



Forecast

SEPTEMBER 2019

NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE



Wednesday, September 4

Community Relations*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 10

Town Council
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

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Public Services*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

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Town Hall, 7 p.m.

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Save the Date

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Climate Activism Discussion
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* Town committee meeting

**Request a Native Canopy
or Street Tree**

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Town Committees Are Ready...

The Town's five standing committees are ready to begin their work this fall. We have a good roster of volunteers, with both returning and new members. Dedun Ingram will chair the Long Range Planning Committee, with Joel Rubin serving as council liaison. Dave Eason will lead the Public Services Committee, with Cecily Baskir serving as liaison; Wicca Davidson will continue to do double duty as both chair of and liaison to the Community Relations Committee; Irene Lane will chair the Climate & Environment Committee, with Kirk Renaud as liaison; and Lees Hartman will chair the Land Use Committee, for which I will continue as liaison. A special thanks to those who chair these committees and lead their important work.

We have not received an adequate response to reconstitute the special committee on Purple Line mitigation this fall. However, the Council and Town staff will follow the construction progress closely and communicate with affected residents. And we encourage residents to participate in the bi-monthly meetings of the Tri-Neighborhood Group, which brings together residents from the Town and adjacent communities to discuss common issues, such as landscaping and noise reduction.

...And We Have a Busy Agenda

Highlighted below are just a few of the key issues that will engage the Council and the Committees over the next year:

- **Town Safety:** A major traffic study will be undertaken next year, and the Public Services Committee and Town Council will then consider measures to reduce and calm traffic in Town. A review of Town-wide parking also is on the agenda.
- **Zimmerman Park:** We will complete the Lee Dennison Sustainable Garden; continue planning for a staircase to East West Highway; and undertake a review, with resident involvement, of other possible amenities for Zimmerman Park, including a possible dog exercise area.
- **Parking Lots to Parks:** The developers of the Farm Women's Market site have further modified their redevelopment plans, adding materially to the future park area comprised of much of the adjacent parking lots. They would like to present their revised plans to the Town in late September; and we will schedule a Town Hall meeting, which will be publicized on the Town Crier and Town website.

We encourage your input on these important issues. Please attend our public meetings, or just let us know your views.

-- Mayor Barney Rush

NEWS & NOTES

Lee Dennison Sustainable Garden is Underway!

Construction of the Lee Dennison Sustainable Garden in Zimmerman Park began in late July. The hardscape improvements, including the seating areas and pathways, have been installed, and the native plants will be installed in September. The Town will hold an official dedication ceremony next spring. Please visit the Town website (www.townofchevy Chase.org) for project updates and photos!

Special Announcement About Glass Recycling

Effective immediately, the Town's recycling contractor **NO LONGER ACCEPTS GLASS** because it breaks during transport contaminating other materials and causing machinery damage. In addition, the worldwide market for recycled glass has dropped precipitously, making it uneconomical for many communities to continue accepting glass in single stream recycling programs.

However, if you don't want your glass waste to end up in the incinerator, the Montgomery County Transfer Station (16101 Frederick Road, Derwood) accepts **CLEAN GLASS** (clear, green and brown bottles and jars only). Or you may be able to take it to an office, store, place of worship, or another place where glass still is recycled. The Town is looking for a better, long-term solution to this issue, and we will keep you posted.

Request a Native Canopy or Street Tree



The Town is preparing its fall 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.



Centennial Oral History Project

As part of the celebration of the Town's centennial, the Town is embarking on an Oral History Project. Building on the work of the 2004 History Committee, which conducted interviews with 12 Town residents, the Centennial Oral History Project will continue this work and provide valuable historical information for present and future generations through the lens of a personal interview. The oral histories will be conducted and completed by professionally trained public historian Dr. Joan Zenzen, who has extensive experience in oral history interviews and a great talent for encouraging those she interviews to share their stories. She has completed short oral history projects for many organizations, including Montgomery History and the National Park Service. The Town hopes to start these interviews this fall and welcomes your ideas. If you wish to share your thoughts on this project, please email the Town office at townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.

