

**Monday, July 4**

**Independence Day  
Picnic & Parade,**

Lawton Center grounds,  
12 - 2 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 6**

Bethesda Downtown  
Plan Special Committee,  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

**Monday, July 11**

Climate and Environment  
Committee,  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 13**

Town Council Meeting,  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

**Monday, July 18**

Long Range Planning  
Committee,  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 20**

Bethesda Downtown  
Plan Special Committee,  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 26**

Land Use Committee,  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

**Save the Date**

**Saturday, August 27**

Calling All Rising K thru  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Children and  
Parents for a Play Date,  
Lawton Center Playground,  
10 a.m.

## Message from Mayor Scott Fosler

I'm pleased to report that the Planning Board has agreed to walk back density allocations they tentatively had made in excess of the 32.4 million square feet recommended by their staff in the initial draft of the Bethesda Downtown Plan (BDP). The staff recommendation is still 37 percent more than the 23.6 million square feet built as of today in Bethesda, so it is important to clearly assess what impact that additional development would have on our community.

Moreover, instead of attaching densities to specific parcels, the Planning Board is considering setting height limits for each parcel while retaining the additional overall density for the downtown in a pool and assigning it to specific parcels on a first come, first served basis.

How these questions are decided will affect the status of specific parcels along the border of our Town, including the Jaffe property next to St. John's Church, the two parking lots between the Farm Women's Market and The Writer's Center, Elm Street Park, and the properties along Montgomery Avenue. (The site of the Apex building on the southwest corner of Wisconsin and Elm, where the Regal Theater is located, was rezoned last year to permit construction of three new towers from 25 to 29 stories high containing a total of 1 million square feet of commercial, residential and retail space.)

The Town's new Special Committee on the Bethesda Downtown Plan has met and is addressing these and related issues in detail. That committee, which is co-chaired by Councilmember Barney Rush and Town resident Cecily Baskir, with Councilmember Fred Cecere as Council liaison, is comprised of a strong team of knowledgeable residents. Please contact any of these folks with useful information or ideas you may have.

The Town Council also has allocated a maximum of \$50,000 to engage the law firm of Bregman, Berbert, Schwartz and Gilday to advise and, at times, represent us on the Bethesda Plan. This will include the services of Françoise Carrier, former chair of the Montgomery County Planning Board and former zoning Hearing Examiner for the County Council.

By the end of July, the Planning Board intends to send its proposed Bethesda plan to the County Council, which will then hold hearings and committee deliberations, aiming to adopt a final plan by the end of the year. Last week Barney, Cecily and I met with County Councilmember Roger Berliner for an informative and productive conversation about the Bethesda plan as the Town gears up for an active engagement with the County Council.

Hope to see you at the Town's Fourth of July celebration at the Lawton Center!

## Public Hearing on Starpower Cable Franchise Renewal

At its July 13 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on an ordinance to renew the Starpower/RCN cable television franchise in the Town. The Council introduced the ordinance on June 8. The proposed ordinance would continue to allow Starpower/RCN to operate its cable system in the Town for the next 15 years.

A copy of the franchise agreement, as well as the proposed ordinance granting the non-exclusive franchise, are available for review on the Town website. If you cannot attend the July 13 meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall, you may submit comments on the proposed ordinance to the Town Office at 4301 Willow Lane or by email to [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org).

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## Committee Volunteer Deadline Extended Until July 29

The Council has extended until Friday, July 29 the deadline to submit requests to serve on a Town committee or board for the coming year. Information about the various committees and boards is posted on the Town website.

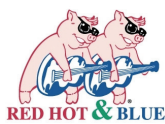
If you are interested in volunteering, please submit a brief note expressing interest to the Town Office. Your correspondence may be submitted by mail or e-mail to [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org) and should include your name, address, telephone number, email address and a few sentences about why you would like to volunteer to serve.

### Celebrate on the Fourth Monday, July 4, 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. Lawton Center Grounds

#### 12 p.m. Parade

The parade will begin at 12 p.m. Come to the Lawton Center at 11:30 a.m. to decorate your bikes, scooters, wagons, and baby carriages. The Town will provide decorating supplies.

