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Magic Show*
Town Hall, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6
Community Relations**
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 10
Bread Bake Off*
Town Hall, 3-4:30 p.m.

Monday, March 11
Long Range Planning**
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

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Town Council
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 14
Discussion and Desserts*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

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

Monday, March 18
Purple Line Mitigation**
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20
Council Work Session
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 24
Rye Whiskey Tasting*
Town Hall, 4-6 p.m.

Thursday, March 28
Land Use**
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

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** Town committee meeting

Zimmerman Projects Make Progress

Sustainable Garden

At our February work session, Council members and residents in attendance received a comprehensive update on our new Sustainable Garden. Landscape architect Edamarie Mattei, from Backyard Bounty has worked closely with the Town Garden Committee, led by Irene Lane, to design an exciting and ambitious garden. When it is completed, residents will be able to amble along a sinuous path through the south side of Zimmerman Park and be able to enjoy numerous examples of native flowers and plants in a variety of settings – shade and sun; dry and wet. It is certainly our hope that residents will also find in this garden landscaping ideas that they will want to try at their own homes. The Council authorized the Town Manager to proceed to solicit construction bids. We expect to receive these bids in time to provide final approvals for construction to begin this summer. The funds for this project come from the generous bequest to the Town from long-time resident Lee Dennison.

Staircase and Path

Ms. Mattei also presented initial plans for the staircase and approaching path that will make it much safer for students and the rest of us to cross Zimmerman and get up the hill to the sidewalk along East West Highway. She has recommended black, powder-coated steel stairs, 5 feet wide, with a landing in the middle and at the top. The Council agreed with the design: the stairs will have attractive design elements, require minimal upkeep, and can be built with far less foundational work than would be required if the stairs were made of concrete with stone facing. This plan will avoid damaging trees on the embankment and minimize disruption of the park. We authorized the Town Manager to obtain detailed engineering specifications for this design, which, in turn, will allow us to bid out the project. The final vote by the Council will be taken after the project costs are confirmed. We hope construction will proceed this summer, after the final design is approved by the State Highway Administration, and be completed in time for the start of school.

And Being Considered...

As we report on the next page, the Land Use Committee has completed a thorough review of possible Dog Exercise Area sites and concluded that Zimmerman appears to be the most feasible location, if we decide to proceed with this project. Our next step is to gather the further thoughts from residents, and particularly from those in the vicinity of the park, about how Zimmerman may be improved generally with other amenities that many may desire. Wicca Davidson will be leading this outreach effort over the coming month.

-- Mayor Barney Rush

TOWN NEWS

Participate in the 2019-2020 Budget Process

In March, the Town Council will begin to discuss and develop the Town's operating and capital budgets for the 2020 fiscal year, which begins on July 1, 2019 and continues through June 30, 2020.

At its monthly meeting on [Wednesday, March 13](#), the Town Council will hold a special public comment period to hear from residents about next year's budget and which new or ongoing initiatives they would like to see funded. Following this meeting, the Council will hold a work session on [Wednesday, March 20](#) to review the proposed budget that the staff and Treasurer have prepared.

There will be a public hearing on the final proposed budget at the Annual Meeting on [Tuesday, May 7](#) before the Council adopts the budget at a subsequent meeting.

Throughout the budget development process, the Town Council will consider suggestions from residents about what projects they would like to see funded. The Council also will consider the Town's property tax rates and the amount of monies to set aside in a reserve fund for emergencies.

Council Adopts Small Cell Facilities Ordinance

At its February 13 meeting, the Town Council approved an ordinance to regulate small wireless telecommunications facilities ("small cells") within the Town. Small cells are wireless antennas that can be placed on existing or new structures, such as utility poles. These deployments, which will soon be faced by local governments, are aimed at providing 5G coverage for wireless devices and smart phones. 5G service will require more equipment to be placed in the public rights-of-way than previously required for earlier technology.

Among other restrictions, the ordinance requires that all small cells be installed at a height of at least 15 feet above the ground and be limited to 5 per pole. New towers could be located no closer than 1,000 feet to another tower. Currently, County law requires small cells to be located at least 60 feet away from any single-family home, and this setback applies in the Town. However, the County Council is in the process of reviewing whether the setback should be reduced. The Town ordinance requires setbacks of 2 feet from public improvements and 5 feet from driveway aprons to avoid interference with vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The ordinance, as amended by the Council, also requires that 5G providers conform to any future deployment standards that may be adopted by the Council. The adopted ordinance is available for review on the Town website.

