



# Forecast

DECEMBER 2019

NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE



**Monday, December 2**  
Long Range Planning  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 4**  
Community Relations  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, December 5**  
Land Use  
Lawton Center, 7 p.m.

**Friday, December 6**  
Family Movie Night  
Town Hall, 5:30 p.m.  
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**Monday, December 9**  
Town Council  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 11**  
Seniors' Holiday Buffet  
Town Hall, 12 p.m.  
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**Thursday, December 12**  
Public Services  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, December 14**  
Cookie & Cookbook Swap  
Town Hall, 3 p.m.  
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**December 24 & 25**  
Christmas Holiday  
Town Office Closed

**December 31 & January 1**  
New Year's Holiday  
Town Office Closed

\* Town Committee meeting

## The Climate & Environment Committee

The Town's Climate & Environment Committee (CEC) enjoys participation from a great group of Town residents with expertise, experience, and interest in environmental issues. Following a very successful Green Town Fair in 2018, CEC committee members engaged in a thorough and collaborative process to create and refine a list of potential projects for 2019. After gathering feedback from residents using an online survey tool, the top priorities were matched up with volunteers to create task teams, each producing an event or policy recommendations for the Town Council. The task teams delivered on several important projects this year:

- The Landscape Noise Reduction Team worked on ways to limit noise from landscaping equipment, including an ordinance to expand "quiet hours" and workshops with other communities to discuss a potential ban on gas-powered leaf blowers and demonstrate the benefits of battery-powered equipment.
- The Triple R Team (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) helped launch the Town's successful glass recycling program and worked with the Community Relations Committee to eliminate the use of plastic water bottles and other plastic items at Town events.
- The Sustainable Garden Team completed the first phase of the Lee Dennison Sustainable Garden in Zimmerman Park. Look for the Grand Opening next spring!
- CEC teams also produced an event about Carbon Pricing and the Green New Deal featuring Congressman Raskin; promoted discussions about Community Solar; and organized a "Forest Bathing" seminar and nature hike in Rock Creek Park.

CEC is considering a wide range of projects for 2020. For example, should we replace Town streetlights with efficient LEDs? Research options for better recycling outcomes? Meet over a vegetarian potluck dinner to learn about food impacts on climate change? Keep pushing for cleaner, quieter landscape equipment? We need YOUR input to decide which of the nineteen potential projects should be priorities for the Town. **Please help us pick winning projects** by taking a short survey, available on the Town website.

Many thanks to our awesome chairperson, Irene Lane, and all the CEC members who helped task teams accomplish so much this year -- Simma Kupchan, Betsy Johnson, Judy McGuire, Stuart Sessions, Sheila Blum, Daniel Clohossey, Julia Craighill, Matilde Farren, Chris Files, Catherine Hackett, Bridget Hartman, Ronni Jolles, Sally Kelly, John Kolakowski, Jessica Langerman, Kirsty Little, Paul Magnusson, Thornton Matheson, Marcie Meditch, Susanna Montezemolo, Steve Seidel, Kathy Strom, Vicky Taplin, and Julie Trocchio.

-- Councilmember Kirk Renaud  
Treasurer & CEC Liaison

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# TOWN NEWS & NOTES

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## Leaf Vacuuming to End in Mid-December



Vacuum trucks will collect leaves continually, street by street, through mid-December. All leaves should be raked to the curb, not into the street. After collection has ended, please place leaves in reusable containers or paper yard waste bags and place them at the curb by 7 a.m. for Monday yard waste collection. The final leaf collection date will be announced via Town Crier.

## Preparations for Winter Weather

The Town's Winter Weather Preparedness flyer is available on the homepage of the Town website.



### Town Office Closures

The Town office will be closed on December 24 & 25 and on December 31 & January 1. On December 23 & 30, the Town office will be closed, but Town staff will monitor voicemail and email remotely and will respond to any issues or emergencies reported on those days.

### Holiday Trash Collection

Recycling will not be collected on Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25 or on New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1. Following each holiday, recycling will be collected on Thursday or Friday, coinciding with your regular household trash collection day.

## Climate & Environment Committee 2020 Priorities Survey

The Climate & Environment Committee is conducting an online survey so residents can provide input on its list of nineteen proposed initiatives for 2020. Initiatives include events, campaigns, research, and projects. The survey is open until December 13, and results will be provided during a committee meeting on Tuesday, January 7 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall. A link to the survey can be found on the home page of the Town website.

