



Forecast

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE



April

Wednesday, April 5
Bethesda Downtown Plan*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 6
Community Relations*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Monday, April 10
Climate and Environment*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 13
Public Services*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Monday, April 17
Town Council
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 18
Long Range Planning*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 19
Bethesda Downtown Plan*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 19
Purple Line Mitigation*
Lawton Center, 7 p.m.

Monday, April 24
Town Parking Meeting
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 26
Candidates' Forum
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 27
Land Use*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

April 28-29
Town Art Show & Reception
Town Hall

* Town Committee meeting

Message from Mayor Scott Fosler

Spring is a particularly busy time in the Town, and especially so this year.

Budget

At its April 17 meeting, the Town Council will hold another public comment period on the Town's fiscal year 2018 budget. And at the May 2 annual Town meeting, the Council will hold a public hearing before adopting a final budget for next year.

Budget information will be included in the Town's special election issue of the Forecast newsletter, which will be delivered to each home in Town by April 18. Detailed budget documents will be available on the Town website for review. I encourage everyone to provide the Council with your comments and suggestions about programs and services you would like to see added, increased, trimmed, eliminated or otherwise modified. You may attend the public meetings to provide your thoughts, or you may submit comments by mail or email. All communications will be reviewed and considered by the Council.

Election

The Town's election, as well as the annual meeting, will be held on May 2. Town residents will select two candidates in the 2017 election, each to serve for a two-year term. Nominating petitions for those who would like to run as candidates for the Council and have their names appear on the printed ballot are due by 5 p.m. on April 11. Those who would like to run as write-in candidates and be eligible to serve on the Council must file a certificate of candidacy by 5 p.m. on April 25. To be eligible to serve on the Council, both balloted and write-in candidates also must submit financial disclosure forms with their respective candidate filings.

A Candidates' Forum will be held on April 26 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall to allow residents to meet and converse with those running for the Town Council. I hope that all of you will participate in our annual election of Councilmembers and attend our annual meeting, which will include a presentation by Senator Rich Madaleno and a report on the Town's activities and accomplishments over the past year.

Bethesda Downtown Plan

The County Council's Committee on Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) is completing its review of the draft Bethesda Downtown Plan (BDP) and could well make its recommendations to the full Council within the next few weeks. The Town Council, Special Committee on the BDP, Coalition of Bethesda Area Residents (CBAR) and many other Town residents and neighbors are energetically engaged with County Councilmembers as we move to the climax of this long process, which will impact our community for the next several decades. We will continue to keep you up-to-date on fast-breaking developments through the Forecast and Town Crier.

Happy spring to all!

Public Meeting on Town Parking Regulations

On Monday, April 24 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall, the Town's Public Services Committee will hold a meeting for all Town residents to discuss parking in the Town. Resident input is essential in planning for the impact on Town parking of current and future development in downtown Bethesda. The goal of the meeting is to gather information and obtain resident feedback on the current parking and permit policies and is not to resolve specific resident parking situations. Topics of discussion will include:

- Parking enforcement: Should current parking restrictions be more strictly enforced? Is the current visitor parking pass system adequate for the needs of residents on streets with permit parking?
- Parking restrictions: Will more streets need to have permit parking as development continues? Should there be a change in the hours when permit parking is in effect?
- Zoned parking: Should the Town implement permit parking zones so that those with permits may only park in designated areas near their homes?

TOWN UPDATES

Clear Vegetation from Sidewalks

As a reminder, residents are asked to keep all sidewalks clear from edge to edge up to a height of 7 feet. The Town's maintenance standards for vegetation installed by Town residents on public and private property are available on the Town website. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep Town sidewalks safe.

Reminder About Permit and Restricted Parking

Residents are reminded that it is illegal to park in areas designated as "No Parking" zones, including those adjacent to and across from St. John's Church. Residents also are reminded that parking permits are intended for vehicles parked within the vicinity of your address only.

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.

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.



Connect with the Town

Residents may sign up on the Town's website to receive Town Crier emails, Alert TOCC voicemail messages and an electronic copy of the FORECAST newsletter. Information on how to connect with the Town using Facebook and Twitter also is available on the Town website (www.townofchevy Chase.org).

Town Teen List

For the current list, please contact the Town office at townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or 301-654-7144.

TOWN EVENTS

The following events are brought to you by the Town's Community Relations Committee.

Town Art Show & Reception

Friday & Saturday, April 28-29, Town Hall

Twenty-seven Town artists will display their work in a variety of media in this year's exciting biannual Town Art Show. Come on Friday, April 28, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. to the Town Hall to enjoy and/or purchase the works on display, and meet some of the artists. A wine and snacks reception will accompany the show.

On Saturday, April 29, the show will be open from 3 to 6 p.m. with another reception provided. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to (301) 654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org so we will know how much food to order. Huge thanks to Town resident and artist Katie Freeman Vita for once again offering to curate the show, which is being organized by the Community Relations Committee.

