



CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE CRIER

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Monday, January 14, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.
 Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall

January 15, February 19 & March 12: Chevy Chase@Home Events (see pg. 6 for information)

January 21: Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday;
Administrative Office and Public Works Closed

January 30: Community Relations Committee's Speaker Series (see pg. 6 for more information)

February 11: Board of Managers' Meeting

February (date TBD): FY2020 Budget Work Session (check the Village website for updates)

February 18: Presidents' Day;
Administrative Office and Public Works Closed

**February 2019 Appeal/Variance
 Deadline: Tues., Jan. 22 by 5:00 p.m.**

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BOARD OF MANAGERS SCHEDULED TO ADOPT WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES (SMALL CELL) ORDINANCE

As reported in the December issue of the *Crier*, for the past year the Village Board and staff have been monitoring local and national developments related to the deployment of wireless telecommunications facilities (commonly referred to as "small cell" wireless technology). Specifically, the Board has been monitoring efforts to supersede local governments' control of the deployment of this technology in public rights-of-way.

At its meeting on January 14, the Village Board is tentatively scheduled to adopt an ordinance that would regulate the installation, maintenance and removal of wireless telecommunication facilities. The ordinance is available for residents to view by visiting the 'Board of Managers' Meetings' page under *Quick Links* on the homepage of the Village website.

The Board's January 14 meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

IN CASE YOU MISSED THE ANNUAL VILLAGE HOLIDAY PARTY...

What a party! Many residents attended the Village Board of Managers' Annual Holiday Party held on December 12th. Balducci's Catering provided a delicious dinner and wonderful desserts for everyone's enjoyment. In addition to a wonderful meal, there was a visit by Santa Claus himself! The smallest of the Village's residents had fun in the kids' room where they sang and danced and completed craft projects.

Many Village residents and staff contributed their energies to build, enhance and preserve the sense of community which the guests of this annual event have come to cherish. Among those who have not sought, but certainly deserve, thanks for helping with this year's event are the Garden Club of Chevy Chase for the seasonal decorations, specifically lead decorator and Village resident Ms. Elayne Bennett; the Village's Public Works staff for assisting with the setup; Constituent Services Assistant Simone Kolnik and Acting Assistant Racara Sawyer who organized the event; and the various staffers who helped to support the event. You can view pictures of the event on the Chevy Chase Village website or our Facebook page.

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Public Works staff will collect trees, natural wreaths and garlands left at the curbside.

Please remove all ornaments and lighting. The trees are recycled into mulch and any wires left on the trees will damage the chipping equipment. Wire-framed wreaths and wire-strung garland should be disposed of in the regular trash.



SNOW REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS



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.

FOLLOW CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER!!

<https://www.facebook.com/CCVillage>
<https://twitter.com/chevychasevill>

EMERGENCY CONTACT SHEET



Below is a list of frequently requested phone numbers. These numbers have been compiled for you to cut out and keep or post at a convenient location for your reference.

EMERGENCY	911
Chevy Chase Village Police - Non Emergency/24hrs	301-654-7300
Montgomery County Police - Non Emergency/24hrs	301-279-8000
Bethesda - Chevy Chase Rescue Squad	301-652-0077
Chevy Chase Fire Dept (Opposite Columbia Country Club)	240-773-4707
Bethesda Fire Dept (Wisconsin Ave and Bradley Blvd)	240-773-4706
National Capital Poison Center (George Washington University Hospital)	800-222-1222
Utilities	
Potomac Electric Power Company (PEPCO)	
<i>Emergency</i> -Live wires down, power failure	877-737-2662
Customer Service	202-833-7500
Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission	
<i>Emergency</i>	301-206-4002
Complaints, Leaks, Information	301-206-4001
Washington Gas	
<i>Emergency</i>	703-750-1400
Information & Customer Service	703-750-1000
Comcast	800-934-6489
Verizon	800-837-4966

Thank you!
Janine

Thank you
Joyce

Thank you
S

Thank you!
Dana Cook

Thank you!
Regina Cortez

Drew Fones
Thank You!

