
TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

ELECTION DAY - MAY 1, 2007

Tuesday, May 1 is Election Day in the Town. The polls will be located in the Leland Center, 4301 Willow Lane. Polling hours have been extended this year. The polls will be open from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on election day. In addition, the Town office will open at 7:30 a.m. on election day so that staff will be available to receive absentee ballots. The elections procedures are outlined on the following page.

Town elections are governed by the provisions in Chapter 8 of the Town of Chevy Chase Municipal Code, which state: An election shall be held on the first Tuesday in May of each year to elect members of the Town Council. Three (3) members shall be elected in even-numbered years and two (2) members in the odd-numbered years.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

Sue Hill, Chair
Jack Goodman
Brenda Lizzio
Hope Pinkerton

Tom Rosshirt
Costis Toregas
Dennis Wood

If you have questions about the Election Procedures, please contact Sue Hill at 301-652-3876.

ELECTION 2007

Town residents will select two candidates in the May 2007 election, each to serve on the Council for a two-year term. The terms of Linna Barnes and Rob Enelow are expiring. Linna and Rob will seek re-election in the Town Election.

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

If you have recently moved to the Town of Chevy Chase or are not sure your name is on the list of registered, qualified voters of the State of Maryland, you can call the Montgomery County election board at 240-777-VOTE or visit the website: http://mdelections.umbc.edu/voter_registration/v2/vote_prod.php to make sure your name appears on the registered voters list at your Town address.

Voter application forms are available online at www.elections.state.md.us. We also have application forms in the Town office and will be happy to drop one to you. The Town office telephone number is 301-654-7144.

COLLEGE STUDENT VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

If you have a child who is attending a college out of the area and would like to vote in the Town Election in May 2007, be sure that they are registered to vote in the State of Maryland. To be eligible to vote in the Town Election, the child's permanent address also must be in the Town. (This is true for everyone wishing to vote in the Town Election.)

NOMINATIONS - PETITIONS AVAILABLE IN THE TOWN OFFICE

Blank petitions are available in the Town office, 4301 Willow Lane, 301-654-7144. The nominating procedures are described on the following page.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST FORM AVAILABLE ON LINE

The absentee ballot request form is available in the Town office or can be downloaded from the Town's website www.townofchevychase.org. A form will be included in the April and May issues of the FORECAST.

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NOMINATIONS ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for nomination, a resident must have resided in the Town for at least one year immediately preceding the election and be a registered voter in the State of Maryland, Town of Chevy Chase.

NOMINATING PROCEDURES

Residents are encouraged to present by petition their names or those of Town residents who are willing to serve on the Town Council. Blank petitions are available in the Town office, 4301 Willow Lane, 301-654-7144. *PETITIONS MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE TOWN OFFICE BEFORE 5 P.M. ON APRIL 17, 2007, THE SECOND TUESDAY PRECEDING THE ELECTION, IN ORDER FOR THE CANDIDATE'S NAME TO APPEAR ON THE PRINTED BALLOT.*

Petitions must contain the following information: name, address, occupation, length of residency in the Town, a short biographical sketch, a short candidate's statement, confirmation of his or her willingness to serve if elected, and the endorsing signatures, addresses and telephone numbers of at least five persons eligible to vote in the above election.

Petitions may be inspected at the home of Sue Hill, Chairman of the Election Committee, 7013 Maple Avenue on **TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2007**, between the hours of 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Any challenges to the form of the petitions or the persons signing the petitions must be made in writing and delivered to the Town office no later than 9 a.m. on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2007**.

CANDIDATES' NIGHT

Candidates will be asked to attend an informal community get together in the Town Hall.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

The Election Committee may make additional nominations and must do so if an insufficient number of candidates has been nominated by petition, to insure that at least one candidate is nominated for each opening on the Town Council.

FLOOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations from the floor cannot be considered at the Annual Meeting since voting will begin in advance of the meeting.

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

There will be appropriate blanks on the printed ballot for the purpose of adding write-in candidates at the time of the election.

NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS

The names, short biographical sketches and short statements of all nominees will be mailed to all residents one week preceding the election.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

There is no requirement for candidates in the Town of Chevy Chase to file a financial disclosure statement for these volunteer positions.

VOTING ELIGIBILITY

A resident must be a citizen of the United States, at least eighteen years of age, have resided within the corporate limits of the Town for thirty days preceding any Town election and be a registered, qualified voter of the State of Maryland, Town of Chevy Chase to be eligible to vote. If you have recently moved to the Town of Chevy Chase or for other reasons are doubtful whether your name is on the list of registered, qualified voters of the State of Maryland, Town of Chevy Chase, you can call the Montgomery County Election Board at 240-777-VOTE. Please do this as soon as possible so your name will appear on the updated list of registered voters sent to our office one week prior to the Town election.

VOTING PROCEDURE

BALLOT

Names of candidates will appear on the printed ballot in alphabetical order.

POLL LOCATION AND HOURS

The polls will be located in the Leland Center, 4301 Willow Lane. The polls will be open from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. on Election Day, May 1, 2007.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee ballots will be available in the Town office on Wednesday, April 18 after 12 p.m. Any qualified voter may vote by absentee ballot. Residents desiring an absentee ballot must fill out the absentee ballot request form and return it to the Town office. The form is available in the Town office or can be downloaded from the Town's website www.townofchevychase.org. The form also will be included in the Town newsletter, the FORECAST. Any absentee ballot, to be counted, must be returned by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1, Election Day. The ballot must be in the printed return envelope provided by the Town at the time the ballot is issued.