



Forecast

APRIL 2019

NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE



April

Wednesday, April 3
Community Relations*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Monday, April 8
Long Range Planning*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 11
Public Services*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 13
Progressive Dinner
Town Hall, 6:15 p.m.

Monday, April 15
Ethics Commission*
Town Hall, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, April 24
Town Council
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 25
Land Use*
Lawton Center, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 25
Acoustic Music Jam
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 30
Candidates' Forum
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

* Town committee meeting

Farm Women's Market Update

The Town, along with other communities, has been in continuing discussions with the County Executive, members of the County Council and the staff of the Historic Preservation Commission regarding the proposed Farm Women's Market (FWM) project. Our goal is for this public-private partnership to create a significant park on the existing surface parking lot (Lot 24) just behind the FWM, and we support the vision of an expanded and improved market with more stalls, vendors and eateries. We also want the FWM plaza to help activate this space, with outdoor seating and dining areas facing the new park.

Progress is being made. In particular, the developers have agreed to narrow the apartment building that would extend into the current parking lot, and they are now considering further revisions that would reduce the scale of the planned food retail area, which would leave more area for the park. Further, they do not consider the placement of town homes on the surface parking lot (Lot 10) just south of Leland to be important for their project, and they are prepared to include this area in an expanded park. We strongly support this important modification.

But a great deal of work remains to be done. Numerous issues need consideration, such as planning for the underground garage to replace the surface parking, the location of ramps into and out of the garage and ensuring adequate emergency vehicle access. And, crucially, the budget must be developed. The developers will fund only a portion of the project, and the County will need to cover much of the cost.

Currently, the developers have scheduled a Planning Board review of their Sketch Plan -- the first significant step in the planning approval process -- for the end of May. We'll keep you updated as plans progress. When we have a clearer idea of the proposal to be presented to the Planning Board, we will host another Town forum for residents to see the plans and ask questions.

Purple Line Construction to Ramp Up

Many of you have noted the additional work recently undertaken to complete the clearing of the Purple Line right-of-way. The contractors are awaiting final plan approval by the Maryland Department of the Environment, but then work will proceed quickly. Over the next six months, the contractors expect to excavate for storm water pipes and to begin constructing noise and retaining walls.

-- Mayor Barney Rush

TOWN NEWS

Public Hearing on Permit Parking Program Changes

At its April 24 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on several amendments to the Town's permit parking program. The proposed changes include:

- Authorizing the issuance of a second permanent guest card, upon request, to households within a designated permit parking area. This proposed amendment is in response to numerous complaints from homeowners within the Town's permit parking areas that one guest pass is insufficient to accommodate multiple visitors and guests to their residences. Currently, the code allows the issuance of one permanent guest card to each residence within a permit parking area.
- Clarifying that the Town will automatically extend permit parking to an area adjacent to an existing permit parking area only if the required parking study shows that residents have an inability or difficulty in finding on-street parking. The current code language only requires that a study be done, but it does not state that the study must meet any standard.
- Clarifying that the Town Manager is the person authorized to make a finding of "special need" to issue permits for persons not otherwise authorized to receive them. The current code allows these permits to be issued, but it is unclear who evaluates a request for such a permit.
- Reflecting the current practice of issuing parking permits that are valid for two years. The current code language states that permits are valid only for one year.

If you are unable to attend the April Council meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall, you may submit comments to townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.

TOWN UPDATES

Please Obey County Leash Law

The Town office has received calls from residents complaining that dog owners do not observe the County's leash law. Please remember that your dog should always be on a leash when not in a fenced portion of your yard. Even generally well-behaved dogs off leash can be threatening to pedestrians and other dogs on leash. Please observe this law so that everyone can enjoy walks through the Town with or without their dogs.

Native Canopy & Street Tree Plantings

The Town is preparing its spring tree planting list. If you have a spot in your yard suitable for a canopy tree, you might want to take advantage of the Town's Native Canopy Tree Planting program. Under this program, the Town will purchase and install a canopy tree on your property at no cost to you. Residents are responsible for the long-term care of the tree once installed.



You also may request to have a tree planted along the street in front of your home. The Town prefers to plant canopy trees when possible. Once the trees are planted, the Town will care for the trees for the first year by ensuring that they are watered. If you would like to request a tree, please contact the Town office at 301-654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.

2019 Election & Annual Meeting

The Town's election and annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019. Town residents will select two candidates in the 2019 election, each to serve on the Council for a 2-year term. Information about the nominated candidates will be mailed to all residents 2 weeks before the election, and the Town's Election Board will host a Candidates' Forum on April 30 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall. The annual meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on May 7 and will include a public hearing on the proposed FY20 budget, which will be available for review on the Town website after April 23.

