



# Forecast

MARCH 2020

NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE



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

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

**Friday, March 6**  
*Mad Science*  
Town Hall, 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday, March 12**  
Town Council  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, March 12**  
Public Services\*  
Lawton Center, 7 p.m.

**Sunday, March 22**  
Soup's On  
Town Hall, 4 p.m.

**Thursday, March 26**  
Land Use\*  
Town Hall, 7 p.m.

\* Town committee meeting

Save the Date!

**Saturday and Sunday,**  
**April 25-26**  
Spring Trash and  
Treasures  
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## Let's Keep our Tree Canopy

My wife Marjorie and I took a lovely walk through the Town this past Sunday and were amazed to see – in mid-February! - not only crocuses, but daffodils in full bloom. We also saw men taking down diseased canopy trees that, as we all know, have been hard hit this past year. In December, we had to cut down a beautiful white oak that had graced our lawn for 100 years. My colleagues and I therefore want to remind residents of the Town's valuable - and free! - tree planting and preservation programs. It is up to us to keep our majestic canopy.

The Town's **Consulting Arborist Program** provides free consulting services by the Town arborist every two years. Dr. Feather will visit and provide a report on tree health and care specific to your property. This report will help you make informed decisions on preserving and maintaining your tree canopy. You may also take advantage of the Town's **Private Canopy Tree Maintenance Program**. This program encourages us to care for our trees by reimbursing a resident 75% of the costs for eligible tree maintenance activities approved by the Town arborist, up to \$1,000 per residence per fiscal year.

The Town also offers a **Native Canopy Tree Planting Program** which provides free canopy trees to residents. When a homeowner requests a tree, the arborist will evaluate the property to determine an appropriate location. The Town purchases the trees, pays for installation, and provides a water bag to assist residents with the care needed in the critical first year after planting. Residents are responsible for the long-term care of the tree(s). Please sign up for this program before the end of March. You can do so on the Town website.

Under the Town's **Street Tree Planting Program** for public property, the Town plants approximately 80 street trees each year at the request of homeowners and with the recommendation of the Town arborist.

In addition to the programs mentioned above, the Town maintains the 2,000 street trees that are currently growing in the public space. The Town's arborist evaluates each public tree during the growing season. Based on his findings, and at the request of homeowners, the Town provides tree care and appropriate pest management.

Finally, we would like to encourage each of you to add some more color to the Town's public space. The Town allows residents to install low-growing flowers and plants on public property adjacent to their home, between curb and sidewalk. For more details, please visit the Town website. I wish all of you a happy, and beautiful, spring!

- Barney Rush, Mayor

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# TOWN NEWS

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## Public Hearings Scheduled for March Council Meeting

### West Avenue School Zone Speed Limit and Traffic and Parking Plan

On March 12, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on establishing a 15 mile per hour school zone speed limit on the 6800 block of West Avenue. The proposed school zone speed limit is intended to slow traffic and improve pedestrian safety next to the Oneness-Family School.

The Council will also hold a public hearing on a proposed traffic and parking management plan for West Avenue. The Council held a public hearing on a proposed plan at the February 19 Council Meeting. Following the hearing, the Council asked the Town traffic engineer to evaluate several options to modify the plan based on suggestions raised during the public hearing. The goal is to improve traffic flow in the block of West Avenue between Ridge Street and Bradley Lane.

A copy of the ordinance to establish the school zone speed limit, a copy of the proposed resolution to implement the traffic and parking plan, and a map of the plan are available for review on the Town website and in the Town office.

### Permit and Variance Procedures for Small Cell Applications

On March 12, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on proposed changes to the Town's telecommunications regulations. The changes include the addition of permitting and variance procedures for applicants for small cell tower deployments within the Town. Specifically, the amendments: 1) require an applicant for a County telecommunications permit to file a permit with the Town within a certain timeframe so that the Town can provide adequate notice to residents who may wish to participate in the County review process; and 2) provide for a variance process that would allow the Town Council to conduct its own hearing if an applicant cannot meet the Town's design criteria for telecommunications facilities. A complete copy of the proposed ordinance is available for review on the Town website.

If you are unable to attend the March Council meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall, you may submit comments to the Town Office at 4301 Willow Lane or [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org).

## Participate in the 2020-2021 Budget Process

In March, the Town Council will begin to discuss and develop the Town's operating and capital budgets for the 2021 fiscal year, which begins on July 1, 2020 and continues through June 30, 2021.

At its monthly meeting on **Thursday, March 12**, the Town Council will hold a special public comment period to hear from residents about next year's budget and which new or ongoing initiatives they would like to see funded. Following this meeting, the Council will hold a work session on **Monday, March 30** to review the proposed budget that the staff and Treasurer have prepared.

