



# Forecast

JUNE 2019

NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE



**Wednesday, June 5**  
Community Relations\*  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

**Sunday, June 9**  
Rockville Concert Band  
Lawton Center, 5:30 p.m.

**Monday, June 10**  
Long Range Planning\*  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 12**  
Town Council  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, June 13**  
Public Services\*  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, June 27**  
Land Use\*  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

\* Town committee meeting

## Our New Council Year

Congratulations to Cecily Baskir and Joel Rubin, who have been re-elected to the Town Council. They were sworn in for a new two-year term at our Council meeting on May 22. Wicca Davidson, Kirk Renaud and I are now entering the second year of our terms. As a result, we have the same membership on the Council as we had this past year. We have modified our positions somewhat: Cecily remains Vice Mayor, Kirk is now the Treasurer, Wicca is Secretary, Joel is taking the newly defined role of Intergovernmental and Public Liaison, and I remain Mayor. The five of us look forward to serving you this coming year.

The most important immediate task we have is finding a new town manager to replace Todd Hoffman, who is retiring after 17 years of excellent service. We have selected a search firm and advertising for the position is underway. We expect to review candidate profiles in July and hope to conduct personal interviews in August. If all goes well, we will have a new manager starting work by October. Todd has continued his good work in the meantime, and we are grateful for his service.

The Council, Town Committees and all interested residents have much to accomplish next year. Major projects include:

- Improving safety on Town streets and adjacent State roads;
- Constructing a staircase and pathway, and planting a sustainable garden, in Zimmerman Park, and making decisions on additional amenities;
- Supporting a revitalized Farm Women's Market and the conversion of the adjacent surface parking lots to parks;
- Monitoring and responding to Purple Line construction; and
- Addressing noise and pollution from landscaping equipment.

We look forward to working together on these and other projects.

-- Mayor Barney Rush



## Rockville Concert Band

Sunday, June 9, 5:30 p.m., Lawton Center Outdoor Concert

## Independence Day Picnic and Parade

July 4, 11:45 a.m.-2 p.m., Lawton Center Grounds

*See page 3 for details*



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# TOWN NEWS

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## Public Hearing on Proposed Building Code Changes

At its June 12 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on several proposed amendments to the Town's building regulations. The public hearing was originally scheduled for May 22 but was postponed so that the Town could provide required notification to Montgomery County of the proposed changes, which 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 in County land records.

A complete copy of the ordinance is available for review on the Town website. If you are unable to attend the June Council meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall, you may submit comments to [townoffice@townofchevychase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevychase.org).

## Council Approves Permit Parking Program Changes

At its April 24 meeting, the Town Council approved changes to the Town's permit parking program. The most significant change authorizes the issuance of a second permanent guest card, upon request, to households within a designated permit parking area. This change was 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. Residents who live in a designated permit parking area and wish to obtain a second guest card may contact the Town office at 301-654-7144 or [townoffice@townofchevychase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevychase.org).

The other approved changes to the Town's permit parking program were made to clarify and reflect current Town practices. A complete copy of the ordinance is available for review on the Town website.

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# TOWN UPDATES

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## Permit Parking in the Town

Parking permits and guest passes are issued to all residents who live on streets designated for permit parking and are intended for vehicles parked within the vicinity of your address only. We remind you that the Town's parking permit program is designed to make sure that residents can find convenient parking in front of or close to their homes, especially those residents living adjacent to the Bethesda Urban District. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Please Clean Up After Your Pet

The Town office has received numerous complaints about dog waste being left on the grounds of Chevy Chase Elementary School and on other public areas in Town. The Town has installed numerous dog waste stations in Town, including three around the elementary school. Leaving dog waste on school grounds is unlawful and poses a health hazard to children and others who use the school's outdoor recreational facilities. We appreciate your help in addressing this issue.

# Volunteer for Town Committees & Boards

Dear Neighbor,

Each year in June, the Town Council begins the process of seeking volunteers for the Town's committees and filling vacancies on the Town's boards and commission. We encourage you to consider volunteering for one of these bodies so we can involve as many residents as possible in Town affairs.

