



Forecast

MAY 2019

NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE



May

Wednesday, May 1
Community Relations*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 5
Seriously Fun Singers
Concert
Town Hall, 4 p.m.
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Tuesday, May 7
Annual Meeting &
Election

Wednesday, May 8
Public Services*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Monday, May 13
Long Range Planning*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22
Town Council
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 23
Land Use*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

* Town committee meeting

It Takes a Village to Raise... a Town

We have now reached the end of this Council year. It's been an eventful twelve months, in which the Town has engaged in some major initiatives, both on our borders and inside our community. My message in the special Election issue of the Forecast highlighted those initiatives.

In this message, I want to thank all of those who have contributed so much to all the work accomplished this year. Let me start by thanking Todd Hoffman, our highly capable Town Manager, who, to our regret, has announced his retirement. We count heavily on the work of Dave Walton for all permitting matters, Miguel Hernandez for maintenance and Emily McCarthy, who joined us recently, for running the office and helping to organize community events. My appreciation as well to my colleagues on the Town Council, Cecily Baskir, Joel Rubin, Wicca Davidson and Kirk Renaud. Their willingness to take on added responsibilities has been key to getting our work done.

My colleagues and I would also like to thank all the committee chairs who have guided so much important work: Dedun Ingram and Lees Hartman, Land Use Committee; Pat Burda, Long Range Planning Committee; Dave Eason, Public Service Committee; Wicca Davidson, chair of the Community Relations Committee; Irene Lane, the Climate & Environment Committee; Bridget Hartman, the Centennial Committee; and Jeff Marqusee, co-chair of the Purple Line mitigation committee with me. We also appreciate the work of Mike Lebowitz, chair of the election board; Jim Lawson, chair of the Ethics Commission; and Mike Guhin, chair of the Water Board.

But the chairs cannot get work done at empty tables. We are very fortunate to have a large number of volunteers on all our committees. They step up and help in so many ways: organizing and then cleaning up after our Town events, mastering the details of our Town ordinances, considering improvements to traffic safety, researching Purple Line stormwater management plans and noise levels, and educating all of us on everything from plans for the Farm Women's Market to environmental issues. These are just a few of their many contributions.

My apologies that there is not space here to list all our volunteers, many of whom are new committee members whose enthusiasm we welcome.

But I would like to thank all who have worked with our committees for 5 years or longer, or, in some cases, deserve mention due to their special efforts this past year. Join me in appreciating the help of: Ann Wild, Julie Stanish, Barbara Rose, Aki Peritz, Loretta Sevier, Cathy Wolf, Kathy Strom, Julia Bellinger, Ellen Ericson, Lisa Flores, Cathy Slesinger, Anne de Fontnouvelle, Tina Coplan, Linna Barnes, Steve Seidel, John Beale, John Freedman, Deborah Vollmer, Kathy Flaxman, Tom Collins, Stu Sessions, Rich Brancato, Don MacGlashan, Christine Real de Azua, Michael Coplan, Sue Hill, Abby Marshall, Donna Worsham, Ken Sager, Simma Kupchan, Betsy Johnson, Sally Kelly, and Judy McGuire.

It takes a village to raise a Town.

-- Mayor Barney Rush

TOWN NEWS

Public Hearing on Proposed Building Code Changes

At its May 22 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on several proposed amendments to the Town's building regulations. The proposed changes include:

- Reducing the required rear yard setback for deep interior lots.
- Modifying the computation of the Town's rear yard setback credit to improve clarity and fairness regarding additions to existing homes.
- Allowing the replacement of nonconforming fences on private property.
- Allowing the replacement of nonconforming walls on private property.
- Allowing the construction of retaining walls less than 30 inches in height along a driveway in side and rear yards without the required 2-foot setback from property lines.
- Allowing construction of a fence with a maximum height of 8 feet adjacent to the Purple Line.
- Allowing code violations classified as misdemeanors to be prosecuted either as misdemeanors or municipal infractions.
- Formalizing the Town's practice of recording variance decisions and conditions in the land records.

A complete copy of the ordinance is available for review on the Town website. If you are unable to attend the May Council meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall, you may submit comments to townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.

