



Thursday, December 1
Community Relations
Committee

Lawton Center, 7 p.m.

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

Friday, December 2
Family Movie Night
Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Friday, December 9
Movie Night for Grown-Ups
Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

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Climate & Environment
Committee
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Special Committee
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

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

Monday, December 19
Long Range Planning
Committee
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

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Town Council Meeting
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

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Land Use Committee
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Message from Mayor Scott Fosler

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving. Although the holiday season is upon us, the Council continues to be very involved in efforts to comment on proposed development in downtown Bethesda and to mitigate the effects of the Purple Line project. I want to thank both the Special Committee on the Bethesda Downtown Plan and the Special Committee on Purple Line Mitigation for all of their hard work on behalf of the Town.

On the Bethesda front, the Council advocated for revisions to Montgomery County's proposed Subdivision Staging Policy, which addresses how the County balances development with supportive infrastructure. The County Council agreed with the Town's arguments against certain proposed changes to the policy, and adopted a new policy on November 15. As advocated by the Town, the new policy continues to require transportation impact studies and unreduced transportation impact fees for development in areas surrounding Metro stations.

Also, on November 1, we submitted the final, written version of the Town's testimony on the Bethesda Downtown Plan. This testimony is available for review on the Town website, as are the oral testimonies that were presented by Town officials at the County public hearing on October 18. While the County Council is unlikely to begin formal consideration of the Bethesda Plan before mid-January, we have already begun meeting with County Council members and staff to communicate the Town's positions on the Plan as well as our specific recommendations for improvement.

On the Purple Line front, we received written confirmation from the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) that tree removal will not occur until construction begins, and that tree clearing in forested areas will not occur between April 1 and August 30 in order to avoid disruption to the bird nesting season. MTA representatives also are scheduled to meet with Town representatives to discuss options regarding safe passage between the Town and Montgomery Avenue.

The Special Committee on Purple Line Mitigation advised the Council to ask our Congressional delegation to oppose waivers from federal law that currently apply to the Purple Line. While there is no direct threat right now, it is not uncommon for waivers to be passed in omnibus legislation during lame duck sessions. The committee also recommended that the Council request local mitigation measures related to federal and Maryland permit applications. The Council acted on these recommendations, as they reflect the Town's interest in ensuring that the construction of the Purple Line proceed under applicable law and without unnecessary harm to our local environment.

As both of these issues move forward, we will continue to provide updates through this newsletter and will encourage everyone to get involved as opportunities arise.

TOWN EVENTS

The following events are brought to you by the Community Relations Committee. To **RSVP** for an event, please send an email to townoffice@townofchevychase.org or call 301-654-7144.

Family Movie Night – “Monkey Kingdom”

Friday, December 2, 6 p.m., Town Hall

Disney Nature continues to introduce kids to our cousins in the wild with *Monkey Kingdom*, a charming film (94% Rotten Tomato rating) that gets us close to animals in their own environment. Tina Fey’s narration is full of good humor to please adults while being a child-friendly film, from the silly soundtrack - “Hey Hey We’re the Monkees” - to sweetly goofy monkey antics. Kids will cheer Maya & her baby’s journey. Arrive at 5:45 for pizza, snacks & drinks. Movie begins at 6:00. 85 minutes long. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Movie Night for Grown-Ups - “Seymour, An Introduction”

Friday, December 9, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall

Seymour: An Introduction is an inspiring film by the actor Ethan Hawke, with a Rotten Tomatoes ranking of 100%. It is a loving portrait of Hawke’s friend and mentor Seymour Bernstein, an acclaimed pianist who quit a successful concert career at the age of 50 to become a piano teacher. By 15, Seymour was teaching and soon was on the concert trail, but he hated the commercial side of things and was tormented by anxiety when performing - so he just stopped. Bernstein, a puckish man with an unabashed love of music, was well into his 80s when they shot the film. This movie is being shown at the request of neighbors who used the feedback forms handed out at events last year. Come at 7:30 for savory snacks & wine. Movie begins at 7:50, for 81 transporting minutes.

21st Annual Holiday Buffet for Seniors and Retirees

Wednesday, December 14, 12 p.m., Town Hall

Join friends and neighbors at the 21st annual Holiday Buffet for Town Seniors and Retirees on **Wednesday, December 14** at noon in the Town Hall. While you feast on a delicious meal, you will have a chance to visit with old friends and meet some new ones.

An Evening at Round House Theatre

Thursday, December 15, 8 p.m.