Joseph Chung

Thank you!
David Hryciuk

Eric Tiedemann

Thank you!
Janel Smith

Thank you!
Mary Thanks
Happy Holidays
Sandy Etienne

Thank you
John Coed

THANK YOU!
Willie E. Freeman

Thanks for
I. Lescoe

William Abernethy

Jim Kainik

Thank you!
RAN PATTERSON

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To all Chevy Chase Village Residents,
we send you our sincerest thanks
For your contributions
to the Employees' Holiday Fund

WORRIED AND WONDERING WHAT YOU CAN DO TO FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE?

News about climate change has taken center stage recently, following a catastrophic series of extreme weather events across the country. The findings from three major independent reports indicate that **carbon emissions are on the rise globally** after a two year hiatus. We are currently on track to exceed a 2° C increase in mean global temperature over pre-industrial levels by 2040, with devastating consequences for human communities and ecosystems. Countries have gathered in Poland to try to reach agreement on how to implement commitments under the Paris Accords to keep emissions well below that calamitous threshold while it is still possible. But **time is running out**. Action at the state, city and local levels, involving government, business and civil society will be essential to this process. While there are a number of things we can do as engaged citizens to try to influence policy, **here are three things we can do now** as communities and individuals to lower our carbon footprint in significant ways:

- 1. Switch to renewable energy or offset fossil fuel-powered heating and electricity use with green power.** In Maryland, electricity sold by Pepco in 2017 was generated mostly by coal (32.2%), natural gas (26.7%), and nuclear (35.9%) – with only 2.8% from wind and solar. We are fortunate that in Maryland, we can choose our electricity supplier and the source of the electricity we consume. There are a number of service providers working with PEPCO to provide residents with clean energy or energy offsets in the form of wind, solar and other renewables. Examples include Clean Choice Energy (www.cleansourceenergy.com/), and WGL (<https://www.wglenergy.com/residential/renewable-energy>). Many communities in Montgomery County also have the option of buying into community solar projects which power their homes directly or indirectly with energy from the sun. Even if you can't install solar panels on your roof, initiatives like Solar United Neighbors allow you to reap the benefits of clean solar as a coop member.
- 2. Walk more and make your next car an Electric Car or Hybrid.** CO2 emissions from the cars we drive (which are only getting bigger and less fuel efficient as the price of oil drops and CAFE standards are relaxed) are a major source of greenhouse gases and air pollution, reducing air quality and compromising human health. But oil prices are highly volatile and a carbon tax on fossil fuels is looking increasingly likely. Electric cars are the wave of the future—clean, high performing and energy efficient. Lower costs, improvements in battery storage and plug-in availability have greatly increased the appeal of electric cars and driven demand. Investing in companies like Tesla (up by 24% in the last 15 months), can also be a win-win.
- 3. Green your portfolio.** Investing in sustainability generates positive returns. Individual stocks with positive ratings on social and environmental sustainability criteria have outperformed traditional equities in a variety of sectors--water, energy, forestry--directly affected by climate change. Apart from individual stocks, ETFs like Invesco Water Resources (**PHO** on NYSE), and the iShares 400 Social Index Fund (**DSI** on NYSE), have out-performed or done as well as the S&P 500 over the last 3 years. Others, like the iShares S&P Global Clean Energy Index Fund (**Nasdaq:ICLN**) and PowerShares Global Clean Energy Portfolio (**ARCA:PBD**), have also performed well. Green investing is investing in the future.

Finally, **spread the word**. Scaling up is important. Talk to friends, family and others in your network about how we as responsible consumers can lower our carbon footprint and collectively make a difference in fighting climate change.

These topics will be presented in greater detail in future articles and in a series of talks in the **Sustainable Living Lecture Series**, sponsored by the Village E&E Committee.

Marea Hatzios, PhD
Co-Chair, Village Environment & Energy Committee

SIGN UP FOR EMAIL BLAST(S)

Sign-up for the Village Email Blasts! The Village operates two email distribution lists to deliver information to residents:

Urgent News Alerts are emergency alerts that are sent out only on an as-needed basis. **General News Alerts**, which are geared toward community events, Board Meetings, etc. will be sent out weekly. To subscribe, visit the Village's website at www.chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov and click on the tablet icon at the top of the homepage.

BOARD ACTIONS:

DECEMBER 10, 2018 BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes:

November 15, 2018 Regular Meeting - *approved*

Matters Presented for Board Consideration and Possible Action

- **Board Review and Discussion of a Draft Small Cell Tower Ordinance** -no action taken. The draft ordinance is available to view on the Village website.
- **Contract Extension Authorization Request-** Landscape Maintenance Services- *Brightview Landscape Services, LLC* - Second of two one-year extensions of the contract--*approved*.