Consideration of Dog Exercise Area Continues

The Town Council held a work session on February 13 to discuss possible locations for a dog exercise area (DEA) in or near Town. At this meeting, the Town's Land Use Committee presented a report that analyzes various sites for a DEA and concludes that Zimmerman Park is the most feasible location. This report is available for review on the Town website. The Council intends to discuss how to proceed with consideration of a DEA at its March 13 meeting. Any proposal related to establishing a DEA in Town will be subject to a future public hearing.

Proposed Changes to Accessory Apartment Rules

The Montgomery County Council is considering substantial rule changes that will make it easier for residents to build "accessory" apartments (Zoning Text Amendment 19-01). The Town Council sought residents' views on the proposed changes and discussed the matter at its meeting on February 13. The Council expressed general support for the changes, subject to two conditions: maintenance of the current requirement that an ADU cannot be larger than 1,200 square feet, and any detached unit must comply with all setback requirements for dwellings. The Council has presented its position to the County Planning Board and County Council.

TOWN EVENTS

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

Magic Show with Michael Chamberlin

Friday, March 1, 6 p.m., Town Hall -- Join us for a special family event featuring magician Michael Chamberlin. Using music & comedy, this master magician performs dazzling magic with hilarious audience participation routines. The show is fast-paced, original and spellbinding sorcery for the entire family. Please come at 6:00 to enjoy pizza and snacks before the show starts at 6:30. Children must be accompanied by an adult. RSVP to 301-654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.



Town Bake Off -- Breads!

Sunday, March 10, 3-4:30 p.m., Town Hall -- Attention bakers and eaters! Join us at the 7th Annual Town of Chevy Chase Bake-Off. This bake-off is all about BREAD -- either dessert loaves or any other type of bread. One judge is Christ Sokambi, baker of La Bohemia Bakery, who sells his delicious wares at the Farm Women's Market. The second judge is to be determined. Bakers should bring 1 large loaf or 2 small loaves of the same recipe. There will be prizes for the best breads. Eaters will sample the delicious entries and vote for the People's Choice Award. Whether you are a baker or an eater, you need to RSVP to the Town Office at 301-654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.

Discussion & Desserts with Marc Howard

Thursday, March 14, 7 p.m., Town Hall -- Professor Marc Howard of Georgetown University has graciously agreed to speak on the criminal justice system & prison reform. He is one of the nation's leading authorities on this issue. Director of the Prisons & Justice Initiative at GU, Marc has taught for years at the maximum-security Jessup Correctional Institution. He created a groundbreaking undergraduate course called Prison Reform Project, which he recently co-taught with his childhood friend and exoneree Marty Tankleff. Their students worked to demonstrate the innocence of four likely wrongfully-convicted men. On September 20, 2018, Valentino Dixon walked out of prison after 27 years, in part thanks to the new discoveries made by the Georgetown students. Wine and desserts will be served. RSVP to the Town Office at 301-654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.

Rye Whiskey Tasting



Sunday, March 24, 4-6 p.m., Town Hall -- We drank Bourbon last year, and are 'coming to the Rye' this year. If you want to be one of the 40 people attending, then do not wait to RSVP. Join fellow rye lovers for a guided tasting led by an expert, who will pour and discuss the history of rye, where it is made and how. As you taste a range of ryes from inexpensive to expensive, our guide will explain variations and nuances of each bottle. Savory foods will be served. RSVP now to 301- 654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.

Progressive Dinner is Back on Saturday, April 13!

Join your neighbors on Saturday, April 13 beginning with a Centennial Committee-sponsored celebration of drinks & hors d'oeuvres at the Town Hall. You will first 'progress' to your surprise host for a delicious dinner and then move onward to a 3rd location to enjoy dazzling desserts. This event can only happen with YOUR participation to ATTEND, COOK or HOST! The Community Relations Committee is looking for chefs to prepare the main course (recipes will be provided) for 10 people or desserts for 20, and hosts for the dinner and dessert parties. Dinner hosts entertain 8-10 guests, while dessert hosts entertain 20 people, including themselves. A small stipend is provided to dinner hosts and chefs. To volunteer as a chef or host (or both!), or to attend this fun event, please contact the Town Office at 301-654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org. Questions? Contact Cathy Wolf (cathrynwolf2@gmail.com) or Michele Marston (Immarston@comcast.net).

