



Forecast



JUNE 2022

NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE



Wednesday, June 1
Community Relations*, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 2
7100 Connecticut Avenue
Presentation, 7 p.m.
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Monday, June 6
4-H Committee*, 7 p.m.
Land Use/ Planning*, 7 p.m.
TOCC Book Club, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 8
Town Council, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 9
Climate/Environment*, 6:30 p.m.

Discussions & Desserts, 7 p.m.
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Saturday, June 11
Coffee & Playdate, 3 p.m.
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Wednesday, June 22
Public Services*, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 29
Blood Drive, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
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* Town Committee meeting

*Please visit the website calendar
for more information on, and
instructions to join, these events.*

A New Council Year Begins

The Town Council for 2022-2023 is already at work: Joel Rubin, Vice Mayor; Irene Lane, Treasurer; Joy White, Community Liaison; Rich Brancato, Secretary; and myself as Mayor. I am honored that my colleagues have asked that I serve as Mayor for this upcoming year and trust that the five of us will serve the Town well in managing all the issues before us. Here are some of the key matters that will require our attention:

Farm Women's Market and New Parks: We have been told that the County Executive has approved an amount of funding that will be enough for the parks to be developed, and that he will submit an amendment to the County budget in early June to request this funding. We know that the County Council supports the project, so we expect it will pass. We also understand that the County may request some changes to the conditions we set on our \$4 million contribution, but we do not yet know what may be asked of us.

Corso Chevy Chase: The developers will present their updated plan on Thursday evening, June 2 and will proceed to seek the rezoning necessary for this project. We will be deeply engaged to ensure the project is compatible with our Town.

Zimmerman Park Improvements: We are currently seeking permits for the redevelopment plan approved by the last Town Council. We expect construction to begin by spring of next year.

Purple Line: We will be monitoring construction when the project restarts this summer.

Public Safety: We are seeking improved signalization at the East West Highway crosswalk at Maple Avenue as well as considering other improvements in Town, such as more LED stop signs.

Zoning Changes: The County Council may consider permitting multifamily housing in neighborhoods zoned for single family homes. If they do, we will actively engage with Town residents in formulating our position and sharing it with County officials.

We look forward to working on these -- and many other -- issues, with you and on your behalf.

– Mayor Barney Rush



Independence Day Picnic and Parade

July 4, 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Lawton Center Grounds

see page 3 for details



TOWN NEWS

7100 Connecticut Avenue Redevelopment Presentation

On June 2 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall and by Zoom video conference, the developers of 7100 Connecticut Avenue will present an updated concept plan for redevelopment of the former 4-H property. The developers have considered the Town's response to the initial redevelopment plan and have revised the plan to incorporate this feedback.



2022-2023 Town Council Committee Liaisons

On May 11, the Town Council approved the following Council liaisons to Town committees: Climate and Environment: Joy White; Community Relations: Irene Lane; Land Use: Rich Brancato; Long Range Planning: Joel Rubin; Public Services: Irene Lane; 4-H Special Committee: Barney Rush.

Town to Transition to Electronic Forecast Newsletter

In September 2022, the Town will transition the monthly Forecast newsletter from paper to email. We encourage all residents to sign up to receive the Forecast newsletter via the Town Crier at <https://www.townofchevy Chase.org/list.aspx>. For residents who still want a paper copy of the newsletter, the Town will print and deliver a hard copy to their home. To sign up to receive a paper copy, please email townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org.

Volunteers Needed for Town Committees & Boards

Are you a new resident who is interested in parks, cut-through traffic, or special events? Are you a resident concerned about tree conservation, stormwater management, or potential housing changes? The Town Council encourages you to volunteer for a Town committee, board, or commission. No prior experience is necessary, just a willingness to spend one hour per week, on average, extending your talents, working with fellow residents, and improving our community.

- **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, events, and communications.
- **Land Use:** Considers and recommends solutions to issues and concerns relating to land use and construction in the Town. Advises the Council on how to control development and redevelopment.
- **Long-Range Planning:** Identifies emerging issues and trends. Monitors county and state activities likely to impact the Town.
- **Public Services:** Addresses traffic and pedestrian safety, parking, water run-off, utilities, and infrastructure. Advocates for high-quality services and promotes a safe environment for residents.
- **Elections Board** (one vacancy): Oversees all Town elections, including making appropriate provisions for nominations, approving ballots, and supervising the polls.
- **Ethics Commission** (one vacancy): Receives, verifies, and maintains all financial disclosure forms required by the State of Maryland.
- **Water Board** (one vacancy): Hears requests from property owners who have had a water drainage plan denied by the Town.