In July, I will appoint, with the advice of the Town Council, residents to serve on each of the Town's five standing committees, as well as on the Special Committee on Purple Line Mitigation, for a period of one year beginning in September. Following is a list of the committees, including a short description of each:

- **Climate and Environment:** Inspires and facilitates energy conservation and environmental stewardship by the Town and its residents.
- **Community Relations:** Encourages a strong sense of neighborliness through community activities and communications.
- **Land Use:** Guides building and redevelopment within the Town using available planning tools.
- **Long-Range Planning:** Identifies emerging issues that require longer-term planning and analysis; and monitors activities in county and state government likely to impact our Town.
- **Public Services:** Advocates for high-quality Town services for our residents.
- **Special Committee on Purple Line Mitigation:** Ensures that required mitigation measures are implemented and proposes additional mitigation measures, as needed. *We are particularly interested in recruiting volunteers whose properties are next to the Purple Line alignment.*

I also will appoint one resident to serve on the Town's Election Board, one resident to serve on the Town's Ethics Commission, and one resident to serve on the Town's Water Board. Following are brief descriptions of these bodies:

- **Election Board:** Oversees all Town elections, including making appropriate provisions for nominations, printing ballots, appointing tellers and/or judges and supervising the polls.
- **Ethics Commission:** Receives, verifies and maintains all financial disclosure forms required by the State of Maryland.
- **Water Board:** Hears requests by property owners who have had a water drainage plan denied by the Town.

If you are interested in volunteering to serve on any of the Town's committees, boards or commission, please submit a brief note to the Town Office **by June 28, 2019**. Your correspondence may be submitted in person, by mail or by e-mail to [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org) and should include your name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and a few sentences about why you would like to serve on that particular body.

On behalf of the entire Council, I would like to extend a special thanks to all of you who have served on one of these bodies over the past year. The dedication of your time and talents provides an invaluable resource to the Town and continues to strengthen and improve our community.

Sincerely,



Barney Rush  
Mayor

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# TOWN EVENTS

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## Rockville Concert Band

Sunday, June 9, 5:30 p.m., Lawton Center Outdoor Concert

Come hear the Rockville Concert Band play a good old-fashioned Sunday night outdoor concert. The band will play a variety of marches, movie music and more -- even the 1812 Overture! Come out for the music, but bring a few dollars to grab something delicious to eat at the *Holy Crepes* and *Tasty Grill to Go* food trucks. Chairs will be available, but feel free to bring a blanket to sit on if you wish. The playground is right there on the grounds of the Lawton Center for your children to play on while listening to the band. Plenty of parking is available too.

## Independence Day Picnic & Parade

July 4, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Lawton Center Grounds

**11:30 a.m.:** Come to the Lawton Center to decorate your bikes, scooters, wagons, and baby carriages. The Town will provide decorating supplies.

**12 p.m.: Parade and Dixieland Band**

The parade will begin at 12 p.m. led by the Dixie Land Trio.

**12:30-1:30 p.m.: Picnic**

Town residents will be treated to barbeque catered by Red, Hot & Blue and the famous Ben and Jerry's ice cream truck. Vegetarian & vegan options are available upon request. Bring your appetite and picnic blanket!

The reading of the Declaration of Independence at this event has become a tradition. We encourage readers of all ages to take part. If you would like to volunteer to read a few lines, please contact the Town Office at [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org) or 301-654-7144.

Please RSVP by June 23 to the Town Office at 301-654-7144 or [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org). Interested in volunteering for the 4<sup>th</sup>? Contact the Town Office.

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# AROUND CHEVY CHASE

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## June CC&H Highlight: Antiques Roadshow Inside Look

You won't want to miss this fascinating presentation when **Reid Dunavant**, Senior Vice President of Doyle Auctioneers DC/Mid-Atlantic Regional Office, will share a behind-the-scenes view of Antiques Roadshow, where he served as an appraiser from 2004 to 2016. He also will offer his reflections on the current antiques market. **Tuesday, June 11, 2 to 4 p.m.**, at the Chevy Chase Village Hall.

And don't forget to drop by **Brunch Bunch** at the Olympia Cafe, Brookville Road, on **Thursday, June 13, 10 to 11:30 a.m.** There's always interesting conversation at the Chevy Chase table -- just buy a coffee or even a full breakfast and join the group. All are welcome!

## Bethesda Summer Concerts

June 6 & 13, 6 - 8 p.m., Veterans Park

Live music rocks downtown Bethesda on June 6 & 13 in Veterans Park, located at the corner of Norfolk & Woodmont Avenues. Admission is free! Downtown Bethesda restaurants will be in the park for each concert selling food, beer and wine. For more information, call 301-215-6660 or visit [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org).

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