Chevy Chase Village CRIER

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Tentative Agenda
Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall
Monday, April 3, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Previous Minutes
Treasurer's Report
Committee Reports
Appeals
26 Oxford Street
4 West Melrose Street
105 Oxford Street
5414 Center Street
Old Business
New Business
Chairman's Report
Manager's Report
Police Report
Building Permits/Code Enforcement

Mark Your Calendar and See the Enclosed Flyers

Spring Cleaning Event: Wednesday, March 29
Art Show Opening & Reception: Sunday, April 2
Spring Session for Classes: Begin Week of April 3
Annual Meeting: Monday, April 17
Mad Science of Washington: Sunday, April 23
Diabetes Management & Research Presentation and Reception: Tuesday, April 25

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Rent the Village Hall for Your Next Event!

Board of Managers Election

Three Board seats will be up for re-election this year. Those seats are currently filled by George L. Kinter, Susie Eig and Betsy Stephens. Two members will seek re-election and one seat will be vacated.

Any Village resident may run for a seat on the Board provided he/she is a registered voter in the State of Maryland and has lived in Chevy Chase Village for thirty days prior to the election.

Residents interested in running for a seat must contact Burton Schorr, Chair of the Nominating Committee, at (240) 497-0392. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting on **Monday, April 17, 2006**. Should the number of candidates equal the number of available seats (uncontested election), appointments will be made by acclamation at the Annual Meeting. If there are more candidates than available seats (contested election), an election will be held on **Saturday, May 6, 2006 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.** in the Village Hall.

The Village Code requires that candidates file a Financial Disclosure Statement with the Village Ethics Commission (Chair, Reid Thompson) prior to the election. Forms are available in the Village office.

Annual Meeting: Monday, April 17, 2006

The Annual Meeting of the Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers will be held on Monday, April 17, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served beginning at 7 o'clock.

The Annual Meeting is an excellent opportunity to get caught up on issues affecting the Village. Residents who have moved into the Village over the past year are encouraged to attend and see their Village government in action and meet Committee members and elected officials.

Committee representatives will provide an overview of their Committee/Commission's activities over the past year.

All residents are invited to join the Board in recapping the past year's events.

In The Village

Budget and Tax Matters

The Budget Committee, working with the Village Manager, recently completed the draft operational and capital programs budget for FY2007.

The Board of Mangers received the first draft of the budget at their regular meeting on March 13. At that meeting, the Board reviewed recommendations from Budget Committee Chair, Samuel A. Lawrence. A copy of Mr. Lawrence's report is enclosed.

The Board will vote on the final FY2007 budget at the Annual Meeting on April 17.

Ride-On Bus Route Change

As reported in the March 2006 issue of the *Crier* several residents east of Connecticut Avenue, the Board of Managers and Village staff, aggressively opposed a proposal from the Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation to shift Ride-On's #1 bus route from Connecticut Avenue to Brookville Road.

In addition to the Village contingent against the proposal, Montgomery County Council members George Leventhal, Steven Silverman, Howard Denis and Nancy Floreen signed a letter to the new State Highway Administration's (SHA) Metropolitan District Engineer for our district, Mr. Darrell B. Mobley, encouraging SHA to investigate the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Leland Street and Connecticut Avenue.

It appears that everyone's hard work has paid off. The County is apparently inclined to extend the comment deadline while SHA mobilizes a study of signal possibilities at the Leland/Connecticut intersection. The study is expected to take approximately 90 days. Updates will continue to be provided on the Village website under "Hot Topics".

A special thanks to all residents who contributed their time, effort, and strong and convincing testimony and emails to thwart this ill-conceived idea. This endeavor was a true testimony as to what can be accomplished through the power of many.

Daylight Savings Time Begins
April 2, 2006
Turn Your Clocks Ahead

Art Show

The Building Facilities Commission will host the fourth Annual Art Exhibition at the Village Hall during the month of April. (See the enclosed flyer.)

The Exhibition will open with a reception on Sunday, April 2 and will continue through Saturday, May 6, 2006.

Four Village curators will choose works from residents of Chevy Chase Village and other Chevy Chase townships. If you would like to exhibit paintings, fine art photography or sculpture, please call either Sally Troyer at (301) 656-8832 or Marie Martin at (301) 907-0371 before March 24, 2006.

