Town. The Committee is now setting its sights on reviewing the effectiveness of the Town Tree Ordinance and continuing to monitor the tree canopy to ensure its health and longevity.

**Land Use Committee:** The LUC members have been hard at work in developing recommendations for amendments to the Town's building code. The committee's volunteers have worked diligently with the Town Council and staff to flesh out these amendments. In the coming year, the committee hopes to publish an informative handbook for residents on Town building regulations.

**Long Range Planning Committee:** Working to update and monitor the progress of the Town's Strategic Plan, the LRP volunteers have kept up-to-date on the goals of our community and measured our progress. The LRP also has monitored developments surrounding the Town and weighed in on certain issues impacting our community to the County Council and Planning Board. The committee will be co-hosting two debates in the fall in anticipation of the County and State elections. These debates will address important issues facing our community.

**Public Services Committee:** The PSC concluded its work with an electrical engineering firm to produce a report on the quality and coverage of the Town's street lighting. This information will be instrumental in deciding next steps towards addressing lighting issues in Town. The Committee put into place the Consulting Water Management Program, available to residents, and continues to work on traffic issues throughout the Town.

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## Committees 2010-2011

Thanks to all of the residents who volunteered to serve on a Town committee in the coming year, we have a full roster of committee members. Mayor David Lublin completed the appointments in August, and the committees will begin meeting in September. The committees' shared role is to assist the Town Council as it deliberates, establishes, and monitors municipal ordinances, policies, procedures and practices. Each of the committees is designed to deal with issues specific to a facet of Town governance. We will introduce you to the members of each of the committees in the October FORECAST and on the Town website, [www.townofchevy Chase.org](http://www.townofchevy Chase.org).

## Town Programs Renewed

The Town Council has approved funding to continue the following programs in fiscal year 2010-11, which began on July 1, 2010. If you are interested in participating in any of the programs or would like more information about the programs, visit the Town website at [www.townofchevy Chase.org](http://www.townofchevy Chase.org) or call the Town Office at 301-654-7144.

### Energy Audit and Improvements Assistance

The program will reimburse residents for some of the costs associated with obtaining an energy audit and implementing energy efficient home improvements. The program, proposed by the Town's Climate Protection Committee, will assist the Town in meeting its goal of reducing CO2 emissions while helping residents save money on their energy bills. During this fiscal year, which runs until June 30, 2011, the program is available to residents on a first-come, first-served basis. Residents are encouraged to sign up early.

### Native Canopy Tree Planting

As part of this program, the Town will purchase canopy trees, pay for the service to plant the trees on the homeowner's property, and provide a water bag to assist with the care needed in the critical first year after planting. The resident will be responsible for the long-term care of the tree once installed. The Town will offer up to thirty residents the opportunity to participate in the program during this fiscal year. A sign up form is available on the Town website or in the Town Office.

### Consulting Water Management

The program, proposed by the Town's Public Services Committee, offers residents the opportunity to obtain professional recommendations on improving water management on their property. To sign up, residents must complete a registration form and submit it to the Town Office.

### Consulting Arborist

The Town provides a program offering each homeowner in Town one hour of free time with a consulting arborist every two years. The arborist will visit your property and return to you a report on the tree health and care specific for your property. To register online, please visit the Town website. Registration forms are available in the Town Office.

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## Town Building Regulations Handbook

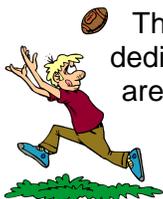
Dedun Ingram, Co-Chair of the Land Use Committee

The Land Use Committee is compiling a handbook about the Town's building regulations. The handbook will be organized by project type (for example "Additions and External Alterations to Your House" is one chapter) and will present the regulations that apply to each project type in clear, simple English (easier to understand than the legalese of the Town code). The Land Use Committee is seeking volunteers to read sections of the handbook and provide feedback about content and understandability. If interested, please contact the Town Office.

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## Town Recognized as 2010 Playful City USA

The Town was recently recognized as a Playful City USA by KaBOOM!, a national non-profit dedicated to play. The organization is honoring 118 cities and towns across the country that are determined to prioritize play and ensure that children are healthy by providing the time



and space for play. The Town was recognized for our efforts to improve the play areas in the Town and in neighboring parks and to create new green space and play areas.

