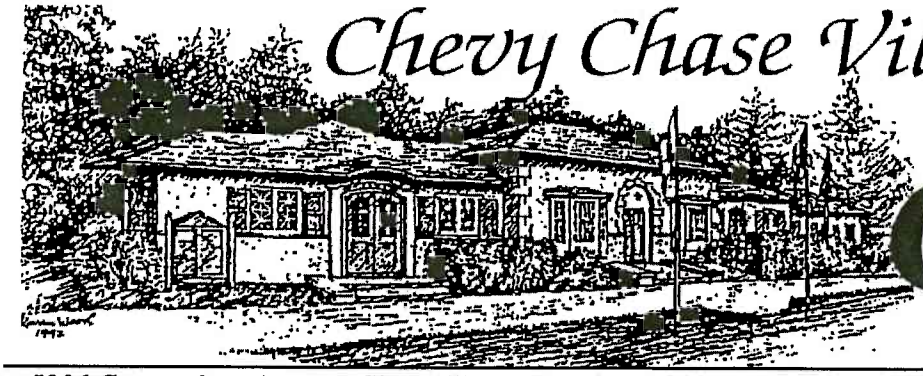

Chevy Chase Village CRIER

March 2007

5906 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815 *Vol. 95, No. 3*

Tentative Agenda
Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall
Monday, March 12, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.
Note: The full agenda will be available on the Village website by Friday, March 9.

Approval of Previous Minutes
Treasurer's Report
Committee Reports
Appeals
6301 Broad Branch Road
26 Oxford Street
10 East Kirke 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 & Articles

March 18: Babysitting Course (Tentative)
March 21: Annual Spring Cleaning Event
March 25: Art Show Exhibition
April 16: Annual Meeting

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Winter & Company as Preferred Consultants on Building Regulations

Interviews with prospective consultants were conducted at a Special Board meeting on January 29, but discussion of the candidates' responses was withheld until the Board's regular meeting on February 12. At that meeting, both resident and Board support favored selection of Winter & Company. The Board directed staff to begin contract negotiations with Nore Winter, the firm's principal and provide a final contract in time for the Board to act on it at it's March 12 regular meeting.

Contract work is in order and, if approved by the Board, community workshops are tentatively scheduled to begin the week of April 16. Village residents are encouraged to read the article on page four about the Village listserve and how to subscribe. Once work is underway, progress reports and discussion items will be distributed on the listserve. The listserve will point residents to the Village website to view relevant documents and graphics as they become available and also meeting dates, times and agendas.

Art Show

The Building Facilities Commission will host the fourth Annual Art Exhibition at the Village Hall.

The Exhibition will open with a reception on Sunday, March 25 and will continue through Saturday, April 28, 2007.

See the enclosed flyer for additional information.

Fourth Annual Spring Cleaning Event

The last three years' Spring Cleaning events have been a huge success. The annual drive continues this year. The Public Works Department will again collect items throughout the Village on Wednesday, March 21, 2007. This year's drive will again benefit the organization AMVETS, which has supported active and veteran military personnel since 1947.

See the enclosed flyer for additional information. We look forward to another successful donation drive and hope this year's collection will be even better than the last!

Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers' Meeting, 2nd Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall

In The Village

Board Actions - February 12, 2007
Board of Managers' Meeting

Minutes: January 8, 2007 Meeting: Approved.
Appeals: A-1597 (a-e), 4 Newlands Street: Total of five trees in the rear yard of the property—Approved.
A-1603 (a-f), 4 Oxford Street: Total of six trees located in the rear yard of the property—Approved.
Old Business: Building Regulations Consultants Discussion and Selection—The Board discussed the two candidate consultants, Winter & Company and Jakubiak & Associates, Inc., that were interviewed on January 29. The Board directed the Village Manager to negotiate the scope of work and a contract with Winter & Company for Board approval at its March 12 meeting. **Presentation on Photo Speed Cameras**—Chief Gordon outlined the photo speed enforcement program. Violators' pictures are sent to the vendor who checks the license plate through the various states' vehicle databases. If the records match, the information is sent to the Village to accept or reject a citation's issuance. Confirmation of acceptance or rejection is then transmitted back to the vendor whose staff then mails a written citation. Chief Gordon advised the law requires all monies collected from the program must be used for police and pedestrian safety. **Permit Parking Report**—Chief Gordon outlined the recent issues associated with permit parking within areas of the Village. The Board directed Counsel to draft a Resolution to eliminate the parking permit fee. A Public Hearing will be held on March 12 to discuss possible changes to the permit parking regulations.
New Business: Resolution No. 02-01-07—A Resolution to establish fees to be charged in connection with the searching for, preparing, and reproducing of public records pursuant to the Maryland Public Information Act—Approved.