Third Annual Spring Cleaning Event

Due to the success of least year's donation drive, the Public Works Department will again collect items throughout the Village on **Wednesday, March 29**. This year's drive will benefit the organization AMVETS, which has supported active and veteran military personnel since 1947 (Rain Date: Wednesday, April 5).

We look forward to another successful donation drive and hope this year's collection will be even better than the last!

Toddler Group

The weekly Toddler Group meets on Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon. in the Village Hall. As the weather warms up, the group often moves the fun outside! All Village parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding the Toddlers' Group, please contact Elizabeth Bausch at (301) 656-5643.

Modifications to the Brookville Road Park

Thanks to the efforts of the Parks Committee, fencing was recently installed by the Public Works Department to enclose the park on Brookville Road between Primrose and Quincy Streets.

The park now allows children to run and play without parents and caregivers worrying about them running into busy Brookville Road. Residents are encouraged to visit this wonderful new asset to the community.

In The Village

Rent the Village Hall For Your Next Event

The Village Hall is the perfect setting for your next meeting or party and is available to all Village residents. Our two large rooms are available for:

- birthday parties,
- sweet 16 parties,
- weddings and wedding receptions,
- anniversary parties,
- graduation parties,
- bar and bat mitzvah receptions,
- business/organization meetings, and
- any event you can think of! There is even a small room to hold smaller children's birthday parties for a reduced rate.

The rates for rental of the two larger rooms are reduced for children's (ages 12 and under) parties. The Village Hall is sure to enhance your event. Please contact Doris Lyerly in the Village office for additional information and to reserve your date.

Clean Out Your Closets and Donate!

The DC Child and Family Services Agency's (CFSA) Office of Volunteer Services invites you to donate formal wear and accessories to celebrate the success of our foster teens who will be attending prom and graduating from high school this year. Project Prom and Graduation 2006 is collecting the following clean and undamaged items in all sizes:

- formal dresses
- men's Suits/Tuxedos (particular need)
- shoes
- jewelry
- accessories
- new hosiery
- also, you can donate services for hairstyling, barbering, make-up, facials and manicures.

Donations will be accepted April 4-7 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at CFSA's Room B located in the first floor lobby at 400 6th St., SW, Washington, DC.

For more information, please contact Ms. Nyjeri Whipps in the Office of Volunteer Services at (202) 727-7095 or Kathleen Meredith and Burt Braverman of 2 Magnolia Parkway at (301) 654-4274.

Committee on Children, Youth and Families

On Sunday, April 23 CYF invites you to the Village Hall from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. for an event with Mad Science of Washington. Join us for this program of fun and scientific experiments and demonstrations. Boys and girls 4 and up are invited to attend! Please RSVP to the Village by Wednesday, April 19 at (301) 654-7300 or ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov and see the enclosed flyer for additional information.

CYF's first Game Night on February 25 was enjoyed by a group of boys and girls ages 8 and older in the Village Hall. Snacks were provided and everyone seemed to enjoy the event. Many thanks to Adriana and Ken Wiseman for chaperoning that event.

The Parents' Night Out was another success on March 18th. It was an activity filled night and children and parents had a good time. The group was well cared for by our babysitters for the evening, several of whom attended the babysitting course in January. Also, many thanks to Yvette and Brian Karaba for chaperoning the event.

As you tend to your spring cleaning this year, please consider donating games/toys to CYF for use at Parents' Night Out, Game Night, Toddler Group and other events. Please bring your donations to the Village Hall or contact either Amy Cooper (acbelle@aol.com) or Karen Spangler (karenspangler@comcast.net). You may also contact Ms. Cooper and Ms. Spangler if you are interested in volunteering for future CYF events and with ideas for new activities.

New Classes Beginning April 3, 2006

Super Hero Drama Class for Boys

Beloved instructor, Paula Brassfield, will teach this new class specifically for boys ages 3-4, emphasizing development of gross motor skills, fantasy play and music appreciation. The ten-week session will be held on Fridays from 3:00-3:50 p.m.

Country Line Dancing

If you are looking for a great way to move your body and make new friends, we've got the ticket! This brand new class will run on Thursdays from 7-8:00 p.m. for a total of 8 weeks. As if this class wasn't enticing enough, it is being offered for $82 for Village residents and $112 for non-residents.

