Chevy Chase Village CRIER

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Tentative Agenda
Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall
Monday, October 9, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Previous Minutes
Treasurer's Report
Committee Reports
Appeals
23 West Irving Street
27 Quincy 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 Articles

October 4: *LifeLine* Screening Clinic
October 7: Chevy Chasing History Heritage Fair
October 11: Flu and Pneumonia Clinic
October 15: Meet with Teens/Fall Social
October 20 & 21: Garden Club Flower Show
October 27: Halloween Party and Food Drive
November 4: Parents' Night Out

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2006 Resident Survey

The Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers extends its appreciation to each and every household that responded to the Resident Survey, which was mailed to residents at the beginning of September. As of the printing of this newsletter, 48% of Village households had responded to the survey.

Survey responses will help shape and improve the services provided to all Village residents. The tabulated results will be published in an upcoming issue of the *Crier*.

Mansionization & Maryland House Bill 1232

Effective October 1, the Village, as well as all other Montgomery County municipalities, will possess an increased authority to regulate buildings. A copy of the enabling Bill is available for review on the Village website at www.ccvillage.org.

The Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers will discuss the Bill, and its implications if used within the Village, at its regular meeting on Monday, October 9. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. All residents are encouraged to attend.

Chevy Chase Center Update

Because the parking lots are now classified as private, the following list of rates and rules is provided to assist our residents in understanding the new procedures:

Parking rates with a verification stamp from any of the stores in *The Collection at Chevy Chase* are:

Up to 1 hour	$1.00	Up to 2 hours	$3.00
Up to 3 hours	$9.00	Up to 4 hours	$12.00
Daily Maximum	$25.00		

Note: The first 20 minutes are free only in the "Kiss & Ride" lot on the upper parking deck.

If you don't have a verification stamp from a CCC store, you will be charged $5.00 per hour, with a maximum charge of $25.00. *Clyde's* will validate for two hours of free parking during their lunch period (11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.); and for two and half hours of free parking during their dinner period (4:00 p.m. to closing).

The new *Giant* with pharmacy, which opened shortly after Labor Day, will validate for one hour of free parking.

In The Village

Public Hearing Notice

At its October 9, 2006 meeting, the Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers will consider the adoption of an ordinance to amend Section 8-29 of the Village Code to require that all wires, cables, pipes, poles, transformers, equipment lockers and other utility structures in the public right-of-way must be located below grade. A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available on the Village website.

Residents are encouraged to submit questions and comments to ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov and to attend the discussion. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

Public Hearing Notice

At its October 9, 2006 meeting, the Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers will discuss proposed increases to the permit and public hearing filing fees. Please see the enclosed (two-sided) insert and the Village website at www.ccvillage.org for a complete list of the current and proposed fees structure.

Residents are encouraged to submit questions, comments and/or concerns to the Village office at ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov prior to the meeting, and to plan to attend the meeting on October 9 to participate in the discussion. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Latex Paint Disposal

Montgomery County Solid Waste Management no longer allows the collection and disposal of latex paint along with other hazardous waste. This means that the Village Public Works Department is not allowed to collect latex paint.

The only authorized disposal procedure is to remove the tops from latex paint cans and allow the contents to dry. Once completely dried, the tops should be replaced and the cans placed with the regular trash (see below). Any questions regarding this procedure should be directed to the Communications Center. We thank you for your cooperation in advance.

Suggestions for Leftover LATEX Paint...

Use It Up! Donate unopened cans of paint. Many schools, communities, religious and theater groups will accept unopened cans, especially white paint. Even a neighbor may need some extra paint. Also, check your paint store's policy on returning unopened cans of paint.

Pass It On! Small amounts of paint can be mixed with other colors or bulked together and used as a primer coat or on jobs where the final finish is not critical. Avoid waste, buy only what you need.

Dry It Up! Simply remove the lid and place it in a safe, well-ventilated area. Cans with 1/4 or less paint in them will dry in a few days. For cans with greater volume, add mulch, cat litter, or "Waste Paint Hardener™" available at all McCormick Paint Stores and most area hardware stores.

