



# Forecast

JANUARY 2019

NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE



## Wednesday, January 2

Community Relations\*  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

## Friday, January 4

Family Movie Night  
Town Hall, 6 p.m.  
*See insert*

## Wednesday, January 9

Town Council  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

## Thursday, January 10

Public Services\*  
Lawton Center, 7 p.m.

## Thursday, January 10

Discussion & Desserts  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.  
*see page 3*

## Monday, January 14

Long Range Planning\*  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

## Monday, January 21

Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Town office closed.

## Wednesday, January 23

Knitting with Neighbors  
*see insert*

## Thursday, January 24

Land Use\*  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

## Monday, January 28

Purple Line Mitigation\*  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

\* Town Committee meeting

## Purple Line Mitigation

The Town Council will hold a public hearing on January 9 on an expenditure of approximately \$125,000 to increase the height of the noise wall along the Purple Line tracks next to the Town. We have been asking for a cost estimate for this change order for the past seven months and have just received it. Our response is due on January 10, the day after the hearing. On page 2 of this issue, we provide more detail on the proposal and the reasons to consider it. My colleagues and I want to hear from residents -- certainly from those most affected, who live along the future light rail tracks, but from other residents elsewhere in Town too. We're all in this together.

## Parking Lots to Parks

We will be very active in January and February seeking improvements to the proposed redevelopment of the parking lot behind the Farm Women's Market and the lot between Leland Street and Walsh Street. The Town's core position remains the same as we expressed this past September -- there are elements of the plan that we welcome, but we want the size of the park increased, and we're mindful of the need for adequate parking and parking access.

The developers will present their sketch plan to the Planning Board at the end of February, so a lot of important decisions regarding this project will be made in this short time frame. We are in active dialogue with County Executive Elrich and his staff and with the Planning Board staff. Here, too, we seek continuing input from residents, particularly those on 46<sup>th</sup> Street and West Avenue who will be very close to this activity. The Long Range Planning Committee discussed the project in December and will continue to review it over the next two months. Please let us know your views!

## Town Hall Use During Power Outages

As part of our preparation for this winter, the Town Council has amended our policy regarding the use of the Town Hall in the event of power outages. We will now make every effort to offer the Town Hall as a refuge during a power outage. It will not serve as an overnight shelter, but, because it has its own generator, it can provide warmth and comfort to any in need during the day and evenings. At least two members of the Town staff, the Town Council and/or volunteers must be present at all times. Previously, the Town Hall was closed if the Town Office was closed. Since Town Office closures follow federal government closures, and federal offices are usually closed during severe weather, the result of the old policy was to limit the practical use of this important space when it could be needed most by residents.

-- Mayor Barney Rush

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# TOWN NEWS

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## Public Hearings Scheduled for January Council Meeting Appropriation to Increase Height of Purple Line Noise Wall

On January 9, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on a supplemental appropriation for \$124,666 to increase the height of the noise wall by 2 feet along the Purple Line alignment adjacent to the Town. At the Town's request, the Maryland Transit Administration provided a cost estimate to increase the noise wall height from 4 feet to 6 feet, with the understanding that the Town would fund this design change. The Council will assess the expected benefits of this change, including additional sound mitigation from the trains; more visual privacy for homeowners adjacent to the tracks; and increased safety for children, who may be able to scale a lower wall. The Town's consulting acoustical engineer is reviewing the plans for a higher noise wall and will provide a report detailing the additional noise mitigation effects of the same. The Town will publicize this report as soon as it is available.

## Permit Parking for 7300 Block of Maple Avenue

On January 9, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on a request to establish permit parking on the 7300 block of Maple Avenue. In order to consider permit parking for a Town street, the Town requires 60% or more of households on a street to request such a system. The Town received a petition signed by residents from 11 of the 17 households on the subject block.

If you are unable to attend the January Council meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall, you may submit comments on the noise wall appropriation or permit parking request to the Town Office at 4301 Willow Lane or [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org).