Contact the Village office to enroll.

In The Village

Board Actions - March 13, 2006
Board of Managers' Meeting

Minutes: February 13, 2006 Meeting: Approved.
Building Facilities Commission: Chair, Mary Anne Tuohey, noted upcoming events sponsored by the Commission and the Committee on Children, Youth and Families including the Art Show Opening and Reception, a new class aimed at boys age 4-5 entitled "Super Heroes Class for Boys", Parents' Night Out, Mad Science of Washington and a Spring Concert headlined by Village resident, Wes Nichols. Ms. Tuohey and the Board discussed ways to increase rental of the Hall by residents.
Budget Committee: Chair, Samuel Lawrence, walked the Board through the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007. (See enclosed packet.)

New Law Affecting Tree Contractors

A bill passed by the Maryland General Assembly, effective October 1, 2005, requires all tree experts to be licensed through the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to prune **AND** remove trees within the State. This law applies within the Village and is already being enforced.

The Village's Tree Removal Permit Application will now require the tree contractor's name, phone number and DNR license number. Applications will no longer be accepted if the contractor has not been selected.

Village officers will also be verifying licensing for any crews seen pruning trees on private property. Any crews witnessed pruning without valid licensing will receive a State citation and fine, and will be escorted out of the Village.

For more information regarding this new regulation or to verify licensing for a desired tree contractor, please visit the DNR website at www.dnr.state.md.us or call them at (877) 620-8DNR. For questions regarding the law's application within the Village, please contact the Village office.

Special Alert for Mulch Users

After hurricanes *Katrina* and *Rita* in New Orleans, many trees were blown over and then turned into mulch. The state is trying to get rid of tons and tons of this mulch to any state or company who will come and haul it away. This mulch will be showing up in *Home Depot, Lowe's* and other home improvement stores at dirt cheap prices with one huge problem: Formosan Termites are the bonus ingredient in many of those bags.

New Orleans is one of the few areas in the country where Formosan Termites have gotten a strong hold, and most of the trees blown down,were already badly infested with those termites. Now we may have the worst case of transporting a problem to all parts of the country that we have ever had. These termites can eat a house in no time at all and there is no good control against them.

So tell your friends and family to avoid cheap mulch and know where the mulch they are using came from.

Article Source: Louisiana State University Agricultural Center
http://www.agctr.lsu.edu/termites/

FORM **502** MARYLAND RESIDENT INCOME TAX RETURN

OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 2005, ENDING

SOCIAL SECURITY #		SPOUSE'S SOCIAL SECURITY #	
Your First Name	Initial	Last Name	
Spouse's First Name	Initial	Last Name	
PRESENT ADDRESS (No. and street)			
City or Town		State	Zip Code
Name of county and incorporated city, town or special taxing area in which you were a resident on the last day of the taxable period. (See Instruction 6)		Maryland county	City, town or taxing area Chevy Chase Village

Tax Return Reminder

When preparing your State of Maryland tax return for 2005, please remember to enter **Chevy Chase Village** in the proper block of **Form 502/503** as shown here.

Police Beat—Chevy Chase Village

To e-mail Police Chief Roy Gordon: roy.gordon@montgomerycountymd.gov

Veteran Officer, Margot Hawkins-Green, Retires

Officer Margot Hawkins-Green served with the Chevy Chase Village Police Department from July 7, 1993 to March 16, 2006. Prior to joining the Village Police, Margot was employed by the Uniformed Division of the Secret Service and, for a short time, the National Zoo Police. She is most recognized by most residents for her diligence as the Village's primary Code Enforcement Officer.

Margot set the benchmark for new officers joining the Department. Her dedication to duty and service to Village residents remain the model for others to emulate. During her career with the Village she continued to improve her skills by attending local training programs for Crisis Intervention and becoming a certified Field Training Officer to assist new officers in their role as Community Policing Officers. She was instrumental in improving equipment issued to officers and providing support data for an all purpose utility vehicle for the Department.

In addition to her Village obligations, Margot found time to raise a family, and get her Masters Degree from John Hopkins University. Please join me and the Village's Board of Managers at the Annual Meeting on April 17 to recognize Officer Margot Hawkins-Green for all her contributions to the Village community and to wish her much success in her new endeavors with the Department of Homeland Security in Washington, D.C.