#### 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Picnic



Town residents will be treated to barbeque catered by *Red, Hot & Blue* and the famous *Ben and Jerry's* ice cream truck. Vegetarian options are available upon request. Bring your appetite and picnic blanket!



#### 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m. Music and Games

We will have music and games for young and old alike!

For more information, call 301-654-7144

### Calling All Rising K thru 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Children and Parents for a Play Date in the Park Saturday, August 27, 10 a.m., Lawton Center Playground

Gather together at Leland Park on Saturday, August 27 at 10 a.m. for light breakfast fare, coffee and juice and reduce first-day-of-school jitters. Rising kindergartners will get a chance to meet other neighborhood primary school-aged children before the start of the school year.



New parents will have a chance to connect with “veteran” parents, ask questions and learn about what to expect as their child celebrates this special milestone. Please RSVP by **August 22** to the Town Office at [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org) or 301-654-7144.

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# TOWN UPDATES

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## Overgrown Vegetation

We continue to receive complaints about overgrown vegetation blocking Town sidewalks. Please trim all overhanging vegetation to provide a seven foot clearance over the sidewalks and so that it does not extend into the sidewalks and interfere with pedestrian traffic.

## Private Tree Maintenance Program

The Town continues to offer this program to assist Town residents with some of the costs associated with the maintenance of canopy trees on private property. Please visit the Town website or contact the Town Office for details.

## Town Teen List

For the most current list, please email [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org) or call the Town office at 301-654-7144.

## Connect with the Town

Residents may sign up on the Town's website to receive Town Crier emails, Alert TOCC voice messages and an electronic copy of the FORECAST newsletter. Information on how to connect with the Town using Facebook and Twitter also is posted on the Town website.



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# AROUND CHEVY CHASE

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## Bethesda Art Walk

Friday, July 8, 6 to 9 p.m.

Galleries & Studios will be open late in downtown Bethesda. Admission is free. Please contact 301-215-6660 for more information.

## Music n' Motion

Saturday, July 23, 11 a.m., Bethesda Library

Join performer Tracey Eldridge for interactive musical activities including sing-alongs & story songs with puppetry. Admission is free. Children age 3 and older are recommended for this event. The Bethesda Library is located at 7400 Arlington Rd. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to the show.

## Bethesda Outdoor Movies

Tuesday to Saturday, July 26 to 30, 9 p.m., Woodmont Triangle

A different blockbuster movie is shown each night at Woodmont Triangle, located at the corner of Norfolk and Auburn Ave. Admission is free.

## Bethesda Central Farm Market

Sundays, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Bethesda Elementary School

Come explore the Bethesda Central Farm Market every Sunday at the Bethesda Elementary School, located at 7600 Arlington Rd. Admission is free.



MVA On Wheels will be in Friendship Heights between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 25, August 22, September 26, October 24, November 28, and December 19. The bus parks on Friendship Heights Boulevard adjacent to the Village Center.

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## HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!



The FORECAST is not published in August. We encourage you to visit the Town's website, [www.townofchevychase.org](http://www.townofchevychase.org), for current Town news. The Town Council will not meet in August. The next monthly meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 14**. To receive news alerts and other timely messages from the Town, we encourage you to sign up to receive Town Crier emails and Alert TOCC voice messages. Just visit the Town website and follow the prompts to sign up for both of these services.

### 2016 Summer Fun with CC@HOME

**Tuesday, July 12, 2 to 4 p.m.** -- Come to the movies at the Chevy Chase Village Hall and see "*Brooklyn*," one of the best films of 2015.

**Wednesday, July 20, 7 to 9 p.m.** -- Special Evening Training for New Volunteers. To learn more about becoming a CC@ H volunteer and to download the volunteer application, please visit [www.chevychaseathome.org](http://www.chevychaseathome.org).

**Tuesday, August 9, 2 to 4 p.m.** -- "*Alive Inside*," an award-winning film portraying the deep-seated emotional effect that music can have on individuals, especially those with dementia, will be shown by Ellen Lebedow, LCSW-C, Community Clinical Liaison, JSSA Hospice Staff. She will discuss how these concepts of music and memory have been implemented into JSSA's Hospice Program, and she will be joined by Hospice staff to talk about the benefits not only to patients but to caregivers. At the Chevy Chase Village Hall.