## Council Approves Voting Rights for Non-U.S. Citizens

At its December meeting, the Town Council approved charter amendments that would allow legal, non-U.S. citizen residents to vote in Town elections. The amendments will become effective on January 29, barring a referendum by Town residents. If the amendments become law, non-U.S. citizen residents of the Town will be able to vote in the Town's May 2019 election. The amendments, and a summary of them, are available for review on the Town website. For more information, call 301-654-7144.

## Thanks for Your Generosity This Holiday Season!

A warm thank you to all who contributed to the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets -- to the Lawton Community Center, the B-CC High School football and rowing teams and Boy Scout Troop 255 who helped assemble and fill the boxes and to Town neighbors and friends who decorated the boxes and donated the funds to purchase 3,000 pounds of food for 100 families in Montgomery County Title I elementary schools. Below is a note we received from one of the YMCA's Linkages to Learning school coordinators.

*To our donors of The Town of Chevy Chase,*

*On behalf of the families at Rolling Terrace, please receive our deepest thanks for bringing abundance and joy to their tables as they celebrated the beautiful American tradition of Thanksgiving. It is heart-warming to see communities helping other communities.*

*Your hand-decorated boxes, each unique and full of good food and ingredients to prepare a special meal, are just special. Our families also appreciate the gift card to buy the turkey or meat of their choice to celebrate and the pumpkin pie.*

*Thank you once again for your work, time and thoughtfulness during this Thanksgiving. We wish you a wonderful Holiday Season and a prosperous 2019!*

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# TOWN EVENTS

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

## Family Movie Night -- "Monsters, Inc."

Friday, January 4, 6 p.m., Town Hall



Join us for Monsters, Inc. It's funny, the characters are endearing, the monster world is cleverly developed, and the Pixar gang really has fun with this one. Rated G. 92 min. Rotten Tomato 96% rating. Come at 5:30 p.m. for pizza, snacks, and juice. Movie starts at 6 p.m. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. RSVP to [townoffice@townofchvyechase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchvyechase.org) or by calling 301-654-7144.

## Discussion & Desserts with NBC4's Doug Kammerer

Thursday, January 10, 7 p.m., Town Hall

Here's your chance to learn why Washington's weather is the way it is and get the real scoop on this winter's forecast. Join us as NBC4's Chief Meteorologist, Doug Kammerer, talks about all things weather and what it means short and long term for the Washington region. Ask your most pressing weather related questions on Thursday, January 10 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. RSVP at [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org) or call 301-654-7144 to reserve your spot. Of course, if there's a blizzard, Doug will be busy and we'll reschedule!

## Knitting With Neighbors

Wednesday, January 23, 11:00 a.m., Marjorie Shaw's Home

Avid knitter or novice, come join your neighbors to knit warm items for donation to those in need. Slippers, scarves, hats, baby blankets -- depending on your level of expertise! This new community effort will meet once a month in private homes and combine charity, conviviality and knitting tips. The first meeting will be in the home of Marjorie Shaw on Wednesday, January 23 at 11:00 a.m. Please respond to [marjorieshaw@earthlink.net](mailto:marjorieshaw@earthlink.net) for further information if you would like to join us. This group will be part of our Winter Warm Clothing Drive, coordinated by the Community Relations Committee, but we will weave our webs all year long.

## 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Dinner

Sunday, February 10, 5:30 – 7 p.m., Chevy Chase Elementary School

Beat the winter blues with chili, hot dogs and ice cream sundaes, as well as vegetarian options. The evening features musical fun for the entire family performed by Leroy Hyson beginning at 6 p.m. There will be a special table for seniors. To continue the Town's support of Manna Food Center, please do not forget your donations to help feed families in Montgomery County. Please RSVP for this popular event to 301-654-7144 or [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org).

## Winter Outerwear Clothing Drive

*Continues until February 28*

Feeling the cold? So are the men, women and children who depend on Interfaith Works to keep them warm. Please donate clean, gently-used or never used warm coats, gloves, mittens, scarves, hats, sweaters, pants and socks to those in need. Clothing boxes for your donations are located in the Town Hall (Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and in the Lawton Community Center (Monday thru Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1- 5 p.m.). This drive is coordinated by your Community Relations Committee.

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# CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

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## Help Us Build a Centennial Time Capsule!