This is a synopsis of the Board's actions.
To view an archive of the complete approved minutes from the Board's meetings, please visit the Village website at www.ccvillage.org and click on "The Board of Managers".

State Tax Credit Information

The Maryland Historical Trust has a list of "Frequently Asked Questions" about rehabilitation tax credits offered by the state. Tax credit applications, materials and brochures can also be found at this site.

For additional information, call the Office of Preservation Services at (410) 514-7627 or access the "Tax Credit" section at: www.marylandhistoricaltrust.net.

Board of Managers Election

Four Board seats will be up for re-election in April. Those seats are currently filled by Douglas B. Kamerow, David L. Winstead, Gail S. Feldman and Peter M. Yeo.

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 may contact the Village office or Burton Schorr, Chair of the Nominating Committee, at (240) 497-0392. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting (Monday, April 16, 2007).

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.

CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, March 12, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

The Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on March 12, 2007 at the Chevy Chase Village Hall at 5906 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase , Maryland 20815, to consider modifying the restrictions on parking in the 4100 block of Oliver Street Permit Parking Area to prohibit the parking of vehicles without parking permits or guest cards at all times. The Board has received requests from the residents of the 4100 block of Oliver Street and a report from the Village Police Department asserting that there is extensive use of the 4100 block of Oliver Street for parking by non-residents for up to 2 hours on weekdays, at night and on weekends, all as allowed under current restrictions, which results in hazardous traffic conditions, the overburdening of streets, and difficulty for residents in obtaining adequate parking adjacent to or close by their residences, and other consequences which detrimentally affect the health, safety and welfare of residents.

For further information, please contact the Village office at 301-654-7300.

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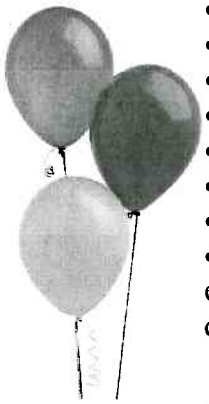
The Village Hall

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.

Committee on Children, Youth and Families

Back by popular demand, a babysitting course is tentatively being offered on Sunday, March 18. See the enclosed flyer for further information.

Residents can contact the Committee's Co-Chairs by email with ideas for new activities, or to volunteer for future events: Amy Cooper at acbelle@aol.com or Karen Spangler at karenspangler@comcast.net.

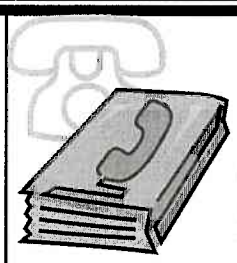
Building Facilities Commission

The Building Facilities Commission meets the second Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Village Hall. Their next meeting will be held on Monday, March 12. All residents are invited to attend.

Joslin Diabetes Center Reception

Joslin Diabetes Center, the global leader in diabetes research, care and education, welcomes all members of the Chevy Chase Village Community to our Elliot P. Joslin Reception on Monday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. The evening will feature Doug Melton, Scientific Director, Harvard Stem Cell Institute, Thomas Dudley Cabot, Professor of the Natural Sciences and C. Ronald Kahn, M.D., the Mary K. Iacocca Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, and Vice Chairman of the Joslin Board, who will present on the latest innovations in Stem Cell Research.

2007 Resident Directory



The 2007 Village Resident Directory will be distributed at the Annual Meeting on April 16, 2007 and will be available for pick-up in the Village office after that date.

An update form was enclosed in the February 2007 issue of the *Crier* and mailed to residents in late February. Please remember to return the completed update form by **March 12** so changes and corrections may be made to your listing prior to printing the new directory.

Residents may also submit their changes via the Village website at **www.ccvillage.org.** Contact the Village Communications Center to register your Email/ID and to receive your password. After logging into the site, follow the directions to submit changes. Once completed, click on the link "Submit My Application" at the bottom of the page. The form is then submitted directly to the Village office. Update forms may also be printed out under the "Printable Forms Center".

Toddler Group

The Co-Chairs for the Toddler Group would like to thank all Village residents who have joined the weekly Toddlers play group. The group had a wonderful kick-off event in February with special music entertainment and snacks. In March the group will continue to meet on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The first session will be held on Tuesday, March 6 at 9:30 a.m., with remaining sessions for the month to be held on Tuesday, March 13, 20 and 27. They look forward to having lots of toddlers, parents and caregivers in attendance.

Contact either Kristen Best at (202) 460-1256 or Lesley McNamara at (301) 718-8383 with questions or for additional information.

Appeal & *Crier* Deadlines

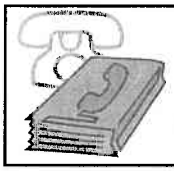
The deadline to submit articles for the April 2007 issue of the *Crier* is close of business on Monday, March 26.

