



Forecast

JANUARY 2020

NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE



Friday, January 3
Family Movie Night
Town Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, January 6
Long Range Planning*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 7
Climate & Environment*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 8
Town Council
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, January 9
Land Use*
Lawton Center, 7 p.m.

Thursday, January 9
Public Services*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Friday, January 10
Movie Night for Grown Ups
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Monday, January 20
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Town office closed.

Thursday, January 30
Land Use*
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

* Town Committee meeting

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A Master Plan for Zimmerman Park

The Town has deliberated carefully over the past year on possible improvements to Zimmerman Park. At its December work session, the Council reviewed various community proposals for park amenities to complement the sustainable garden that was recently completed in the southern end of the park. We also discussed how to balance the interests of those who support a dog exercise area with other desired park uses and the concerns of nearby residents.

At the close of our discussion, the Council agreed that the park should be a multi-use space that could include the following components:

- Improved drainage and turf for the open lawn area at the northern end of the park;
- A natural children's play area, located between the new garden and the open lawn area;
- An attractive fence to enclose a majority of the lawn area, protecting children and pets from East West Highway and Maple Avenue;
- An occasional off-leash dog exercise area with a temporary fence to fully enclose the lawn area;
- A dense vegetative buffer on the hillside below East West Highway, designed to obscure the road and traffic from the park and nearby homes;
- Benches, tables and walkways.

To advance consideration of these improvements, the Council asked the Town Manager to engage a landscape architect, who can update the conceptual drawings and undertake detailed design work. The Council also asked the Land Use Committee to solicit community feedback about these plans as they are developed.

This step forward does not represent a final decision. The Council will need to vote on specific amenities and improvements as they are designed and budgeted. Additional deliberations will be required on the use of the park, including operating policies and procedures. But we have charted a way forward to increase the use and enjoyment of this important green space for all Town residents.

-- Mayor Barney Rush

TOWN NEWS & NOTES

Town Continues Push for SHA Safety Improvements

In an ongoing effort to improve public safety along East West Highway, the Town recently asked the State Highway Administration (SHA) to install a pedestrian-activated, red-light signal at the crosswalk at Maple Avenue. The SHA previously agreed to install a flashing yellow signal at this crosswalk, but the Town Council was concerned that this type of signal would be insufficient to halt traffic to allow for safe pedestrian crossings. This concern was shared by other public officials and government agencies. The State's District 18 delegation, County Councilmember Andrew Friedson, and the County's Planning Director all wrote letters to the SHA in support of the Town's request. The SHA responded that it will defer consideration of a yellow warning signal at this crosswalk and will reevaluate pedestrian safety improvements, including our request for a pedestrian-activated, red-light signal. We hope to hear from the SHA early in the new year about its long-term plans for this crosswalk, and we will provide updates, as available, in this newsletter.

Please Remember to Shovel Your Sidewalk

Following inclement weather, it is important to ensure that the sidewalk adjacent to your house is cleared of snow and ice. If the accumulated snowfall is less than 6 inches, you are responsible for clearing the sidewalk. The Town will clear the sidewalks when snow accumulates to 6 inches or more.



Recycle Your Christmas Tree!

The Town offers curbside pickup of Christmas trees. All wire, ornaments and tinsel must be removed. Please place the tree at the curb by 7 a.m. on Monday for regular yard waste collection.

Connect with the Town

Residents may sign up on the Town website to receive Town Crier emails, Alert TOCC voice messages and an electronic copy of the FORECAST newsletter. Information on how to connect with the Town using Facebook and Twitter also is posted on the Town's website.

11th Annual Town Thanksgiving Basket Thank You!

One hundred families in MCPS elementary schools received overflowing, brightly decorated food baskets for the 2019 Thanksgiving weekend. A heartfelt thanks to Town residents, Town and Lawton Community Center staff, and the B-CC High School crew team for all their help. They helped contribute towards the purchase of food, lent their artistic talents in painting box lids, and unloaded, sorted, and packed three thousand pounds of groceries. We have received quite a few lovely notes of appreciation, and many are now at the Town Office. In the words of one school coordinator, "You have made a great difference in many families once again. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. We really feel fortunate to have you as our community partners."