Board Actions - September 11, 2006 Board of Managers' Meeting

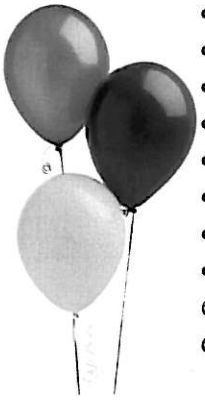
Minutes: July 10, 2006 Meeting: Approved.
Appeals: A-1562—5508 Park Street: Removal of one White Pine tree measuring 32" in diameter located in the rear yard of the property—Approved; **A-1573—7 Primrose Street:** Removal of one Holly tree measuring 15.5" in diameter located in the rear yard of the property—Approved; **A-1574—37 Oxford Street:** (a) Removal of one Cedar tree measuring 11.0" in diameter located in the rear yard of the property; and (b) Removal of one Spruce tree measuring 8.0" in diameter located in the rear yard of the property—Approved; **A-5089—5600 Western Avenue:** (a) Install a 6', 6" high wrought iron fence measuring 27' in length along the property line abutting Cedar Parkway and measuring 16' in length between the front property line (Cedar Parkway) and the west wall of the house; (b) install a wrought iron gate and columns, which would include lights, measuring 6', 6" in height along the property line abutting Cedar Parkway, with an additional 1' high rose trellis above the columns for a maximum height of 7', 6" forward of the 25' front building restriction line; (c) install a wrought iron gate measuring 6', 6" in height between the west wall of the house and the property line abutting Cedar Parkway, forward of the 25' front building restriction line.

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".

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.

Building Facilities Commission

The Building Facilities Commission meets the second Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Village Hall; however, due to the Columbus Day Holiday, their next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 5. All residents are invited to attend.

Committee on Children, Youth and Families

CYF is sponsoring a job fair, called Meet the Teens, to introduce Village residents to Village teens on Sunday, October 15 at 4:30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Are you a resident looking for a babysitter? Need someone to care for your dog? This is your opportunity to meet some of the neighborhood teens that are available to do these jobs for you. Come say HI and put a face to the names listed in the monthly teen list in the *Crier*. If you are a Village teen looking to make extra money by babysitting, pet sitting or other odd jobs then come introduce yourself to neighbors who could use your help. The enclosed flyer has additional information regarding this event and a form on the reverse for teens to complete and return to either of the CYF Co-Chairs. If any teen is interested in participating, please RSVP by October 11 to Amy Cooper and Karen Spangler. Everyone is invited to stay afterwards for the Fall Social which begins at 5:00 p.m. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information.

This Halloween, many "tricker-treaters" will be collecting on behalf of UNICEF for their local schools. Please remember these kids and keep change by the door Halloween night.

Toddler Group Seeks New Moderator

(Article from Current Moderator, Elizabeth Bausch)

When I received a call two years ago asking me if I'd be interested in taking over the Village toddler group, I didn't even know that such a thing existed. I listened to the description of the group, looked at my newly-minted toddler and thought it would be worth a try. I'm glad I took the chance—my son and I have met so many children, parents, grandparents and caregivers through this group, most of whom I doubt we would have met otherwise. Many we are happy to call close friends.

Sadly, though, my toddler is now a pre-schooler. The Committee on Children, Youth & Families and the Village staff are looking for another parent, caregiver, or grandparent to take over this wonderful group. The commitment is minimal: choose a time that works for you and your toddler, coordinate with the Village staff, publicize it in *The Crier* and show up! There is quite a good selection of toys permanently housed at the Hall (big balls, cars, blocks, and the very popular tricycles and firetrucks) so there is no need to bring your own. In the past, there have been puppet shows and story times but I was never quite organized enough for that. But, the beauty is, there's no pressure – the toddler group is truly what you and the participants want it to be. And you can always count on the great Village staff to help you with whatever you need.

I'm so happy I took this on two years ago and am sad it's time to move on. It's a great opportunity to meet new families and for your toddler to get some fun, unstructured playtime (it's also a godsend in the winter!). Why not give it a try? There's nothing to lose and a lot to gain.

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If you are interested in moderating the Weekly Toddler Group, but would like more information, please contact Elizabeth Bausch at (301) 656-5643. If you would like to volunteer to moderate the Toddler Group, please contact Doris Lyerly in the Village office at either doris.lyerly@montgomerycountymd.gov.