AROUND CHEVY CHASE

There's Music in the Air at CC@H in March

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day a wee bit early when CC@H presents [The Culkin School of Traditional Irish Dance](#) on Tuesday, March 12, 2 to 4 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Village Hall. Everyone is welcome. Another amazing musical event awaits CC@H Members and Associates on Tuesday, March 19, when the legendary [John Eaton](#) presents *Jazz, Blues and Broadway* at the CC Village Hall at 2 p.m. Space is limited, so register early. [Brunch Bunch](#) at the Olympia Cafe on Brookville Road will hold its monthly get-together on Thursday, March 14, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Just drop in and join neighbors and friends for some good conversation and camaraderie. Visit www.chevychaseathome.org for more information.



Centennial Snipit: The Houses of Chevy Chase

Three years before its 1918 incorporation, the Town of Chevy Chase had 36 houses. By the early 1920's, construction was booming. By 1941, 850 houses had been built. The Town was known for its architectural diversity, including bungalows (late teens and early 1920's), Georgian Colonial, Dutch Colonial, Tudor, Spanish Colonial, and Neoclassical revivals (mid-1920's to 1940's). In later years, split level, ranch and contemporary houses filled in the remaining lots. Several of the early homes in Town now celebrating their Centennial were "kit" houses ordered through catalogs from Sears & Roebuck, Montgomery Ward and others. Learn more at www.chevychasehistory.org.

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COUNCIL ELECTION 2019

TOWN ELECTION

The Town's 2019 election 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. The terms of Cecily Baskir and Joel Rubin will expire in May.

Town elections are governed by the provisions of Chapter 8 of the Town's Municipal Code and election procedures adopted by the Town Council.

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for office, a candidate must be a citizen of the United States; at least 18 years of age; have resided in the Town for at least one year immediately preceding the election; and be a registered voter of the State of Maryland in Montgomery County.

CANDIDATE NOMINATING PROCEDURES

To be designated as a candidate on the printed ballot, a resident must submit a completed **nominating petition** to the Town office before **5 p.m.** on **Tuesday, April 16**, the 3rd Tuesday preceding the election. The petition must show the consent of the individual to become a candidate and hold office. A petition must contain the signatures of five qualified voters of the Town other than the candidate. Nominating petitions are available in the Town office and on the Town website as a convenience to residents. Nominating petitions are public documents and are subject to public inspection.

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

To be qualified for election, a write-in candidate must file a certificate of candidacy before 5 p.m. on **Tuesday, April 30**, the 7th calendar day preceding the election. There will be appropriate blanks on the printed ballot for the purpose of adding write-in candidates at the time of the election.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

A candidate for office is required to submit a **financial disclosure statement** at the time the candidate submits a nominating petition or certificate of candidacy, as applicable. The financial disclosure form is available for review in the Town office. Once filed, financial disclosure statements are public documents and are subject to public inspection.

CANDIDATES' FORUM

The candidates will be invited to participate in a moderated forum and dialogue with the community prior to the election.

The Election Board will accept questions in advance from Town residents. Please email questions to townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.

NOTICE OF CANDIDATES

Information about the nominated candidates will be mailed to all residents 2 weeks before the election. Notice of the filing of a certificate of candidacy for a write-in candidate will be provided to Town residents within 24 hours of the filing.

VOTING ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to vote, residents who are U.S. citizens must be at least 18 years of age; have resided in the Town for at least 30 days immediately preceding the election; and be a registered voter of the State of Maryland in Montgomery County. Residents who are not U.S. citizens must be legally authorized to reside in the United States; at least 18 years of age; have resided in the Town for at least 30 days immediately preceding the election; and be registered to vote with the Town. Voter registration forms for non-U.S. citizen residents are available on the Town website and in the Town office.

POLL LOCATION AND HOURS

The poll will be located in the Town Hall, 4301 Willow Lane. The poll will be open from **8 a.m. to 8 p.m.** on election day. Voting will be done by paper ballot; however, the Town will provide electronic scanning and counting of ballots.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee ballots will be available in the Town office once they are printed, but no later than **Tuesday, April 23**. Any qualified voter may vote by absentee ballot. Residents desiring an absentee ballot must apply individually in writing (by mail, fax, email or in person) to the Town office. Requests are public documents and are subject to public inspection.

Once an absentee ballot request has been received, the Town will mail or hand deliver a ballot and return envelope to the requestor in a sealed envelope. The original absentee ballot must be returned in the printed envelope provided by the Town. To be counted, any absentee ballot must be received by the Town by **8 p.m.** on election day.

ELECTION BOARD

Residents with questions on any aspect of the election are encouraged to contact the Election Board at election@townofchevy Chase.org. Current Election Board members are **Mike Lebowitz, Chair**; **Chris Wright**; and **Rob Enelow**.