Hailing from 35 states, these Playful City USA communities are making a commitment to play and physical activity by developing unique local action plans to increase the quantity and quality of play in their communities. In doing so, some of the most innovative ideas and cost-effective programs are being developed in Playful City USA communities – proving that parks and play are more important than ever.

The Town thanks the Parks and Playgrounds Commission members for their work in helping the Town become a Playful City.

## **Energy Audit and Efficiency Incentives**

### **Climate Protection Committee**

Good news for Town of Chevy Chase residents who want to have more comfortable homes, spend less on utilities, and have a smaller carbon footprint!

PEPCO recently launched its Home Performance with ENERGY STAR (HPwES) Program. Pursuant to this program, if you are a Maryland PEPCO customer and your home has central air conditioning or electric heat, you are entitled to obtain a whole-house energy audit for only \$100 (which is at least \$300 less than market rate) from a participating contractor. In addition, PEPCO will provide incentives of up to \$1,200 to program participants for making certain energy efficiency improvements recommended by an HPwES audit.

Some exceptions to the audit price and incentives apply. For more information, visit the PEPCO website, <http://homeenergysavings.pepco.com/md/home-energy-savings/home-performance-audit>, or call a participating contractor listed on the website.

Also, in June, the Town Council approved the continuation of last year's successful Energy Audit and Improvements Assistance Program. The Town program provides TOCC homeowners with an incentive of up to \$600, \$200 of which is for a whole-house energy audit and the remainder is for energy efficiency improvements recommended by the audit. Participants in the program during the last fiscal year (which ended June 30, 2010) have been granted an extension through June 30, 2011 to complete their audit and improvements.

Under the program, a resident will be able to have an energy audit completed for free after the Town's rebate and receive up to \$1,900 in financial incentives toward energy efficiency improvements. And, as a result of making those improvements, a house will use less energy, energy bills will go down, comfort will increase, and indoor air quality will improve.

If you have any questions about either of these programs, please call Warren Rizzi in the Town Office at 301-654-7144.

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## **Lead-Safe Renovation and Repairs**

Home renovation, remodeling, repair, and painting contractors are now required by law to use lead-safe work practices when working in older homes (pre-1978). Common renovation activities like sanding and cutting can create hazardous lead dust and chips by disturbing lead-based paint. Lead is especially harmful to pregnant women and children, and lead paint is the most common source of lead poisoning in children.

Fortunately, common-sense precautions during renovation work can protect against dangerous lead exposure. Contractors must follow three simple steps: (1) contain the work area; (2) minimize dust; and (3) clean up thoroughly. Several unsafe practices are banned, including high speed sanding/grinding without adequate exhaust controls and the use of high temperature heat guns. A certified renovator who has completed training in lead-safe work practices must oversee the job. (You can ask to see a renovator's certificate.)

Many of the older homes in the Town contain lead paint. Lead dust creates a health hazard that persists in a home or yard until it is removed. Protect your family and neighbors by making sure your contractor is trained and follows common-sense safe practices. For more information on the new rules, check the EPA website at: <http://www.epa.gov/lead>.

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## Manna Food Collection



The July 4<sup>th</sup> outreach project was a success! Thanks to all of you who donated backpacks and food to Manna Food's Summer Smart Sacks Program. Over **485 pounds** of food were donated, bringing our grand total of donations to **1591 pounds**. We hope you will continue dropping your donations by the Town office. Manna provides food to 35,000 families each year.

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## TRASH AND TREASURES

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### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!



Our fall Trash and Treasures is scheduled for the weekend of **Saturday, September 25 and Sunday, September 26**. 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 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, SEPTEMBER 24.**

**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, September 27**, 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.

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## 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 [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling).

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## Bike Recycling



Bikes for the World (BfW) is a 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. Receipts are provided for all material and cash donations. For more information, please visit [www.bikesfortheworld.org](http://www.bikesfortheworld.org).

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# ALTERNATIVES TO TRASH AND TREASURES

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## RECYCLE TVs and Electronic Equipment



The Town has contracted with CDM eCycling to have a truck in the Lawton Center Parking Lot on **Saturday, September 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** for the collection of TVs and the following electronic equipment: monitors, printers, copiers, stereos, VCRs & DVD players, camcorders, CD players, fax machines, 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. 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, which is the government standard.

**If you have computer equipment that meets these specifications, please bring the items to the Lawton Center Parking Lot on Saturday, September 25 between 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.**

## 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 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 Lawton Center parking lot on **Saturday, September 25 from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.** If you would like more information, visit the website [www.capitalbookshare.org](http://www.capitalbookshare.org).

