MINUTES FOR THE COMMITTEE FOR SENIORS

May 23, 2012

Present: Mary Candon, Gail Feldman, Mary Ann Tuohey and Betty O'Connor, Chair.
Absent: Peter Kilborn, Alice Kinter, Libby Kirby and Sandra Ratner.

Our first meeting was held on May 23, 2012 in the Village Hall at 7:00 P.M. Our Mission Statement to serve the senior residents of the Chevy Chase Village is the same.
Until now, requests from the senior residents have been met through other Village Committees and through the Chevy Chase at Home organization, of which Betty O'Connor is a Board member.
We have now received a request from Chief Fitzgerald to identify the seniors who live alone or those who have special needs. It is his goal to visit or have his officers visit each household, to greet them and inform them of the services of our Police Department. And further, if they wish, to make periodic visits for a short period of time.
Our Committee has begun to gather the information for a list of these residents. Some have already received a visit from an officer. Knowing that the officers cannot continue these periodic visits, our Committee will enlist other residents of the Village to take over for the officers. It will be like "Neighbor Helping Neighbor". Many already do this, but we want to make sure that those who wish to be included in this program will not be overlooked.
These contacts are so important in times of emergencies, such as blackouts, severe storms or heavy snow falls.
The logistics will be worked out with help from others. By our next meeting in September, we hope to have a list for the Chief, and some idea of how best to serve the seniors of the Village.

Betty O'Connor, Chair

Note: We have another member – Diane MacKinnon.