TRASH & TREASURES

The Town's fall Trash and Treasures is scheduled for the weekend of **September 21 & 22**. 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, September 20.
- 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**. 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, September 23**, 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 pickup.

Hazardous Waste Disposal

The Household Hazardous Waste receiving area at the Shady Grove Transfer Station is located in the recycling drop-off section of the Public Unloading Area, 16101 Frederick Road, 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 be received only 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. For a complete list of items accepted or for more information, search online for "Montgomery County Maryland Hazardous Waste Disposal."

New Homes for Old Bikes



Bikes for the World's 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 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 *Friends of the Library, Montgomery County* (FOLMC) on **Saturday, September 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 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 Works* Clothing Center provides 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, September 21 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, September 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** The Town will accept donations for *A Wider Circle*, which 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 furnish@awidercircle.org or **301-608-3504**, 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, September 21 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, September 21 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, September 21 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 <https://www.habitatmm.org/> 301-947-3304



Town Council Addresses Noise from Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers

Town residents have long expressed concerns about high noise levels and pollution from gas-powered leaf blowers. The emergence of battery-powered equipment now offers a quieter alternative. Therefore, the Town Council has updated the Noise Ordinance to reduce permissible operating hours for gas-powered leaf blowers.

Effective September 1, 2019, the permissible time frame for the operation of gas-powered leaf blowers will be reduced by one hour in both the mornings and evenings on weekdays. As an incentive to contractors and property owners to make the switch to quieter, cleaner equipment, electric and battery-powered leaf blowers will not be subject to the same restrictions. Operating hours for other equipment have not changed. The Council hopes that this modest schedule update, along with future educational programs and product demonstrations, will encourage residents and landscaping companies to consider electric and battery-powered equipment. Whatever equipment you choose to use, we ask you to be considerate of neighbors and help make our community quieter and more peaceful.

A table summarizing the Town's updated noise regulations is below.

New Landscape Equipment Operating Hours

<u>Landscaping Equipment Type</u>	<u>Permissible Operation Hours</u>	
	<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Weekends/Holidays</u>
Gas-Powered Leaf Blower	9 a.m. - 7 p.m.	9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Electric/Battery-Powered Equipment	8 a.m. - 8 p.m.	9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Other Gas-Powered Equipment	8 a.m. - 8 p.m.	9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

More Information

The complete ordinance can be found on the Town website. If you have any questions, please contact the Town Office at 301-654-7144 or by email at townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.

If you use a landscaping company, please share this information with them. Translations in several languages are available upon request.



El Consejo Municipal aborda el ruido de los sopladores de hojas a gasolina (gas leaf blowers)

Los residentes de la ciudad han expresado una creciente preocupación por el alto nivel de ruido y contaminación que producen los sopladores de hojas a gasolina. La aparición de equipo a baterías ahora ofrece una alternativa más silenciosa. Por lo tanto, el Consejo Municipal ha actualizado la Ordenanza sobre el ruido para reducir el horario en que podrán usarse los sopladores de hojas a gasolina.

Desde el 1 de septiembre de 2019, el horario permitido para el funcionamiento de sopladores de hojas a gasolina tendrá una hora menos por la mañana y otra hora menos por la tarde durante los días de semana. Como incentivo para los contratistas y residentes para que cambien a equipo más limpio y silencioso, los sopladores de hojas eléctricos y a batería no se verán sujetos a las mismas restricciones. El horario para los demás equipos no ha cambiado.

El Consejo espera que este modesto cambio, junto con futuros programas educativos y demostraciones de productos, animará a residentes y compañías de jardinería a considerar el equipo eléctrico y a batería. Cualquiera sea el equipo que usted desee utilizar, le pedimos que sea considerado con sus vecinos y que nos ayude a tener una comunidad más tranquila y silenciosa.