In honor of the Town's Centennial, we are creating a Time Capsule and need your help. The Town's Centennial Committee will be at the annual Chili Dinner on February 10 to collect potential Time Capsule items and ideas. Drop off photos, stories, poems, drawings, newspaper articles, etc., that reflect the spirit of the present -- the world in which we live today. Make sure to include your name and phone number or email address.

Your Centennial Time Capsule contribution can be Town-centric, focus on other local or state events, or represent national or international issues. If you prefer to look into the future, donate your predictions for life 50 years from now. We encourage residents of all ages to contribute to the Centennial Time Capsule. Questions? Send an email to the Town Office at [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org), and one of the committee members will be in touch.

Check the Town's website at [www.townofchevy Chase.org](http://www.townofchevy Chase.org) after February 10. We will post highlights of some of the contributions.

## SAVE THE DATE & MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saturday, April 13 will be the Town's 3<sup>rd</sup> Progressive Dinner:  
*A Movable Feast to Celebrate the Town's Centennial*

The progressive dinner is a gathering of adult neighbors. We first convene at the Town Hall for wine and appetizers and a drawing to reveal your hosts for the evening. We "progress" to a home for dinner and another home for dessert. It's a great way to meet and host your neighbors, and it's a lot of fun, but we need YOU to attend, host and/or cook.

The Town provides a stipend to dinner and dessert hosts and cooks. Details on the evening will follow, and we will soon begin to recruit chefs, hosts and attendees. We need YOU to make the evening a success! This event is sponsored and coordinated by the Town's Community Relations Committee.



### *Centennial Snipit: Early Town Residents Didn't Have Amazon Shopping, But They Did Have the Farm Women's Market*

Within the Town of Chevy Chase, there has been much discussion of the Farm Women's Market at the corner of Wisconsin Avenue and Willow Lane. Town leaders and citizens are working hard to ensure that the proposed development around this historic establishment is appropriate as Bethesda reinvents itself. Did you know that this neighborhood market opened in December 1932? It was vital to the farmers in upper Montgomery County who came to the market to sell their vegetables and home-cooked foods during the Depression. What kinds of foods were sold? Cakes, cookies, country hams, relishes, baked beans and more. Farmers brought their wares on Wednesdays and Fridays, as they do to this day. Want to learn more about the original shopping spots visited by Town residents? Visit the Town website, select the history book under *Quick Links*, and choose "Shopping in the Chevy Chase Area."

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# AROUND CHEVY CHASE

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## HAPPY 2019 FROM CHEVY CHASE AT HOME!

As CC@H heads into its 10<sup>th</sup> year of serving our Chevy Chase neighbors, we have lots going on. Winter exercise classes begin on Monday, January 7 with **Gentle Pilates/Balance** from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. The Wednesday morning **Gentle Pilates** class meets at 10:30 a.m. on January 9, and on Thursday, January 10, a new **Pilates Mat** class will start at 2:30 p.m. All are held at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church on Connecticut Avenue. **Zumba Gold** meets Wednesdays, starting January 9, at 11:30 a.m., and **Music & Movement** (formerly Dance & Song) also begins on January 9 at 2:30 p.m. Both of these are held at the Chevy Chase Village Hall. Registration and fees for all classes are available online at [www.chevychaseathome.org](http://www.chevychaseathome.org), or you may call the office at 301-657-3115.

On Tuesday, January 15, a **Mindfulness Relaxation Session** will be offered by Lylie Fisher, the facilitator of Montgomery County Maryland's Caregiver Support Program. She will also provide information regarding county services and respite benefits for caregivers. Although the program is caregiver-focused, anyone may attend. 2 to 4 p.m. at the CC Village Hall.

A **New Volunteer Training** session will be held on Thursday, January 17 from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at the Town of Chevy Chase Town Hall. Registration, required by January 14, may be done online, or you may call us directly at 301-657-3115. Start your New Year off right by becoming a CC@H Volunteer!

Take the **AARP Smart Driver Course** on Tuesday, January 29, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (with a 1 hour lunch break) and you could save money on your car insurance (not all insurance companies offer this benefit). Registration is required, and there is a fee of \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members, payable by check at the door. At the Chevy Chase Village Hall.