In The Village

Autumn Leaves

The Public Works Department's yearly leaf collection effort will soon be underway. Two leaf vacuums will be running as often as needed from October 1st through the first week in December or as long as needed.

Residents planning to rake their leaves into piles are requested to rake them as close to the curb as possible without putting them in the gutter. Should it rain, leaves piled in the gutter will dam the water causing it to pond. Residents are asked not to box in piles of leaves with cars both for easier accessibility for the leaf crews and additional safety for your vehicles.

Residents on Bradley Lane should put their leaves in paper bags and place them at the roadside. Bradley La. is the only area where bagging is required. Sticks and other sharp tree and garden debris should be left loose and placed in separate piles from the leaves. Sharp debris can tear the leaf collection hoses or dull the blades on the leaf machines and repairs to the vacuum machinery can cause delays in the pick up schedule.

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 now requires the tree contractor's name, phone number and DNR license number. Permits will not be issued 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.

Montgomery Women

Are you interested in the subject of "Blogging and How Bloggers Can Influence Politics"? On Thursday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Montgomery Women will host an open meeting where internet and news media consultant, Howard Park, will explore this hot new source of instant, personalized and influential communication. Mr. Park has worked on seven (two winning) presidential campaigns starting in 1976. He blogs occasionally at www.mydd.com and www.dailykos.com and publishes a bi-weekly newsletter about political events in the Washington, DC area. Residents are welcome to attend.

Appeal & *Crier* Deadlines

The deadline to submit articles for the November 2006 issue of the *Crier* is close of business on Monday, October 30.

The deadline to submit appeals or other requests to be heard by the Board at its November 13, 2006 meeting is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 30.

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 **un**check the "Create my free Yahoo!® email address" checkbox on the Registration page.

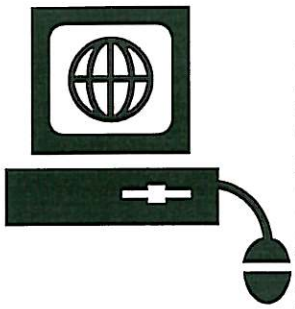
The listserve will be closely monitored. Any users considered to be offensive or inappropriate will be blocked from the listserve.

Listserves have become quite popular as convenient tools for sharing information. 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.

Police Beat—Chevy Chase Village

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

Accident Reports Available Online



The Chevy Chase Village Police Department's accident reports will soon be available online. The police department received a grant award and selected *TRACView Accident Report System* as an alternative to paper reporting, storing and servicing of report requests.

TRACView will be available to citizens and insurance companies beginning October 1, 2006 for all accidents reported after that date. There are approximately 80 police departments across the United States currently using *TRACView*.

Rather than individually requesting reports, issuing multiple checks, and then waiting for mailed reports, insurance companies can now quickly purchase an accident report online and receive a single consolidated bill at month's end for the reports they ordered.

TRACView will receive scanned reports from the Village Police Department and post them online on their secure website. Insurance companies and citizens have secure access to the reports. Non-Village residents can still obtain a copy of their accident report for the $10 fee at the Village Communications Center. Village residents can continue to receive a gratis copy of their accident report from the Communications Center.

New Officer Joins the Village Police

Officer Iraj Almas joined the Chevy Chase Village Police Department in September, 2006.

Officer Almas graduated from the Prince George's County Municipal Police Academy. His previous experience includes service with the Takoma Park Police Department.

In his spare time, Iraj enjoys basketball and traveling.

We welcome Iraj to the Village!

Halloween Safety Rules

Halloween is fast approaching, and it's a good time to remember that our children's safety should come first. A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.

Before Trick or Treating, the following steps should be taken:

- Try to give children a good meal to discourage them from trying out Halloween treats while out and before treats can be checked.
- Make sure costumes are flame retardant; also make sure children can see well through masks.
- Agree with children on an appropriate time to complete trick or treating.
- Keep pets confined in the home.
- Drive carefully and slowly.
- Adult partygoers should designate a driver.