Puppet Show

Friday, May 5, 6 p.m., Town Hall

If your children missed the Bob Brown Puppet Show at the Chili Dinner, we have arranged for an evening of puppetry and pizza with this Town favorite. This show is especially popular with young children. Come at 5:30 p.m. for pizza, snacks and drinks. The show starts at 6:00 p.m. and is 45 minutes long. You must RSVP for this event, as the Town Hall rapidly fills up. Contact the Town office at (301) 654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Spring Festival

Saturday, May 6, 12- 4 p.m.
Lawton Community Center & Town Hall



This event, co-sponsored by the Community Relations Committee and The Jane E. Lawton Community Recreation Center, is a festive celebration for all ages. Come out for Mariachi music, a moon bounce, games, crafts, food trucks, henna tattoos and more! Please bring cans or boxes of non-perishable food for Manna, as the truck will be collecting food for the hungry in Montgomery County. No RSVPs needed for this enjoyable afternoon.

Host Families Needed for International Students

Would the influence of a different culture for a few weeks this summer be a good thing for you and your family? We are looking for host families for a fantastic program this summer. This program brings together students from current conflict societies and teaches them methods of peaceful resolution to their historical divide.

New Story Leadership (NSL) is seeking host families for university students from Israel and Palestine. The students are in Washington from June 9 through July 30 and have an intense program and work placement Monday through Friday and often on the weekend.

If you are interested in being a host family for this program or for more information, please call 240-476-1123 or email paul@newstoryleadership.org or andrew@newstoryleadership.org.

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AROUND CHEVY CHASE

New CC@H Membership Year Begins April 1

Become a Member or Associate of CC@H now and enjoy the benefits of our services and programs for the coming year. Join by **April 21**, and you'll be invited to a celebration at La Ferme on **April 29**, from **1 to 3 p.m.**, for new and renewing Members, Associates and Friends of CC@H. For more information please visit www.chevychaseathome.org.

During the week of **April 18-21**, we will again offer our Home Safety Program, in partnership with Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service. Any older adult in the area can request a home inspection with a fire-fighter and one of our volunteers to update smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and to check general home safety issues. A donation toward the cost of the devices would be appreciated.

Brunch Bunch at the Olympia Cafe on Brookville Road will gather on **Thursday, April 13**, from **10 to 11:30 a.m.** Everyone is invited — just buy a cup of coffee and join the CC@H table for some lively conversation.

TRASH & TREASURES

The Town's spring Trash and Treasures is scheduled for the weekend of [April 22 & 23](#). 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. If the items are usable, we encourage you to review the list of [Alternatives to Trash and Treasures](#) (see reverse). We have tried to give you a variety of options.

GUIDELINES

- Please remember to bag, box or contain all of your discards.
- Please do not put items on the curb before Friday afternoon, April 21.
- 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 - 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 call the Town Office at [301-654-7144](#). We will be happy to help you arrange a special pick-up for items that are not included in Trash and Treasures. There is a charge for a special pickup.

PICK UP SCHEDULE: At 7 a.m., [Monday, April 24](#), 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 pre-arranged schedule. 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.

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 Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Household Hazardous Waste can only be received during these hours -- please do not drop off this material at other times. Batteries are accepted (alkaline batteries may be put in regular trash) as are fertilizers with herbicides; fluorescent light tubes and bulbs, including CFLs; herbicides; insecticides; mercury containing items; oil-based paints; paint thinners; pesticides; and used motor oil and most other oils. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling for a complete list of items accepted or for more information.

New Homes for Old Bikes



Bikes for the World (BfW) 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 will be provided for all material and cash donations. For more information, please visit BfW at www.bikesfortheworld.org.

(See reverse side for [Alternatives to Trash & Treasures](#))

ALTERNATIVES TO TRASH AND TREASURES

Donate Books

The Town will be collecting books for the Friends of the Library, Montgomery County (FOLMC) on **Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Town Office**. There are 17 FOLMC chapters at branches throughout the county, including Chevy Chase, Little Falls and Bethesda. Please bring gently used books (no damaged or mildewed books accepted) in a box or bag. Textbooks are welcome, but no magazines or encyclopedias will be accepted. The donations will benefit the libraries in Montgomery County.



Recycle Clothing and Home Goods

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. Please put items in secured plastic bags. Your donations are tax deductible. Interfaith Works will have a truck in the Lawton Center parking lot on **Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Donate Furniture and Household Items

If you have furniture or household items that you would like to donate, please bring them to the Lawton Center parking lot on **Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** A *Wider Circle* collects gently-used items for families in need. Accepted items include beds, clean mattresses, dressers, tables and chairs, living room furniture, bedding, dish sets, baby items, professional clothing, and children's clothing up to size 4T. If you have items that are too large to bring to the drop-off, please contact A *Wider Circle* at **301-608-3504** or furnish@awidercircle.org, and they would be happy to schedule a pick-up date.

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, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 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**.



Recycle Electronic Equipment

The Town has contracted with *Potomac eCycling* to have a truck in the Lawton Center parking lot on **Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** for the collection of the following electronic equipment: TVs, monitors, printers, copiers, stereos, VCRs & DVD players, camcorders, CD players, fax machines, calculators, scanners, electronic toys and microwaves. You can recycle any item with a plug. *Potomac eCycling* does not provide tax deduction receipts. If you have a question about items not listed, please call the Town Office at **301-654-7144**.

Donate Sports Equipment

Leveling the Playing Field (LPF) gives underprivileged children the opportunity to enjoy the mental and physical benefits of youth sports participation. They do this through the donation of used and excess sporting equipment to programs and schools serving low income communities. LPF will collect sporting equipment in the Lawton Center parking lot on **Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

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

www.communityforklift.com

301-985-5180

Habitat for Humanity

www.habitat-mc.org

301-947-3304