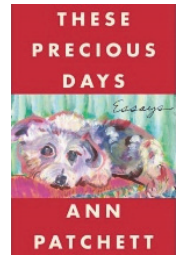
If you are interested in volunteering, please email townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org and include a few sentences about why you would like to serve on a particular body. The Council extends a special thanks to those who have volunteered over the past year. The dedication of your time and talents provides an invaluable resource to the Town and continues to strengthen and improve our community.

SPECIAL EVENTS

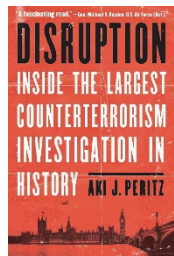
The following events are sponsored by the Community Relations Committee.

TOCC Book Club Meets June 6

Our Town of Chevy Chase Book Club will meet June 6 at 7 p.m. in the Lawton Center Conference Room to discuss *These Precious Days*, a collection of essays by Ann Patchett. She is not only a renowned novelist, but her essays portray a truly brilliant appreciation of life. Join us for wine, snacks, and discussion! Save the date for our next meeting, July 25, to discuss *The Sweetness of Water* by Nathan Harris.



Discussions & Desserts, June 9



On June 9 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall, Aki Peritz, former counterterrorism analyst and Town resident, will discuss his latest book, *Disruption*, an account of the race to stop a terrorist conspiracy set in motion by an Al Qaeda operative following 9/11 that would have remade our world -- forever. *Disruption* brings to life the story of that conspiracy and the heroic efforts by the intelligence services of the United States, Great Britain, and Pakistan with vivid imagery, interviews with top intelligence officials, and never-before-seen declassified documents. From the streets of London to the training camps of Pakistan and the corridors of power in Washington DC, the real-life story unfolds with murders, double-crosses, probes, jailbreaks, and explosions. And desserts will be served! Please RSVP by June 8 to townoffice@townofchevyCHASE.org or 301-654-7144.

Coffee Meet-Up & Playdate in the Park, June 11

Summer is right around the corner. Come join your neighbors and other families for a cool beverage (iced coffee or lemonade), snacks, and conversation alongside the Lawton Center playground on June 11 from 3 to 4 p.m. New residents are especially welcome! Hope to see you there!

Woman's Club of Chevy Chase Blood Drive, June 29

Support a lifesaving mission by donating blood. The country is facing a national shortage and here's how you can help. The American Red Cross & the Woman's Club of Chevy Chase are hosting a blood drive at 7931 Connecticut Avenue on Wednesday, June 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Register online at www.redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor ID: "WCCC" or call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule your life-saving donation. If you have eligibility concerns, please call the Red Cross at 1-866-236-3276.



Independence Day Picnic & Parade

July 4, 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Lawton Center Grounds



11:45 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. and will be led by the Dixie Land Trio.

12:15-1:30 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!

Please RSVP by June 24 to the Town Office at townoffice@townofchevyCHASE.org or 301-654-7144. Interested in volunteering for the 4th? Please contact the Town Office.

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TOCC Plant Invaders: English Ivy

One of the most common invasive plants around is English Ivy. It's a problem because:

- The vine weakens and kills trees by engulfing branches and blocking sunlight. That prevents trees from making the food, via photosynthesis, needed for growth and health.
- Heavy vines and their increased air resistance make infested trees more likely to topple in high winds, heavy rains, and ice storms.
- It spreads voraciously on the ground, and when allowed to climb, produces berries that are transported into neighboring yards and forests. There they crowd out native plants and creatures that depend upon them.
- English ivy can be home to unwelcome wildlife, including rats, slugs, snails, mosquitoes, and ticks.

What to do:

- Prevent it from climbing trees. Cut the vines at the base. Pulling vines off can damage a tree so let them die and fall off naturally. If ivy's climbing public trees, let Town staff know.
- Herbicides don't readily penetrate the waxy barrier on English Ivy leaves. The best way to get rid of it is by pulling it up. Monitor for new growth from vines that were missed.
- Don't help it spread. It should not go in your compost bin, in your yard-waste bucket, or on your landscaper's truck. Bag it in plastic and send it out with regular trash.
- Plant something else! Native alternatives are best.

Links to identify and learn about other invasive plants:

<https://www.inaturalist.org/guides/8123>

The UMD Extension service:

<https://extension.umd.edu/programs/environment-natural-resources/program-areas/home-and-garden-information-center/yard-and-landscape/invasive-species-home-garden>.