Closed Session

Immediately following the conclusion of its regular meeting the Board of Managers convened in closed session in the Chevy Chase Village Hall, 5906 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815, pursuant to State Government Article Section 3-305(b)(7) to consult with Counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter and pursuant to State Government Article Section 3-305(b)(8) to consult with Counsel about pending or potential litigation with respect to a revoked permit. The Board did not reconvene the regular meeting.

This is a synopsis of the Board's actions. To view an archive of the approved minutes, or to listen to audio recordings of the most recent Board Meetings, please visit the Village website: www.chevychasevillagemd.gov by clicking on "Board of Managers Meetings" under the header "Quick Links" on the homepage.

Next Regular Board of Managers' Meeting: Monday, January 14, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

TAX RETURN REMINDER (MD FORM 502)

Revenues received through our residents' paid income taxes remain the most significant source of Village revenues. We need our residents' help to ensure that all income tax revenue due to the Village actually gets here. This money goes directly to services benefiting Village residents. **Village residents DO NOT pay any additional income taxes to live in Chevy Chase Village.** By law, as a municipality, the Village receives a portion of the tax you pay to Montgomery County. It is very important, however, that the State of Maryland knows to return this revenue to the Village. Consequently, please take special care to mark your tax return as shown below (if filing electronically, there is a character limit, therefore, you may have to use the abbreviation "Ch Ch Village").

Please be aware that MD Form 502 now features a separate political subdivision section located under your mailing address. When you complete your Maryland income tax return, remember to put **Chevy Chase Village** under "Maryland Political Sub-division" and include **1613** the "4 digit Political Subdivision Code" to ensure the Village receives our share of the state income tax (see below).

REQUIRED: Physical address as of December 31, 2016 or last day of the taxable year for fiscal year taxpayers. See Instruction 6. Part-year residents see Instruction 26.

1613	CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE		
4 digit Political Subdivision Code (See Instruction 6)	Maryland Political Subdivision (See Instruction 6)		
Physical Street Address Line 1 (Street No. and Street Name) (No PO Box)			
Physical Street Address Line 2 (Apt No., Suite No., Floor No.) (No PO Box)			
City	MD	ZIP Code	Maryland County
	State		

THE POLICE BEAT

E-mail Police Chief John M. Fitzgerald: john.m.fitzgerald@montgomerycountymd.gov

AFTER A 10-YEAR LOW IN 2017, THEFTS RETURN TO PREVIOUS LEVELS

Unlocked cars provide golden opportunity for thieves

The overall crime rate in the Village continues to be low, and thankfully, we had no reports of violent crime in 2018. The only category of crime that is worthy of mention is our perennial problem: theft from unlocked autos at night.



Last year, we experienced the lowest number of thefts in a 10-year period (36), but this year, we're back up to 75 thefts, about 30 of which occurred on just four different nights (2 nights in January, a night in April, and one night in November).

It is important to know that the thieves that come to the Village at night simply walk through the neighborhood pulling on car door handles. They enter the cars that they find unlocked, and they root around looking for something to steal. If the car is a push-to-start car, they will push that button to see if the key fob has been left somewhere in the car. If the car starts up, they steal the car.

When we leave our cars unlocked, we make it too easy for the thieves. It's like leaving food in the campsite in bear country; the bears will return because they were successful, and they learn to expect to find food. We need to lock our car doors so that the thieves will not be successful. We need to change our habits. Please lock your car every time you park, and don't leave any valuables inside it. Please make a habit of it in 2019.

Thankfully, our 7 burglaries (entering a structure with the intent to steal) are burglaries in name only—no occupied homes were broken into. Six of the events were bicycles taken from open or unlocked garages, and one was a theft of tools from a gutted, wide open (and empty) structure that was under construction. By FBI reporting rules, we must categorize each of these events as a burglary.

We urge you to do your part to prevent crime in the Village. Failing to do so affects the wider community by providing continuing opportunities for criminals. We feel that crime prevention is a civic responsibility, and by doing a few simple things, you can prevent crime on your block:

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- Always lock your home and car and set your alarms;
- Remove valuables from your cars;
- Turn on your porch lights and leave them on through the night;
- Request a house check when you are going away; and,
- Call the police immediately when you see or hear anything that just doesn't seem right. Village officers will respond right away.