## 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. Interfaith Works will have a truck in the Lawton Center parking lot on **Saturday, September 25, 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.** Donations are tax deductible.

## 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, September 25, 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, bed-

ding, 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.

### **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, September 25, 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.

### **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> **301-947-3304**

Habitat for Humanity <http://www.habitat-mc.org> **240-876-5542**



### **THE TOWN'S FOURTH OKTOBERFEST**

**Presented by the Town Council and the Community Relations Committee  
Friday, October 15, 6 – 8 p.m. in the Town Hall**

Celebrate the fall with friends and neighbors at the Town's fourth annual Oktoberfest. This year we will be featuring beers from Belgium, but we will have samples of beers brewed in Germany and Austria especially for Oktoberfest. In keeping with this theme, you will have a chance to enjoy a selection of Oktoberfest fare.

**Please RSVP to the Town Office at [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org) or 301-654-7144.**

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## **Save the Date!**

### **CC@H Gala Opening Event**

**Sunday, November 14, 4 to 6 p.m., Chevy Chase Village Hall**

You are all invited to the CC@H Gala. Mark Shields, a resident of the Village, will deliver the opening remarks. There will be festive refreshments and the opportunity to learn more about CC@H and our plans to launch our services in early 2011. Find out how YOU can participate and make a difference. We hope to see our neighbors both young and old there -- not only those who may need the services, but also those who would like to volunteer to help deliver them. Come and be part of Chevy Chase history as we embark on this exciting endeavor to enhance the inter-generational life of our community. **THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE CHEVY CHASE @ HOME!**

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### **Chevy Chase at Home**

Caroline Michaelis

In September, instead of heading back to school, MEET & MINGLE will be taking several delightful trips down Memory Lane. On Tuesday, September 7, Sandy Geller will lead a program entitled "Nostalgia -- Warm and Wonderful Memories of the Good Old Days," and on September 21, Jerry Bernstein will share excerpts from his amazing collection of OLD RADIO PROGRAMS. Long before TV and video games existed, we were listening to "The Lux Radio Theatre" (remember Mr. First Nighter?) and "The Shadow!" Snippets of these and many others are bound to spark tons of childhood memories. And, of course, there will also be refreshments and the chance to catch up with friends old and new. MEET & MINGLE is held every first and third Tuesday of the month from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Village Hall. Come join the fun!

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to the Town of Chevy Chase, which has become the very first FOUNDING MEMBER of CC@H with a most generous gift to be used for start-up costs. A huge THANK YOU from all of us!

## East Avenue Ensemble Seeks Additional Male Singers

The East Avenue Ensemble, conducted by Town resident Bob Johnson, seeks experienced tenors and basses to join them for the fall season. The repertoire for this concert will be a selection of various pieces, from Broadway to more serious songs. Rehearsals are from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. every Tuesday evening. In addition, there will be one Wednesday sectional and one Wednesday full rehearsal in late September or early October. There is no audition, but the director would like to listen to each singer individually to insure that he will be singing a voice part appropriate to his voice. Interested singers can contact Mr. Johnson at 301-654-3380 or at [wjohnson@aol.com](mailto:wjohnson@aol.com). The Ensemble will perform in the Town Hall on November 6.

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## Ellen's Run

REGISTER NOW at [www.ellensrunonline.org](http://www.ellensrunonline.org) for the Neighborhood 5K Run/3K Walk in memory of Ellen Vala Schneider, a Chevy Chase Section 5 resident, to benefit Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Community Scholarship Fund and the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County, two groups that Ellen supported. The race begins at 9 a.m. on Sunday, October 10, with a celebratory brunch following. Registration is available at online.

2010 County and State Elections: Why care?



### Hear County Council Candidates on Thursday, September 2, at 4H Center

Thirteen candidates for the four At-Large County Council seats will discuss key issues affecting the lives of County residents on Thursday, September 2, at the 4H Center, at 7 p.m. The **September 14** primaries will determine which Democrats and Republicans appear on the **November 2** general election ballot along with Green Party candidates. Winners in the primaries will compete for four at-large Council seats representing the entire county. Over the next four years, they and five newly elected Councilmembers—one from each district—will legislate on issues that affect our building density, budgets, education, taxes, transit, and much more.

