



# Forecast



JULY 2022

NEWSLETTER FOR THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE

## Our Town is Greater than Hate

July is a month of patriotism, summer breaks, and national pride. It is a month to enjoy both our community and country. It is a month of renewal and celebration.

It's also a month, here in the Town of Chevy Chase, for reflection on the challenges facing our country. And it's a time to take pride in how our community recently stood up to hate.

As many of you may know, multiple residents in the Town found hate fliers distributed in various locations around our Town last month. These fliers were placed in the Town by a white supremacist hate group known as the Loyal White Knights of the KKK, the nation's largest known KKK affiliate.

We are living in an era where those who traffic in hatred are beginning to feel immunity and to act with impunity. They are flooding our social media feeds with contempt, seeking to destroy the bonds of community that all Americans value. And now they feel free to distribute hate materials in our Town in order to silence and intimidate. That did not work here in the Town of Chevy Chase.

In a sign of the vitality of our community, the residents who encountered these fliers immediately shared them with the Town Council, asking us to act. And we did, engaging local law enforcement, public officials, and anti-hate experts while also sending out the following message to the whole community:

*These fliers are contemptible and those who distribute them traffic in the worst, most deplorable hate speech. We on the Town Council strongly condemn both their language and their intent to intimidate our residents by distributing them here. We will not be intimidated...*

At the same time, Town residents actively took to the Town listserv to share what they had learned, to express outrage about it, and to provide comfort to our Black residents for whom these fliers caused acute emotional pain. Let's be clear: the KKK is a domestic terrorist organization that has historically committed atrocities against Black Americans. It uses pain and violence as tools against all people of color and religious minorities. It opposes the diversity of our nation. But we in the Town of Chevy Chase do not. We stand with locked arms against hate and proved it this past month.

There are moments in one's life when a test of one's values presents itself. This was one such test for our Town, and we passed it with flying colors. Our community's response -- "swift and thoughtful" as one neighbor called it on the Town listserv -- proved that the ties that bind us together are stronger than those that try to tear us apart. Both our public and private institutions held during this crisis moment, standing up for what's right, for our residents, and for our values of openness, diversity, and inclusivity.

We should therefore all feel proud that, during this July, our community showed its strength against hate, proving that July truly is a month of national pride, renewal, and celebration. And it is in this spirit of community pride and inclusivity that we ask all of you to consider joining a Town committee or board for the coming year. The dedication of your time and talents provides an invaluable resource to the Town and continues to strengthen and improve our community. See page 2 for more details.

-- Vice Mayor Joel Rubin



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

see page 3 for details



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# TOWN NEWS

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## Town Council Meeting Scheduled for July 21

### *Council to Hold Public Hearing on Town RainScapes Rebate Program*

The Town Council's July meeting will be held on July 21 at 7 p.m. At this meeting, the Council will hold a public hearing on reinstating the Town's RainScapes Rebate and Technical Assistance Program. This program would supplement Montgomery County's RainScapes Rewards Rebate Program and help Town residents address stormwater problems on private property. Details of the proposed program are available for review on the Town website. If you cannot attend the July 21 meeting, please email comments to [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org).



## 7100 Connecticut Avenue Redevelopment Update

In response to the updated concept plan for redevelopment of the former 4-H property, the Town Council sent a letter (available on the Town website) to the property owners requesting more information about the redevelopment, including details about the height and massing of the proposed buildings. Once that information is received and shared publicly, the Town will solicit resident feedback.

## Farm Women's Market Parks Project Update

At its June 8 meeting, the Council discussed the latest developments in funding the two new parks behind and adjacent to the Farm Women's Market. The County has asked the Town to consider increasing our commitment from \$4 million to \$4.5 million. This increase, along with an additional \$1 million from the developers, \$3.5 million from State, and a contribution of at least \$7.75 million from the County, would satisfy the County's requirements for a financial plan. The County also has prepared a draft Letter of Intent (LOI), to be signed by the County, the Parks Department, the developers, and the Town, to memorialize our commitments.

The funding request and the LOI have been considered by the joint Long Range Planning Committee and Land Use Committee, and the Council held a work session on June 28 to discuss a proposed response. Further discussion of the Town's response will be on the agenda for the July 21 Council meeting. A public hearing also may be scheduled for that meeting to receive resident feedback on any decision taken at the June 28 meeting.

## Sign Up for the New Online Resident Directory



Here is your chance to be included in the Town's new online Resident Directory. The Town produces the directory "from scratch" every two years because we cannot identify which residents have moved into or out of Town, changed marital status, or changed email addresses or phone numbers.