TOWN UPDATES

Tree Plantings

In May, the Town will complete its spring tree planting. In addition to planting 23 public trees in the Town rights-of-way, the Town will plant 7 canopy trees on private property as part of the Native Canopy Tree Planting Program. Information about these programs is available on the Town website.

Overgrown Vegetation

As a reminder, residents are asked to keep all streets and sidewalks clear of overgrown vegetation. Please prune vegetation to ensure unobstructed sight lines for pedestrians and motorists. The Town's vegetation maintenance standards are available for review on the Town website. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep Town streets and sidewalks safe.

Host a Block Party

The Town encourages residents to participate in a block party with their neighbors. The Town offers a subsidy of up to \$150 to cover expenses incurred by the party organizer. The organizer must submit receipts for reimbursement following the party. Receipts may not include expenses for alcohol. The block party application is available on the Town website. For more information, please contact the Town office.



New Bicycle Safety Signs in Town

The Town recently installed safety signs around Town to remind cyclists that they must obey all traffic laws and to alert both motorists and cyclists to "share the road." We hope that these new signs will make our streets safer for everyone.

Please STOP for Stop Signs

The Town wants to remind all residents and their guests to come to a complete stop at all STOP signs. Not only is this the law, it sets a good example for all drivers in the Town. Thank you for your assistance!

TOWN EVENTS

Seriously Fun Singers Return

Sunday, May 5, 4 to 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 Celebrates 10th Anniversary in May

Chevy Chase At Home has been serving seniors in the community for 10 years. We're celebrating this milestone with a festive wine reception and silent auction by invitation for our membership on May 19, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at La Ferme. Space is limited, so registration is required by calling the office at 301-657-3115 or emailing in-fo@chevy Chaseathome.org. If you know your login information, you may also register online at www.chevy Chaseathome.org.

On Tuesday evening, May 7, 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., CC@H will offer a presentation at the CC Village Hall on Scams: What You Need to Know. This is a topic of special importance to older adults, who are often targeted. Our speaker will be Jeannine Robinson-Hurley, MPS, the Education, Training and Outreach Coordinator for the State of Maryland. She will give tips on how to identify a scam, what to do if you think the caller is a scammer, and where to report such a call.



Garden Tour in Historic Chevy Chase Village

On Saturday, May 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (rain or shine), discover treasured gardens during the Chevy Chase Garden Tour, hosted by Garden Club of Chevy Chase. The event will feature eight private gardens in Chevy Chase Village. Celebrated landscape designers and landscape architects will be in the gardens they designed to discuss design choices and plant selections. Shop the Garden Boutique offering Myrtle topiaries, herbs, annuals and unique garden accessories for garden inspiration. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Visit www.gardenclubofchevy Chase.org to purchase tickets and for more information.

Lawton Center's *YAPPY HOUR!*

Thursday, May 23, 5 to 7 p.m., Lawton Center Patio -- Join your neighbors and their dogs on Lawton's outdoor patio for a paws-itively fun time! This is a FREE family-friendly special gathering for dogs and their owners. The event will feature Yap-itizers, ice cream, giveaways for the family and free dog caricatures and treats. Also, meet lovable pooches waiting to be adopted, and bring towel and blanket donations for rescued dogs in need. All dogs must be leashed (NO FLEXI LEASHES) and spayed or neutered and current on all required shots. For more information, call 240-777-6855.

Bethesda Fine Arts Festival

Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, May 12 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. -- Delight in fine art created by 130 of the nation's best artists, live entertainment and Bethesda restaurants. Located in Bethesda's Woodmont Triangle, along Norfolk, Auburn & Del Ray Avenues. Admission to the festival is FREE and free parking is available in the public parking garage on Auburn Avenue. This event is held rain or shine.

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Annual Town Meeting and Election

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Voting	8 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Town Hall
Reception	6:30 p.m.	Lawton Center Social Hall
Annual Meeting	7 p.m.	Lawton Center Social Hall

Details in the Election Issue of the FORECAST and on the Town website.

www.townofchevychase.org