Nuevo horario de uso del equipo de jardinería

<u>Tipo de equipo de jardinería</u>	<u>Horas de Operación Permitidas</u>	
	<u>Entre semana</u>	<u>Fines de semana/Feriados</u>
Soplador de hojas a gasolina	9 a.m. – 7 p.m.	9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Equipo eléctrico o a batería	8 a.m. – 8 p.m.	9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Demás equipo a gasolina	8 a.m. – 8 p.m.	9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Más información

La Ordenanza de ruido en su versión completa se encuentra en el sitio electrónico de Town of Chevy Chase. Si tiene preguntas, comuníquese con la oficina municipal llamando al (301) 654-7144, o por correo electrónico en townoffice@townofchevychase.org.

Si utiliza una empresa de jardinería, comparta esta información con ellos.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Town's Second Acoustic Music Jam

Thursday, September 19, 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@townofchevychase.org or 301-654-7144.

Landscape Noise, Pollution & Solutions

Saturday, September 28, 9-11 a.m., Chevy Chase Village Hall

An expert panel including Dr. Jamie Banks, Executive Director of Quiet Communities, and Chuck Elkins, Washington, DC ANC Commissioner and former Director of Noise Control and Federal Air Pollution Control Programs at EPA, will talk about initiatives nationally and locally to move away from noisy and polluting landscaping practices, and why phasing out use of gas-powered leaf blowers improves our well-being and the health of the community.

This information session is designed to help educate Chevy Chase residents about ways to reduce noise and harmful pollution associated with gas-powered landscape equipment and create a quieter, healthier environment for our community. The Town of Chevy Chase and Somerset are co-sponsoring this event, which is open to all and being organized by the Chevy Chase Village Environment and Energy Committee. Please RSVP to ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov. Refreshments will be served.

SAVE THE DATE: Raskin to Discuss Climate Activism

Thursday, October 10, 7-8:30 p.m., Town Hall

Congressman Jamie Raskin and Town resident Jessica Langerman, Founder of ClimateXChange, will discuss the core ideas and challenges behind the Green New Deal and Carbon Pricing. Learn what these terms mean and about current state and federal proposals that address climate change -- and leave with an action plan for what you can do to help. Sweets and beverages with a low carbon footprint will be provided. RSVP to townoffice@townofchevychase.org or 301-654-7144. Space is limited.

The Town of Chevy Chase Welcomes Students Back to School

DRIVE WITH CARE! WALK WITH CAUTION!

Please observe all posted traffic and parking signs in the vicinity of Chevy Chase Elementary School.

Please remember that all dogs must be leashed when on school property, and owners must pick up after their pets.



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AROUND CHEVY CHASE

CC@H September 2019 Events

SPEND AN EVENING WITH MURRAY HORWITZ: Murray Horwitz, Tony-Award winning playwright, lyricist, director and currently host of WAMU's *The Big Broadcast*, will be our guest speaker on September 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Village Hall. For more information, and to pre-register, visit www.chevychaseathome.org or call 301-657-3115.

EXERCISE CLASSES: The new nine-week sessions will begin on Wednesday, September 4, with Zumba Gold from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Music and Movement from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Classes will be held in the CC Village Hall. Call 301-657-3115 or visit www.chevychaseathome.org for details.

BRUNCH BUNCH: Drop by the Olympia Cafe on Brookville Road on Thursday, September 12, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Just buy a little something delicious and join the CC@H table to chat with neighbors.

Chevy Chase At Home (CC@H) is a non-profit organization that helps local seniors "age in place." Full members have access to many exciting cultural, educational, social, and health & wellness events. They also enjoy a broad array of volunteer-provided services, including home safety visits, rides to medical and other appointments, and computer assistance. All adults (60+) may join as Members, and adults of any age may become Associates and Volunteers.

JOIN CC@H NOW by calling 301-657-3115 or visiting www.chevychaseathome.org.