Each candidate at the forum was asked why residents should vote for them. Here's how they responded:

#### **Democrats**

**Marc Elrich** (incumbent) ([www.marcelrich.com](http://www.marcelrich.com)) I've worked with civic groups and communities, been a community advocate on growth and development, the environment, education and social concerns. I've been a voice for fiscal accountability and responsibility. And my Rapid Transit proposal has won praise as a practical and creative way of addressing traffic and environmental problems.

**Fred Evans** ([www.friendsforfredevans.org](http://www.friendsforfredevans.org)) Fred will be "Your Voice in Your Government." He is committed to communicating effectively with all residents, enhancing our school system, guaranteeing the safety of all residents with a strong police department and fire and rescue services, managing growth and development effectively, while supporting new programs within current tax structures.

**Nancy Floreen** (incumbent) ([www.nancyfloreen.org](http://www.nancyfloreen.org)) Nancy is committed to working with communities to address their concerns. Her priorities have been preserving our quality of life, improving educational and economic opportunities, and ensuring the County's fiscal sustainability. Her hard work and collaborative problem solving have brought the Council through an unprecedented fiscal plan for our future.

**George Leventhal** (incumbent) ([www.georgeleventhal.com](http://www.georgeleventhal.com)) If re-elected his top priority will be to help stabilize our economy and attract jobs and investment. Caring for Montgomery County's neediest residents and the environment are his biggest accomplishments in his first two terms. His signature programs include Montgomery Cares and Bethesda Green.

**Raj Narayanan** ([www.rajinarayanan.org](http://www.rajinarayanan.org)) Will not support any increase in tax burden. Will seek to reduce cost through process re-engineering without cutting services. Will recommend temporary reduction of salaries for management staff in the county government to enable meeting the budgetary goals. Will seek to restructure the long-term county finances and beef-up capital replacement reserves.

**Hans Riemer** ([www.hansriemer.com](http://www.hansriemer.com)) Like many, I came to Montgomery County to raise a family. As we face difficult economic times, I want to make sure the County remains a great place for families. I will work hard to support quality public schools, and I will fight to protect our neighborhoods and environment.

**Duchy Trachtenberg** (incumbent) ([www.voteduchy.org](http://www.voteduchy.org)) Councilmember Trachtenberg has been a consistent voice for fiscal responsibility, having led the Council in the adoption of a 6-year fiscal plan and improved reserve

fund policy. Ms. Trachtenberg has a solid record of accomplishment having initiated the county's Family Justice Center, a one-stop shop for domestic violence victims.

**Becky Wagner** ([www.beckywagner.org](http://www.beckywagner.org)) Our elected officials must model civility and commitment to constructive problem solving. Sen. Paul Sarbanes' endorsement speaks to this: "A strong and effective advocate, Becky will bring her superb problem solving abilities and her dedication to the public good to the challenges facing the county. She is a proven leader...."

**Jane de Winter** ([www.janedewinter.org](http://www.janedewinter.org)) With a doctorate in economics, four children educated in our public schools, and years of service to our community, I offer a unique set of skills to help resolve the tough problems faced by County government. I believe my expertise will help strengthen our economic base and bring more jobs.

#### **Republicans**

**Robert Dyer** ([www.robertdyer.net](http://www.robertdyer.net)) Robert Dyer is the only candidate with a detailed Fiscal Plan to turn our structural deficit into a surplus. Robert is the only candidate who supports full funding for MCPS. Robert's Jobs Plan builds on our existing aerospace firms to make Montgomery County the new space industry capital.

**Mark D. Fennel** I kicked off my 2006 campaign for County Council with the following quote in *The Gazette*, "For the future prosperity of Montgomery County and its residents, it's critical that an austerity program be put in place to curtail this vicious pattern of unrestrained and unsustainable spending." VOTE Tea Party Fennel!

#### **Green Party**

**George Gluck** ([www.bridgesights.com/georgegluck](http://www.bridgesights.com/georgegluck)) To a large degree, Montgomery County finds itself in an economic morass not of its own creation, the victim of years of ill-conceived federal legislation and policy. I will keep as much money and jobs as possible in Montgomery County by nurturing local businesses, especially those owned by county residents.

# The Town of Chevy Chase Welcomes Students Back to School

## DRIVE WITH CARE! WALK WITH CAUTION!

**Please observe all of the traffic rules, especially  
in the vicinity of Chevy Chase Elementary School.**



**Please remember that all dogs must be leashed when on school property,  
and owners must pick up after their pets.**

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