RECYCLING TIP OF THE MONTH



How to Properly Recycle Paper and Cardboard: You can recycle newspaper; mail (envelopes with windows are okay); catalogs; magazines; mixed paper; newspaper inserts; books; corrugated cardboard; flattened cereal boxes (remove liner); shredded paper placed in paper bags secured by staples; and egg cartons made of cardboard. Please ensure that these items do not get wet; otherwise, they will be sent to the incinerator, and wet paper may contaminate other paper in the truck. Pizza boxes can be recycled only if they are not greasy or have food stuck on them. Alternatively, you can put the pizza box out for composting -- just place it under the compost bin. Learn more about composting and recycling on the Town's website (search "Trash").

TOWN EVENTS

Family Movie Night -- *The Lego Movie*

Friday, January 3, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall



Join us for *The Lego Movie*! Boasting beautiful animation, a charming voice cast, laugh-a-minute gags, and a surprisingly thoughtful story, this movie is colorful fun for all ages. The film is rated PG and has a runtime of 100 minutes.

This movie has a Rotten Tomato rating of 96%. 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 or 301-654-7144.

Movie Night for Grown Ups -- *The Biggest Little Farm*

Friday, January 10, 7 p.m., Town Hall

The Biggest Little Farm chronicles the eight-year quest of two dreamers and their dog as they trade city living for 200 acres to embark on an odyssey to bring harmony to both their lives and the land. This movie has a Rotten Tomato viewer rating 96%.

Stay after the movie and participate in an interactive discussion led by members of the Climate & Environment Committee about the Town's new Lee Dennison Sustainable Garden. This event is brought to you by both the Community Relations and the Climate & Environment Committees. Savory snacks and wine will be served. Come at 7 p.m. to mingle and munch. Movie will start at 7:30 p.m. RSVP to townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.

26th Annual Chili Dinner

Sunday, February 9, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Jane E. Lawton Center

Beat the winter blues with chili (vegan chili too!), hot dogs, sides, and desserts. The Annual Chili Dinner will be held at a new location this year, the [Social Hall of the Jane E. Lawton Center](#). To continue the Town's support of Manna Food Center, please do not forget your checks or cash to help feed families in Montgomery County. As always, chili will be served by your Community Relations Committee.

Please RSVP for this popular dinner to 301-654-7144 or townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.

Winter Outerwear Clothing Drive

Continues until February 29

Feeling the cold? So are the men, women and children who depend on Interfaith Works to keep them warm. Please donate clean, gently used or never used warm coats, gloves, mittens, scarves, hats, sweaters, pants and socks to those in need.



Clothing boxes for your donations are located in the Town Hall (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and in the Lawton Community Center (Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.). This drive is coordinated by the Town's Community Relations Committee.

In 2020, **MVA on Wheels** will begin its twenty-second year of service in Friendship Heights. The bus will park on Friendship Boulevard adjacent to the Village Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on January 28, February 25, March 24, April 21, May 19, and June 23.

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AROUND CHEVY CHASE

Let CC@H Brighten January with Yesteryear Comedy!

Remember Victor Borge? The New York Times called him an “irrepressible musical humorist” and “the comedian of the keyboard.” A concert pianist, conductor, and a comedian, Borge hosted a popular TV series in the 50’s and 60’s. Recent neighbor Rae Cooper will bring some of her favorite episodes of the show and remind us of some of his most popular humorous moments. Prepare to chase away those winter doldrums with lots of laughs! Join us on **Tuesday, January 21, 2 to 4 p.m.** at the Chevy Chase Village Hall.

Join us a bit earlier in the month for **Brunch Bunch on January 9, 10 to 11:30 a.m.** at the **Olympia Cafe** on Brookville Road. It’s a great way to get together with neighbors for coffee and conversation. Just buy a cup of coffee and pull up a chair!

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.