While Trick or Treating, youngsters should always be reminded to:

- Use a flashlight to see and be seen by others.
- Stay in a group and let an adult know where they are going.
- Go only to homes with porch lights on.
- Remain on well-lit streets and use the sidewalk.
- Never enter a stranger's home or car for a treat.
- Obey all traffic and pedestrian regulations.
- Always walk (don't run) across a street and look out for cars and drivers.
- Remove any mask or item that will limit eyesight before crossing a street, driveway or alley.
- No treats should be eaten until carefully checked by an adult at home.
- Any suspicious or unlawful activity should be reported to the Communications Center immediately.

After Trick or Treating, once home, a responsible adult should:

- Examine all treats carefully and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious items.
- Determine if treats are safe for all age groups and if not, distribute accordingly.

Recycle Old Cell Phones

Residents may drop off old cell phones **and** chargers at the Communications Center. The Police Chief will deliver them to the Sheriff's office for recycling. These phones will be programmed for victims of domestic violence or senior citizens so they may call 9-1-1 to report an emergency situation. They cannot be used for any other function.

Community News

Chevy Chase Community Library October 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: FATHERS AND SONS by Turgenev. Wednesday, October 11 at 7:30 p.m.
Toddler Times: Stories, rhymes and other activities for ages 18-36 months. (Seating is limited and free tickets will be distributed before each program.)
Tuesday, October 3 at 10:15 and repeat at 11:00 a.m.;
Thursday, October 5 at 10:15 and repeat at 11:00 a.m.;
Tuesday, October 10 at 10:15 and repeat at 11:00 a.m.;
Thursday, October 12 at 10:15 and repeat at 11:00 a.m.;
Tuesday, October 17 at 10:15 and repeat at 11:00 a.m.;
Thursday, October 19 at 10:15 and repeat at 11:00 a.m.;
Tuesday, October 24 at 10:15 and repeat at 11:00 a.m.;
Thursday, October 26 at 10:15 and repeat at 11:00 a.m.;
Tuesday, October 31 at 10:15 and repeat at 11:00 a.m.
Born to Read: Saturday, October 21 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. Funded by the Friends of the Library, Montgomery County, Inc.
Preschool Storytime: Monday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m.: Stories, rhymes and other activities. Come in pajamas, if you like. For ages 3 to 6.
***Special Event*—Chevy Chasing History: A Heritage Fair:** Saturday, October 7 at 11:00 a.m.: The Chevy Chase Historical Society is sponsoring a community fair from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Leland Community Center at 4301 Willow Lane in Chevy Chase. Come visit the Friends of the Library Booth, which will feature sessions on bookmark-making and author Armiger Jagoe on writing an autobiography.

***Chevy Chasing History*-A Heritage Fair**

October 7, 2006
11 AM to 4 PM

A celebration for the entire family at the Leland Community Center—4301 Willow Lane (Wisconsin Avenue to Willow Lane, dead end at 4301)

Sponsored by the Chevy Chase Historical Society in cooperation with the Leland Community Center.

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, October 23, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

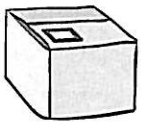
In addition to license renewals, motorists may drop off old tags and avail themselves of several other services. For schedule or additional information, visit the MVA website at: *www.mva.state.md.us/location/montcty.htm* or by phone at 1 (800) 950-1682, ext 2.

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 September 2006

29 Primrose St.....Replace water service
5611 Kirkside Dr.....Replace various fencing
6 Newlands St.....Replace kitchen window, interior renovation
3 Hesketh St.....Replace fence along west property line
5 Oxford St.....Continue sump pump drain pipe to curb
5519 Center St.....Stepping stones, gravel path, plantings, replace fence
5603 Park St.....Replace gate on southwest side of property
6304 Broad Branch Rd.....Renovate basement, enclose area under porch
5701 Wisconsin Ave.....Install fence/gates on south/west property lines
5 W. Lenox St.....Replace granite retaining wall
5 W. Lenox St.....Replace roof
47 W. Lenox St.....Replace water line from main to meter
8 E. Lenox St.....Install external air conditioning compressor
5515 Cedar Pkwy.....Install 4-inch PVC drain pipe to storm drain

Annual Halloween Party

Please join us for our Annual Halloween Party on Friday, October 27 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. In addition to the annual Costume Contest, there will be pumpkin decorating and a food drive coordinated by the Committee on Children, Youth & Families. This year's party proves to be even better than the last. See the enclosed flyer for additional information and make a point to join us on October 27!

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