Ready Montgomery Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan 9 to be Safe

You can do this! Collect these nine essential items to help you shelter-in-place in the event of an emergency.

1. Water: one gallon per person, per day for a total of three days.
2. Food: non-perishables items such as canned or packaged/sealed food.
3. Clothes: one change of clothes and one change of footwear per person.
4. Medications: Three days' worth of prescription medications.
5. Flashlight: a bright flashlight and extra batteries.
6. Can Opener: manual can opener in case there's no electrical power.
7. Radio: battery-operated radio and extra batteries.
8. Hygiene Items: basics like soap, toilet paper and toothbrushes.
9. First Aid: basics like antiseptic, bandages and non-prescription medicines.

For more information about emergency preparedness, contact/reference:

Montgomery County, Maryland
www.montgomerycountymd.gov

American Red Cross
www.redcross.org

Centers for Disease Control
www.cdc.gov

Disaster Help
www.disasterhelp.gov

Federal Emergency Management Agency
www.fema.gov

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
www.ready.gov

Remember to request a House Check from the Communications Center before you leave town.

Stopping The Examiner

The Communications Center continues to receive complaints from residents regarding delivery of the tabloid The Examiner.

The Village cannot prevent delivery, but we are aware that the delivery continues to be a nuisance to some and sympathize with our residents' frustration over the unsolicited, seemingly "littering" fashion of the paper's delivery. Several residents have found success in stopping the unwanted delivery by contacting the newspaper's circulation contractor.

If you are presently receiving the paper and wish to discontinue delivery, or if you have requested that delivery be stopped and it has not, please contact Wilcan Services at (703) 441-9229 or wilcann1@aol.com.

Community News

Chevy Chase Community Library April 2006

The Chevy Chase Library is located at 8005 Connecticut Avenue. All programs are free. For further information or for reservations, contact the library at (240) 773-9590.

Great Books Discussion Group: Wednesday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m.: MEDITATIONS by Descartes.
Toddler Time: Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27: Ages 18-36 months. Each program will be given twice (10:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.) on each day and Tuesday's program is repeated on Thursday. Free tickets are distributed prior to the program.
Born to Read: Saturday, April 22 at 9:30 a.m.: Introduce your child (newborn to 18 months) to the joy of language and books with this program featuring rhymes, songs, bounces, movement and short stories.
Preschool Storytime: Monday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m.: Stories, rhymes and other activities. Come in pajamas, if you like. For ages 3 to 6.

Diabetes Management and Research Presentation and Reception

Joslin Diabetes Center, the global leader in diabetes research, care and education, welcomes all members of the Chevy Chase community to our Elliott P. Joslin Reception on Tuesday, April 25, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chevy Chase Village Hall. The evening will feature C. Ronald Kahn, M.D. President and Director of Joslin Diabetes Center and Mary K. Iacocca, Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. The topic of Dr. Kahn's talk is "Life Changing Diabetes Management: Recent Advances in Research and Technology".

For more information or to R.S.V.P., please contact the Joslin Development Office at (888) JOSLIN-2 or events@joslin.harvard.edu.

When the Power Goes Out...

When a power outage occurs, it is important for all residents to call the following two phone numbers:

1. **PEPCO at 1 (877) PEPCO62 [737-2662].**
2. **Village Communications Center at (301) 654-7300.**

If the power is restored and goes out again in a matter of minutes, the above two phone calls must be made again so the new outage is registered.

REMINDERS

- Notify the Village office if you have a medical requirement for emergency services so we may alert utility companies working in the Village.
- Having your house number painted on the curb in front of your property is prohibited by Section 12-5 of the Village Code. Contractors painting on the Village curbs will be issued a municipal citation by the Village Police.
- Pursuant to Village Code Section 8-10, dumpster use requires a permit. Please remind your contractor that a permit must be received from the Village Office prior to placing a dumpster on private property. Dumpsters are prohibited on public property, including Village streets at ALL times. Dumpster switch-outs are prohibited in the Village's public right-of-way, including roadways.
- Contact the Village office prior to removing trees on private property or beginning any home improvement projects to discuss permit requirements.
- Grey recycle bin lids are available from the Communications Center. Please make sure your recycle bins are placed in an easily accessible location. If recycling haulers cannot find the bins, collection of recyclables may be hampered.
- Free "No Solicitors" stickers are available in the Village Office for residents wishing to put them in a window near the front door to their home. The sticker is in addition to the list maintained by Communications.
- Residents are encouraged to use the Community Bulletin Board, located in the Village Hall, for notices or advertisements, which must be approved by Village staff prior to posting.
- Please remind your landscaping and home improvement contractors that work is not permitted prior to 8:00 a.m. on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. on weekends.