The below table shows how our crime totals compare over the most recent six-year period.

Select Reported Crimes 2013 - Present						
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018*
Assault	2	0	1	1	0	0
Auto Thefts & attempts	5	0	3	2	2	3
Burglary & attempts	4	8	9	4	5	7**
Larceny & attempts	60	38	75	74	36	75
Robbery	0	1	0	0	0	0

*as of December 17, 2018

**6 of these events involved bicycles stolen from open or unlocked garages; one event involved theft from a structure under construction



Thank you for your thoughtfulness...

I must express my sincerest gratitude to all those who dropped off delicious food treats in recent weeks and to those who gave so generously to the Employee Holiday Fund. Your tasty goodies and your selfless gifts were enjoyed by all members of the Village staff. Gestures such as these make the Village a special place. Here's wishing all of our residents a happy and safe 2019!

John M. Fitzgerald, Police Chief



If you were out of town during the holidays, please remember to visit the Communications Center to collect your mail and packages.

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE SENIOR CORNER

HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone! May the year hold many happy and rewarding times for all of you.

We already have interesting events planned for the months ahead, starting with January.

Tuesday, January 15, 2:00-4:00 p.m.: Lylie Fisher, the facilitator of Montgomery County Maryland's Caregiver Support Program, will provide a caregiver-focused program: **Mindfulness Relaxation Session**. She will also bring us information regarding county services and respite benefits for caregivers. Please tell your friends about the program and encourage them to come.

Tuesday, February 19, 2:00-4:00 p.m.: Beautiful Music provided by Rick Harper and his daughter. They are returning with their instruments. Rick is a "harp maker", the lovely Celtic harps of Ireland. He and his daughter will play duets on the harp and pipes. Come and enjoy the lovely Celtic music.

SAVE THE DATE

March brings another party!

Tuesday, March 12, 2:00-4:00 p.m.: Our Annual St. Patrick's Party - entertainment to be announced.

Chevy Chase@Home presents these programs in cooperation with Chevy Chase Village each month and they are open to everyone. We strive to bring you educational, medical, cultural and entertaining events led by artists and experts in their fields. We welcome suggestions and ideas from you. If you know people with special talents who would be willing to share them with us, please call me at 301-656-0597 or e-mail me at bettyoconnor2@verizon.net.

Betty O'Connor
Chair, Village Committee for Seniors

CARDBOARD BOX DISPOSAL



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 the boxes are not collected.

THE COMMUNITY CORNER



Wednesday, January 30
7:00-8:30 pm
at the Village Hall



SMITHSONIAN CURATOR KAREN LEMMEY

Karen Lemmey is the sculpture curator at the Smithsonian American Art Museum, which houses the largest collection of American sculpture in the world. She will discuss the research, acquisition, and exhibition process at this prominent museum.

Please contact Lance Patterson with any questions or speaker suggestions: MLPatterson2@verizon.net.

Lance Patterson
Chair, Community Relations Committee

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED DECEMBER 2018

124 Grafton Street
5605 Center Street
5614 Kirkside Drive
9 West Irving Street
5704 Kirkside Drive
11 East Lenox Street
114 Hesketh Street
106 East Kirke Street
5904 Cedar Parkway
5 Quincy Street
101 Primrose Street

Install A/C unit in the side yard
Install new and replacement fencing
Construct retaining wall in front yard
Upgrade the waterline to the dwelling
Replace fence in the rear yard
Replace two (2) A/C units
Rebuild at-grade deck
Install shrubbery in the E. Kirke ROW
Bury the fiber cable and remove a pole
Replace an A/C unit in the side yard
Upgrade the waterline to the house

RECYCLE OLD CELL PHONES

Residents may drop off old cell phones and chargers at the Communications Center. The phones are wiped clean of any services, phone numbers, or address books and they are then re-programmed for use by 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.



HOME SECURITY SURVEYS

The Village Police Department offers free confidential home security surveys. These surveys are used as a tool to identify weak areas of your home's security. Simple remedies can make your home safer and more secure.

Interested residents should contact the Village Communications Center at (301) 654-7300 to request a Home Security Survey. A police officer will contact you to arrange a convenient time to conduct the survey.