The deadline to submit appeals or other requests to be heard by the Board at its April 9, 2007 meeting is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 26.

In The Village

Regular Board Meeting Change

In observance of Passover, the Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers has rescheduled its regular April meeting. The meeting will be held on **Monday, April 9, 2007** at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall.



The 2006 Resident Directory is available for pick-up in the Village office and Communications Center.

Village Listserve

As a direct way for the Village staff and Board to disseminate important information directly to residents' personal computers, the Village staff is proud to introduce the Chevy Chase Village Listserve at Yahoo!® Groups.

To subscribe, go to www.groups.yahoo.com and click on Sign Up!, which will direct you to the Registration page. Follow the instructions to enroll. IMPORTANT: If you do not already have a Yahoo!® email address and/or if you do not wish to obtain a Yahoo!® email address, you must select and specify an alternate email **following** completion of the registration page.

The listserve is closely monitored. Any users considered to be offensive or inappropriate will be blocked.

Village residents can post contractor recommendations, offer tickets or items for sale, spread the word on upcoming yard or bake sales and any other topic residents wish to discuss. All residents are encouraged to enroll in this new service. If you have any questions or need assistance enrolling, please email Shana Davis-Cook in the Village office at: shana.davis-cook@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Chevy Chase Village Notice Of Public Hearing

Monday, March 12, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

The Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on March 12, 2007 at the Chevy Chase Village Hall at 5906 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815, to consider modifying the restrictions on parking in Zones 1 and 3 which include:

> all of the improved portion of Belmont Avenue, Park Street from Belmont Avenue to Oliver Street, the 5600 and 5700 blocks of Kirkside Drive from Oliver Street to Center Street, the 5500 and 5600 blocks of Montgomery Street, the 5400 and 5500 blocks of Center Street, the 5400 and 5500 blocks of Grove Street and the 5400 and 5500 blocks Kirkside Drive

to prohibit the parking of vehicles without parking permits or guest cards at all times. The Board has received requests from the residents of Zones 1 and 3 and a report from the Village Police Department asserting that there is extensive use of Zone 1 and 3 streets for parking by non-residents for 1 or 2 hours, at night and on Sundays, all as allowed under current restrictions, which results in hazardous traffic conditions, the overburdening of streets, and difficulty for residents in obtaining adequate parking adjacent to or close by their residences, and other consequences which detrimentally affect the health, safety and welfare of residents.

For further information, please contact the Village office at 301-654-7300.

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Tax Return Reminder

When preparing your State of Maryland tax return for 2006, 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

Spring Crime Prevention Tips

Spring arrives this month and Chief Gordon wants to give Village residents a few seasonal crime prevention tips. Many folks are inclined to leave doors and windows open with the arrival of warmer weather, which can be an invitation to crime. Residential burglaries often occur by thieves gaining entrance through unlocked or open windows or doors (including garage doors). Village police encourage residents when not at home or outside doing yard work to keep windows and doors locked and alarm systems activated.

Unlocked vehicles are easy targets for criminals. Do not leave anything of value in your parked vehicle. Vehicle alarm systems should be activated when you are not in the vehicle.

Spring showers and summer flowers also bring transient criminals to our area. Transient criminal groups routinely travel up and down the east coast and commit numerous crimes during this time of year. These groups live out of the State and are highly mobile. Their vehicles typically display out-of-state license plates. These criminals will enter homes when homeowners are out working in the back yard or they may ask the homeowner for a glass of water for their child. While distracting the homeowner by getting the glass of water, another member of the group will steal valuables, usually cash and jewelry, from inside the home. Often the theft is not immediately discovered.

Spring is also a time for home improvement scams. The elderly are usually targets for these scams. Typically, someone will knock on your door and claim they are in the area doing work and noticed that your home needs some attention. It may be a cracked driveway needing asphalt coating or a bad roof or damaged chimney. The work done by these folks is substandard and often times not needed at all. Sometimes pressure tactics are used to get the victim to accept the work and pay for it immediately. Homeowners should remain highly suspicious of unannounced "utilities inspectors" who want to gain access to your residence under the pretence of inspecting pipes for pinhole leaks or lead content or claim to be there to inspect other utilities inside your home.

The scams are not new to the law enforcement community but each year new victims are scammed. Residents are asked to contact the Village Police at (301) 654-7300 to report any suspicious activity or to report unusual people, vehicles, or activity in the neighborhood.

New Officer Joins the Village Police

Officer Steven L. Jones joined the Chevy Chase Village Police Department in February, 2007.