There will be a public hearing on the final proposed budget at the Annual Meeting on **Tuesday, May 5** before the Council adopts the budget at a subsequent meeting.

Throughout the budget development process, the Town Council will consider suggestions from residents about what projects they would like to see funded. The Council also will consider the Town's property tax rates and the amount of monies to set aside in a reserve fund for emergencies.

### Speed Camera Installed on East West Highway

The Town is pleased to announce that the Montgomery County Police Department has installed a new speed camera on East West Highway. The camera was placed in response to safety concerns raised by the Town related to excessive eastbound vehicular speeds near the pedestrian crosswalk at Maple Avenue. The camera is one of Montgomery County's mobile camera units which are rotated through several locations throughout the county.

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# TOWN EVENTS

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The following events are brought to you by the Town's Community Relations Committee.

## Mad Science Event for Families



Friday, March 6, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall -- Please join the Community Relations Committee for our last family event of the winter, as *Mad Science* presents "Spectacular Science: Fire and Ice." At this interactive, entertaining, and educational show, children will be dazzled as they learn about the science behind magic with a disappearing water trick, exciting fire reactions, foggy dry ice clouds, and more. Pizza will be served at 5:30 p.m., and the 45-minute show will begin at 6 p.m. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Please RSVP to 301-654-7144 or [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org) as space is limited for this event.

## Town Cook Off – Soup's On!

Sunday, March 22, 4 p.m., Town Hall -- This year at our annual cooking contest, we are revisiting one of our most popular past foods – SOUP! Two judges and the best soup chefs of the Town will meet at our second soup challenge. Soups will be tasted and judged, and prizes will be given! Cooks – get your best soup recipes ready. To RSVP as a chef or an attendee, contact the Town at 301-654-7144 or [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org). Chefs will be given additional instructions when they RSVP.

### Save the Date for Trash and Treasures

The Town's spring Trash and Treasures is scheduled for the weekend of April 25 & 26. The Alternatives to Trash and Treasures event will be on **Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** The Town-wide bulk trash pick-up will be on Monday, April 27.



## Holiday Gift Drive - Record Setting Generosity & More

The Community Relations Committee is pleased to report a **record-setting \$5,517** in gift cards and checks which helped victims of domestic violence through the **Montgomery County Family Justice Center and Chesapeake Counseling**. In addition to making this past holiday season brighter with gifts to these families, the remaining gift cards will help children who receive summer camp scholarships buy swimsuits and towels. Yet another reason to be thankful to be part of our wonderful community in the Town of Chevy Chase.

The Chili Dinner was a great success! Not only did the Community Relations Committee feed over 200 Town residents, the gym was bouncing with basketballs & children, and we raised **\$1600 for Manna**. Keep an eye out for a Town Crier with an online survey for your comments.

## Healthy Lawns Without Synthetic Fertilizers or Pesticides

Thursday, March 12, 7:30 p.m., Chevy Chase Village Hall -- Please join Mary Travaglini, Sustainable Landscapes Manager for the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection, to learn about healthy soils and tips for maintaining your lawn naturally. This presentation will include information about the Montgomery County Healthy Lawns Act, which restricts the use of non-essential pesticides on lawns/turf in public parks and on private property. The talk is organized by Chevy Chase Village and is open to all Chevy Chase communities.

### RECYCLING TIP OF THE MONTH

**How to Properly Compost**-- You can compost anything of organic origin including all household food scraps, meat, bones, fish, scales, shellfish shells, and eggshells. Plants and flowers can be composted too, if they have not died of disease or been treated with pesticides. A complete composting guide can be found on the Town website.

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# COUNCIL ELECTION 2020

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## TOWN ELECTION

The Town's 2020 election will be held on **Tuesday, May 5**. Town residents will select three candidates in the 2020 election, each to serve on the Council for a 2-year term. The terms of Wicca Davidson, Kirk Renaud and Barney Rush will expire in May.

Town elections are governed by the provisions of Chapter 8 of the Town's Municipal Code and election procedures adopted by the Town Council.

## CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for office, a candidate must be a citizen of the United States; at least 18 years of age; have resided in the Town for at least one year immediately preceding the election; and be a registered voter of the State of Maryland in Montgomery County.

## CANDIDATE NOMINATING PROCEDURES

To be designated as a candidate on the printed ballot, a resident must submit a completed **nominating petition** to the Town office before **5 p.m.** on **Tuesday, April 14**, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday preceding the election. The petition must show the consent of the individual to become a candidate and hold office. A petition must contain the signatures of five qualified voters of the Town other than the candidate. Nominating petitions are available in the Town office and on the Town website as a convenience to residents. Nominating petitions are public documents and are subject to public inspection.

## WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

To be qualified for election, a write-in candidate must file a certificate of candidacy before 5 p.m. on **Tuesday, April 28**, the 7<sup>th</sup> calendar day preceding the election. There will be appropriate blanks on the printed ballot for the purpose of adding write-in candidates at the time of the election.

## FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

A candidate for office is required to submit a **financial disclosure statement** at the time the candidate submits a nominating petition or certificate of candidacy, as applicable. The financial disclosure form is available for review in the Town office. Once filed, financial disclosure statements are public documents and are subject to public inspection.

## CANDIDATES' FORUM

The candidates will be invited to participate in a moderated forum and dialogue with the community prior to the election.

The Election Board will accept questions in advance from Town residents. Please email questions to [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org).

## NOTICE OF CANDIDATES

Information about the nominated candidates will be mailed to all residents 2 weeks before the election. Notice of the filing of a certificate of candidacy for a write-in candidate will be provided to Town residents within 24 hours of the filing.

## VOTING ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to vote, residents who are U.S. citizens must be at least 18 years of age; have resided in the Town for at least 30 days immediately preceding the election; and be a registered voter of the State of Maryland in Montgomery County. Residents who are not U.S. citizens must be legally authorized to reside in the United States; at least 18 years of age; have resided in the Town for at least 30 days immediately preceding the election; and be registered to vote with the Town. Voter registration forms for non-U.S. citizen residents are available on the Town website and in the Town office.

## POLL LOCATION AND HOURS

The poll will be located in the Town Hall, 4301 Willow Lane. The poll will be open from **8 a.m. to 8 p.m.** on election day. Voting will be done by paper ballot; however, the Town will provide electronic scanning and counting of ballots.

## ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee ballots will be available in the Town office once they are printed, but no later than **Tuesday, April 21**. Any qualified voter may vote by absentee ballot. Residents desiring an absentee ballot must apply individually in writing (by mail, fax, email or in person) to the Town office. Requests are public documents and are subject to public inspection.

Once an absentee ballot request has been received, the Town will mail or hand deliver a ballot and return envelope to the requestor in a sealed envelope. The original absentee ballot must be returned in the printed envelope provided by the Town. To be counted, any absentee ballot must be received by the Town by **8 p.m.** on election day.

## ELECTION BOARD

Residents with questions on any aspect of the election are encouraged to contact the Election Board at [election@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:election@townofchevy Chase.org). Current Election Board members are **David Lublin, Chair**; **Rob Enelow**; and **Chris White**.

## Town of Chevy Chase

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### TOWN COUNCIL

*Barney Rush, Mayor*

*Cecily Baskir, Vice Mayor*

*Wicca Davidson, Secretary*

*Kirk Renaud, Treasurer*

*Joel Rubin, Intergovernmental and Public Liaison*



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# AROUND CHEVY CHASE

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## In March CC@H is Irish!

We're celebrating St. Patrick's Day on **March 17** at our annual party with the wonderful **Kemper Duo**. Father and daughter, Ric and Bridget, will entertain us with Celtic music on traditional Irish and Scottish instruments - the Celtic Harp, Uilleann Pipes and Penny Whistle. Wear something green, bring your friends to enjoy the music, nibble on Irish soda bread with Irish coffee, and some light non-Irish refreshments! Join us at the **Chevy Chase Village Hall from 2 to 4 p.m.** RSVP at 301-657-3115 or [info@chevychaseathome.org](mailto:info@chevychaseathome.org) for this popular event.

Don't forget to drop by the Olympia Cafe for **Brunch Bunch** on **Thursday, March 12, 10 to 11:30 a.m.** Grab a bite to eat or join neighbors and friends at the CC@H table for some stimulating conversation.

## CCHS Illustrated Talk on 1913 Suffrage Parade

The Chevy Chase Historical Society will continue its celebration of the centennial of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote when historian and author Rebecca Boggs Roberts delivers CCHS' spring lecture on **Sunday, March 8, at 4 p.m. at the Lawton Community Center**. The community is welcome. The program will be followed by a reception of light refreshments. No reservations are necessary. For more information, contact CCHS at 301-656-6141.

## An Evening of Wine, Chocolate, and Cheese

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Educational Foundation invites you to an evening of wine, chocolate, and cheese to celebrate and support academic excellence at B-CC. **Thursday, March 12, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Woman's Club of Chevy Chase, 7931 Connecticut Avenue**. RSVP at <http://bit.ly/BCCwineandchocolate>.