The Resident Directory is private and available only to Town residents through the Town website. To be included, you must complete the authorization form on the Town website. The link is available from the home page under "Quick Links." If you do not have access to the Town website, please call 301-654-7144. The current online directory will be deleted and replaced with the new one on September 30, 2022, so we encourage you to provide your information by that date. Since it is an online directory, we will accept additions and changes on an ongoing basis during the 2-year term of the new directory. We look forward to receiving your information.

## Committee Volunteer Deadline Extended Until July 31

The Town has extended until July 31 the deadline to submit requests to serve on a Town committee or board for the coming year. Information about the various committees and boards is posted on the Town website. If you are interested in volunteering, please email [townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org](mailto:townoffice@townofchevy Chase.org).

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# SPECIAL EVENTS

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## 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!

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection, July 16



The Town will host a household hazardous waste collection event on July 16 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Lawton Center parking lot. We are offering this service since some residents were not able to dispose of oil-based paint and other hazardous waste during the Town's spring Trash and Treasures event.

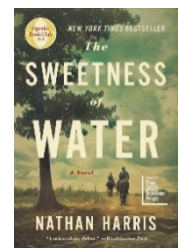
Please note that **only Town residents will be allowed to dispose of waste at this event** (please bring a valid form of identification that includes your address), and **all materials must be dropped off from automobiles** (no walk-up disposals will be allowed). Following are materials that will be collected during this event: acids, aerosols, antifreeze, batteries (car and household), brake fluid, craft chemicals, degreasers, drain cleaners, fertilizers, fluorescent lights, fuel, fungicides, gasoline, herbicides, hobby chemicals, household cleaners, items containing mercury, motor oil, oil filters, paint thinners, paints, pest strips, pesticides, photo chemicals, pool chemicals, solvent, stains, and varnishes. **Items that will not be accepted include ammunition, explosives, biohazardous waste, pharmaceuticals, radioactive waste, or tires.**

## "Lighten Up" Light Bulb Exchange, July 23

Since the fall Trash & Treasures Light Bulb Exchange event was oversubscribed, we have arranged for Montgomery County to hold another "Lighten Up" Light Bulb Exchange event on July 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. outside the Lawton Center (indoors if there is inclement weather). You can exchange any 3 working or non-working light bulbs for 3 new LED bulbs. You can also drop off all of your working or non-working light bulbs for safe disposal even if you have more than 3.

## TOCC Book Club Meets July 25

Our Town of Chevy Chase Book Club will meet July 25 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall to discuss *The Sweetness of Water* by Nathan Harris. It is a story of the Deep South in the violent crucible of Reconstruction; selected by Oprah and longlisted for the Booker. Save the date for our next meeting on September 19 to discuss *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. Sponsored by the Community Relations Committee; all are welcome.



## Have a Wonderful Summer!

The FORECAST is not published in August, and the Town Council does not meet in August. Please visit the Town website for current news and information. To receive Town Crier news alerts, please sign up at <https://www.townofchevychase.org/list.aspx>.

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## Climate and Environment Tip of the Month: Stormwater

Due to our warming planet, we can expect increasingly frequent heavy rainstorms such as the one on June 2. Stormwater from your roof and other impervious surfaces carries sediment, pesticides, metals, salts, and other pollutants that can cause harm at multiple scales -- in your basement, yard, on adjacent properties, on a neighborhood scale, and/or in local or distant waterways. Here are some tips for dealing with these effects we are all experiencing.

1. Help reduce stormwater flows from your property by reducing impervious surfaces, planting more bushes and trees (they absorb a surprising amount of water), and increasing the fraction of rainfall that soaks into the ground.
2. You may want to utilize the Town's Consulting Water Management Program, which is a free service to review your property and make recommendations about water management on your property. Visit the Town website for more information.
3. Consider implementing green infrastructure such as a rain garden, conservation landscape or permeable pavement to qualify for the County's Rainscapes program. For more information, visit <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/water/rainscapes/rebates.html>. You can get a rebate up to \$7,500 from the County.
4. If you notice a clogged storm drain, call 311 to report it to the County. Or open a case online at <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Highway/ServiceRequestOnline/index.html>.
5. Turn Around, Don't Drown: When approaching floodwaters, remember that 6 inches of water are enough to damage your car and stall your engine. One foot of water is enough to float a car. Don't drive through standing water and create waves. To prevent car damage, move your car before large storms if it's parked in a flood-prone area.