Officer Jones' previous experience includes being the Chief of Police with the City of Larimore in North Dakota; detective with the Department of Defense Police at the Aberdeen Proving Ground; Correctional Academy Instructor with the Maryland Police Correctional Training Commission; Chief of Police with SAC & Fox Tribal Police in Reserve, Kansas; Officer with the Maryland Natural Resources Police; and Deputy Sheriff with the Cecil County Sheriffs Department. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Behavioral Science with an emphasis in chemical dependency from National University. Steve is one class shy of having a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Coppin State and five classes shy of a second Master's Degree in Public Administration from So-Journer Douglass College. Officer Jones' other previous experience includes criminal investigator for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

In his spare time, Steve enjoys bowling, running and reading.

We welcome Steve to the Village!

Chief's Crime Alerts

If you don't own a computer or don't have an e-mail address but wish to receive notification of local crimes, please contact the Communications Center to be placed on the distribution list so you may receive paper-copy alerts of events as they occur.

Snow Removal on Sidewalks

Sidewalks must be cleared of excess snow. Residents are responsible for clearing all snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of or abutting their property within the first forty-eight (48) hours after the cessation of falling snow. Residents who occupy corner lots are responsible for the sidewalk in front of and on the side of their property.

Community News

Chevy Chase Community Library March 2007

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: UTILITARIANISM by Mill. Wednesday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m.
Mid-Week Book Discussion: Please join us for a discussion of THE LOST PAINTING by Jonathan Harr on Wednesday, March 28 at 10:00 a.m. Copies of the book will be available for participants.
Toddler Times: Stories, rhymes and other activities for ages 18-36 months. (Seating is limited and free tickets will be distributed before each program.) Programs at 10:15 and repeat at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 1, 8,15, 22, 29 and Tuesday, March 6, 13, 20 and 27.
Born to Read: Saturday, March 24 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. No registration required.
Preschool Storytime: Monday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m.: Stories, rhymes and other activities. Come in pajamas, if you like. For ages 3 to 6.

WETA to Air Chevy Chase Documentary

Public broadcasting station WETA-TV Channel 26 will air the documentary, "Chevy Chase Maryland: A Streetcar to Home," on Sunday, March 30 at 10:30 p.m. immediately following "Masterpiece Theatre."

Created in collaboration with Video-Art Productions of Washington, DC, the program includes interviews with historians and local residents, spiced with oral histories from early Chevy Chase families. It features hundreds of vintage photographs from Historical Society archives, contemporary footage shot by Video-Art Productions and an original music score inspired by Eubie Blake's 1915 rag tune, "Chevy Chase Fox Trot."

The documentary was funded by the Chevy Chase Historical Society (CCHS) and contributions from Chevy Chase Village, The Town of Chevy Chase, Sections 3 & 5, Martin's Additions and Chevy Chase Bank.

The documentary is available for sale in DVD format at www.chevychasehistory.org. CCHS has recorded and preserved the history of Chevy Chase since 1981.

Adult Exercise Classes

Are you interested in improving your mind and body? The Village Hall has classes in both Pilates and Yoga that will get you started on the road to looking and feeling your best. Day and evening Pilate classes are available. The next class session will begin in April. Keep an eye out for enrollment forms in your mailbox.

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.
- Dumpster use in the Village 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 in 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 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 Bulletin Board, located in the Village Hall, for notices or advertisements, which must be approved by staff prior to posting.
- Please remind your landscaping and home improvement contractors that work is prohibited prior to 8:00 a.m. weekdays and 9:00 a.m. weekends and holidays.

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. Requests must be submitted either by phone or via the Village website by 2 p.m. on the preceding Tuesday to ensure pick up.

MVA on Wheels

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration's mobile service will visit the Friendship Heights Village Center on Monday, March 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

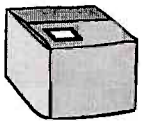
In addition to license renewals, motorists may drop off old tags and avail themselves of several other services. For schedule or additional information, visit the MVA website at: *www.mva.state.md.us/location/montcty.htm* or by phone at 1 (800) 950-1682, ext 2.

Rent the Village Hall for Your Next Event!

Building Permits Issued by the Village Manager February 2007

32 W. Irving St.....Replace gates, fencing in rear yard
202 Primrose St.....Replace fence, gates
5501 Montgomery St...Construct new house, in-ground pool
30 Quincy St.....Replace water main pipe in front yard
11 E. Kirke St.....Replace fence along Brookville Road
142 Grafton St.....Replace fencing in rear yard
Retraction—the January 2007 *Crier* incorrectly listed the following address, which should have been 14 W. Lenox St.
14 W. Kirke St.....Replace 36-inch high fence

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 opposite column) to ensure collection. Cardboard boxes collected by SPU, are placed in the paper compactor located in the Public Works Yard and are recycled.

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5906 Connecticut Avenue
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