MVA on Wheels

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration's mobile service will be at the Friendship Heights Village Center on Monday, April 24, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In addition to license renewals, motorists may drop off old tags and avail themselves of several other services. For schedule or additional information, visit the MVA website at: *www.mva.state.md.us/location/montcty.htm* or by phone at 1 (800) 950-1682, ext 2.

Public Works Department/Trash Schedule

While several Village residents have called to compliment the Unity staff for a job well done, your input is important when we evaluate our contracted services. Please report missed services to the Communications Center at (301) 654-7300. Please leave your gates unlocked so the Unity staff can enter your property to collect your refuse and recycling.

Special pickups are made on Wednesdays. Residents must submit their request either by phone or via the Village website by 2 p.m. on the preceding Tuesday to ensure pick up.

Cardboard Box Collection

Flattened boxes that are approximately less than the size of a 13" television set, should be placed with your paper recycling. Five or more flattened boxes should be bundled when left for recycling. Please notify the Communications Center if they are not collected.

If you have a large amount or large-sized boxes, please request a Special Pick Up (SPU, see above article) to ensure collection. Cardboard boxes collected by SPU, are placed in the paper compactor located in the Public Works Yard and are recycled.

Building Permits Issued by the Village Manager March 2006

111 Hesketh St.....Replace fence/gates
105 Oxford St.....Install patio in rear yard
3917 Oliver St..Install sprinkler system in front, rear yards, public r-o-w
4 W. Melrose St.....Replace patio/retaining wall, repair patio/brick wall
26 Oxford St.....Replace fence in rear yard
7 Oxford St.....Replace concrete walkway
107 Primrose St.....replace/install fence/gate/walkway/playset, etc.
5 Oxford St.....Interior renovations, new windows
6 E. Irving St.....Install 6' and 4' high fencing in the rear yard

Building Facilities Commission

The Building Facilities Commission meets the second Monday of each month, at 9:30 a.m. in the Village Hall, however, their next meeting will be held a week earlier than normal on Monday, April 3, 2006. All residents are invited to attend.

Appeal & *Crier* Deadlines

The appeal deadline for the May 8, 2006 Board of Managers meeting is close of business on Monday, April 24, 2006.

The deadline to submit articles for the May 2006 issue of the *Crier* is close of business on Monday, April 24, 2006.

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Chevy Chase, MD 20815

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Permit No. 7078
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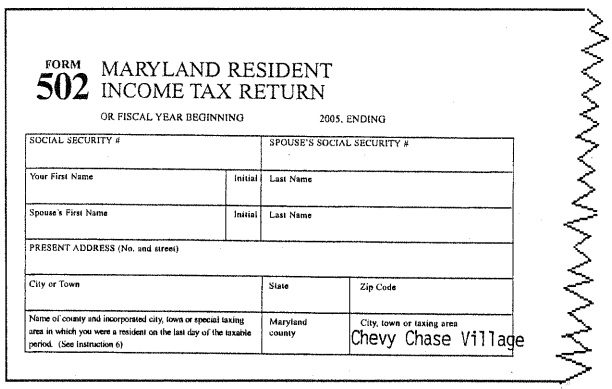
Remember to enter Chevy Chase Village on your Maryland Income Tax Return Form 502/503.


FORM 502 MARYLAND RESIDENT INCOME TAX RETURN
OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 2005, ENDING

SOCIAL SECURITY #	SPOUSE'S SOCIAL SECURITY #	
Your First Name / Initial	Last Name	
Spouse's First Name / Initial	Last Name	
PRESENT ADDRESS (No. and street)		
City or Town	State	Zip Code
Name of county and incorporated city, town or special taxing area in which you were a resident on the last day of the taxable period. (See instruction 6)	Maryland county	City, town or taxing area Chevy Chase Village