Join your friends and neighbors for an evening at the Round House Theatre (4545 East-West Hwy.) Thursday, December 15, 8 p.m. “Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley” is set two years after *Pride and Prejudice* and follows your favorite characters as they celebrate in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Darcy. This is a Christmas story of family, young love, and bright futures. Please email or call the Town office to learn how to purchase your ticket at a discounted cost of \$30. Tickets must be purchased by December 8. Please gather before the show in the Patron’s Lounge to meet & greet.

Brighten the Holidays for Domestic Violence Victims

It’s time for the 4th annual Holiday Gift Drive. We are collecting gift cards for local victims of domestic violence - clients of the Montgomery County Abused Persons Program and Chesapeake Counseling. As in past years, we know you will again be generous and extend a helping hand to these needy families. You may either purchase \$10 or \$20 gift cards for stores such as Target, Marshalls, Kohl’s, Ross, Giant, or Sears and deliver the cards to the Town Office, or put them in Ann Wild’s mail slot at 7104 Oakridge Ave. (If you wish to receive a donation receipt, be sure to include your name and e-mail address.) Cards are collected thru Friday, December 16. Or Contact Cathy Wolf at wolfcs@starpower.net if you prefer to “adopt” a family.

TOWN UPDATES

Leaf Vacuuming To End on December 19



Vacuum trucks will collect leaves continuously, street by street, until Monday, December 19. A map detailing the collection schedule is available on the Town website. All leaves should be raked to the curb, not into the street. After collection has ended, please place leaves in reusable containers or paper yard waste bags and place them at the curb by 7 a.m. for Monday pickup.



Preparations for Winter Weather

The Town's Winter Weather Preparedness flyer is available on the Town website at www.townofchevychase.org. We encourage you to review this information before the winter season begins.

No Parking on Grass or Sidewalks

We want to remind residents that the Town prohibits parking any vehicle on the grass area between the curb and/or gutter and sidewalk, or parking on any sidewalk. Also, the County Code, which is applicable in the Town, prohibits parking opposite to the flow of traffic (left wheels to curb). Please be courteous to your neighbors by observing these rules.

Doggie Do and Doggie Don't

The Town office has received numerous complaints about dog waste being left on the grounds of Chevy Chase Elementary School and on other public areas in Town. The Town has installed numerous Dogi-Pots in Town, including three around the elementary school. Leaving dog waste on school grounds is unlawful and poses a health hazard to children and others who use the school's outdoor recreational facilities. We appreciate your cooperation in addressing this issue.

Crime Watch

Please report all suspicious activity and crimes to the Montgomery County police at the non-emergency number: 301-279-8000. For emergencies or crimes in progress, call 911. Any information you can give to the police will help to make us safer. In addition, please report incidents to the Town office at 301-654-7144 so that we can notify our off-duty Montgomery County police officers.

AROUND CHEVY CHASE

Journalist Steve Roberts Tells A Tale of Two Suburbs Sunday, December 4, 4 p.m., Lawton Community Center

Longtime Bethesda resident and journalist Steve Roberts will compare the history and evolution of Bethesda and Chevy Chase in an illustrated lecture, "A Tale of Two Suburbs: Bethesda and Chevy Chase," hosted by the Chevy Chase Historical Society at the Jane E. Lawton Community Center on Sunday, December 4, at 4 p.m. Admission is free, and the community is welcome.

Roberts will unveil his new book, *Bethesda and Chevy Chase*, which uses dozens of vintage photographs – many from the CCHS Archive – to show how Bethesda and Chevy Chase developed along two different streetcar lines into distinctly different communities. Bethesda became a bustling commercial center; Chevy Chase, a planned enclave of leafy residential neighborhoods. But Roberts notes that the two communities share many important institutions, a past and a future.

In time for holiday gift-giving, Roberts' new book will be available for sale and signing following his talk. Questions about the December 4 program may be directed to CCHS at 301/656-6141 or chevychasehistory@msn.com

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Happy Holidays from Chevy Chase At Home!

The monthly **Brunch Bunch** gathering will be on **Thursday, December 8**, at the Olympia Cafe on Brookville Road. Drop by any time between 10 and 11:30 a.m., buy a cup of coffee or even a full breakfast, and pull up a chair at the CC@ H table for fellowship and good conversation with neighbors.

Our **holiday celebration** will be held on **Tuesday, December 13**, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Village Hall. Last year's Cookie Exchange was so enthusiastically attended that we're making it an annual event! Just bring a dozen of your favorite home-baked holiday cookies to exchange and enjoy tasting all the treats. The delicious fun will also include a Sing-A-Long with David Sands to celebrate the season.

Happy Holidays to all!