## Lee Dennison Sustainable Garden -- First Phase Complete

As many residents have noticed, the first phase of the Lee Dennison Sustainable Garden is complete, but there is still work to be done. The Town has closed the garden for the winter to protect the plantings and make some repairs. We ask that people and pets stay out of the garden until next spring, when finishing touches should be in place in preparation for a Grand Opening Celebration in April or May.

## Water and Sewer Emergencies

Please report any water main breaks or other water or sewer emergencies to WSSC at 301-206-4002. Also, we encourage residents to report emergencies to the Town office when it is open. When the office is closed, or on evenings, weekends, and holidays, please contact an elected official. Town staff and Councilmembers can escalate matters with WSSC officials if there is no, or a slow, response. Additionally, WSSC has a Customer Notification System (CNS) that alerts customers about water main breaks and related repairs. To sign up, visit <https://www.wsscwater.com/connect-1>.

### RECYCLING TIP OF THE MONTH

Items such as plastic bottles, yogurt and soup containers can be recycled by our recycling contractor. However, all containers must be clean. In addition, please leave the caps and lids on the containers so they do not clog the recycling machinery.



You cannot recycle clamshell food containers, plastic cups, plates or utensils, plastic tablecloths or Styrofoam. If you must use disposable tableware, please look for compostable products.

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# TOWN EVENTS

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## Family Movie Night – *Toy Story 4*

Friday, December 6, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall

Family Movie Night is back! Join us for *Toy Story 4*. Heartwarming, funny, and beautifully animated, the movie manages the unlikely feat of extending a practically perfect animated saga. The film is rated G and has a runtime of 100 minutes. It has a Rotten Tomato rating of 97%. Come at 5:30 p.m. for pizza, snacks, and juice. The movie will start at 6 p.m. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. RSVP to [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org) or 301-654-7144.

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## Cookie & Cookbook Exchange Party

Saturday, December 14, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Town Hall



What is a cookie exchange party? Everyone bakes one kind of cookie (2 dozen or more). Participants bring cookie tins or plastic bags and will circle the room, gathering up different kinds of cookies. The result is that everyone goes home with dozens of different cookies that make great holiday gifts or treats for the family! Bring cookbooks that you no longer want and swap for a coveted book! Apple cider and mulled wine served. RSVP to [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org) or 301-654-7144 or by Friday, December 13 to participate.

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## 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Buffet for Seniors and Retirees

Wednesday, December 11, 12 p.m., Town Hall

Join friends and neighbors at the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Buffet for Town Seniors and Retirees on Wednesday, December 11 at noon in the Town Hall. While you feast on a delicious meal, you will have a chance to visit with old friends and meet some new ones. Please RSVP to 301-654-7144 or [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org). We look forward to seeing you!

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## Brighten the Holidays for Domestic Violence Victims



It's time for the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Gift Drive when we collect donations for local victims of domestic violence and their children, who are clients of the Montgomery County Family Justice Center and Chesapeake Counseling for Children. As in past years, we ask you to be generous and extend a helping hand to these needy families. This drive is coordinated by the Community Relations Committee.

Gift cards in denominations from \$10 to \$50 for stores such as Target, Marshalls, Kohl's, Ross, Giant, or Sears will be greatly appreciated. You may also write a check to the MCFJC Foundation. Please deliver your donation to the Town Office or mail it to 4301 Willow Lane, Chevy Chase, MD 20815 (to receive an acknowledgment for tax purposes, be sure to include your name and e-mail address). The deadline for collecting gift cards and check is Monday, December 16 -- but they are accepted gratefully at any time of the year. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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## Winter Outerwear Clothing Drive

November 1 – February 28

The Town's Community Relations Committee, working with the Lawton Community Center, is collecting clean, gently used or never used warm coats, gloves, mittens, scarves, hats, sweaters, pants, and socks to donate to InterFaith Works Clothing Center. Clothing boxes for your donations are in the Town Hall (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and the Lawton Community Center (Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.).

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# AROUND CHEVY CHASE

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## Celebrate the Season with Chevy Chase at Home

CC@H invites you to our annual **Holiday Party** on **Tuesday, December 17, 2 to 4 p.m.** at the Chevy Chase Village Hall. Come join in the fun and good cheer with friends and neighbors and enjoy delicious seasonal refreshments and holiday entertainment!

Brunch Bunch this month will be on **Thursday, December 12, 10 to 11:30 a.m.**, at the **Olympia Cafe** on Brookville Road. Drop in and buy a coffee or even a full breakfast and pull up a chair at the CC@H table for some stimulating conversation. Hope to see you there

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](http://www.chevychaseathome.org).



## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Gift Drive

*See inside for details*