TRASH & TREASURES

The Town's spring Trash and Treasures is scheduled for the weekend of [April 13 & 14](#). 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 12.
- 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](tel: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 15](#), 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 Tenleytown, 4810 Wisconsin Avenue, 202-558-0055. 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 13 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 13 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 13 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 13 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 13 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 13 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

TOWN EVENTS

Don't Miss the Town's Progressive Dinner!

Saturday, April 13, 6:15 p.m., Town Hall

Begin your evening with neighbors at the Town Hall for drinks and hors d'oeuvres. While there, you will receive your dinner and dessert "assignments" and proceed to your dinner location where you will enjoy a meal with 8 to 14 neighbors. At 9 p.m., you will "progress" to your dessert location, where neighbors from two dinner groups will be assembled.

We have ample dinner and dessert hosts and chefs, but there is still space for attendees. This event is for adults only. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, April 3. The Town's Community Relations Committee is bringing you this event with the significant assistance of the Centennial Committee, which is sponsoring the opening party at the Town Hall as the final celebration of the Town's Centennial. Avoid the last-minute rush and risk of disappointment by contacting the Town Office at 301-654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org as soon as possible.

Join Us for the Town's First Acoustic Music Jam

Thursday, April 25, 7 p.m., Town Hall

The Town has many musicians and singers who are being invited to join an Acoustic Music Jam (no electric, no percussion) that will include bluegrass music as well as folk, traditional, and blues. Music jams are gatherings of musicians & singers who play, sing and share songs in a structured but informal setting. Playing in a group setting always helps a musician to stay sharp, and fledgling musicians or singers can test out their chops and gain skill and confidence in leading a song. Town residents who want to play, and those who want to listen, are all welcome. Wine, beer, and snacks will be served.

Musicians and singers, please contact Jim Mich at jamesemich@aol.com or 301-922-3642. If you want to come to enjoy the music, please RSVP to townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org or 301-654-7144.

SAVE THE DATE: *Seriously Fun Singers* Return

Sunday, May 5, 4-6 p.m., Town Hall

Join the Town's homegrown *Seriously Fun Singers* (SFS) at its second performance for Town residents. SFS has an exciting new program of eclectic popular music that offers a blend of pop, folk and Broadway standards. Many SFS members hail from the Town. Come and enjoy the music and refreshments. Space is limited. Please RSVP to 301-654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.

AROUND CHEVY CHASE

CC&H Welcomes Spring 2019

On Thursday, April 11, **Brunch Bunch** will meet at the Olympia Cafe on Brookville Road from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Join friends and neighbors for a cup of coffee and good conversation.

On April 11, CC@H will hold a **New Volunteer Training** at the Town of Chevy Chase Town Hall from 10 a.m. to noon. Registration is required before April 8 and can be done online at www.chevy Chaseathome.org or by calling 301-657-3115.

To learn more about age-related challenges and available resources, come to the Chevy Chase Village Hall on Tuesday, April 16, 2 to 4 p.m. for **Ageing Well in Montgomery County**. Shawn Brennan has worked for the County Aging and Disability Services since 2005, with a focus on health & wellness and transportation. Following her presentation, she will lead a guided relaxation session.

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Centennial Snipit

Celebrating the Town of Chevy Chase: Past, Present & Future

As the Town of Chevy Chase's year-long Centennial celebration winds down, we look back at past milestone anniversaries and the activities they inspired. Among them, the Fourth of July Picnic and the Town's first cookbook, *Town Chefs of Chevy Chase*, from the 75th Anniversary. From the 65th Anniversary came *The Town of Chevy Chase Past and Present* organized by the History Committee and written by Town residents. At that time, the History Committee began a Town archives of local documents including maps, photographs, house deeds and more.

Commemorations of the 100th Anniversary will include a sculpture in the Lee Dennison Sustainable Garden in Zimmerman Park and oral histories by residents discussing how the Town has been shaped over time by changes in transportation, schools, national events, and more. Also, the Town is collecting items to add to the archives mentioned above and to become part of the virtual time capsule. Some of these items will be on display at the reception for the progressive dinner* on April 13, the Town's last 100th Anniversary celebratory activity. Join your neighbors for the dinner and come to the reception celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Town of Chevy Chase.

* The first progressive dinner was held in 2009 to mark 100 years of the Town's self-governance, which began in 1909 when a handful of residents on both sides of Connecticut Avenue formed the Chevy Chase Citizens' Association of Section Three and Four.