



CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE CRIER

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Monday, September 9, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.
 Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall

Monday, September 2: Labor Day Observance
Village Offices and Public Works Closed

September 11 & 17 : Chevy Chase @ Home Events
(See page 6 of this issue for more information)

Week of September 8: Fall 2019 Classes Begin*

September 28: Sustainable Living Series -
 Landscape Noise, Pollution and Solutions Event*

October 9: Flu Clinic 4:00-6:00 p.m.*

October 14: Board of Managers' Meeting

**See enclosed fliers for more information.*

**October Appeal/Variance Deadline:
 Mon., September 23 by 5:00 p.m.**

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BOARD CONSIDERS IMPACTS OF THE DOG EXERCISE AREA AT BROOKVILLE ROAD PARK

Earlier this year, neighbors who live abutting the Dog Exercise Area at Brookville Road Park expressed concerns regarding impacts from use of the Dog Exercise Area (DEA). Concerns include barking (from single dogs as well as the accumulative effect of dogs barking throughout the day), increased traffic and parking impacts (including access to parking adjacent to residents' homes as well as dogs relieving themselves on residents' yards after exiting parked vehicles), aggressive dogs and loud dog fights. To directly address these concerns, increased signage was installed at the park to reinforce the established rules and Village police have performed daily patrols of the park. The Village also established a park steward program consisting of Village residents who further reinforce the rules with fellow park users.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION: DISESTABLISHMENT OF THE DOG EXERCISE AREA AT BROOKVILLE ROAD PARK

Monday, September 9, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Background: The Brookville Road Park officially reopened last summer including a Dog Exercise Area where dogs are permitted off-leash. The Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers held Public Hearings during its regular meetings on May 13, June 10 and July 8 to solicit the views of the community regarding the park, to consider concerns voiced by abutting neighbors about noise, traffic and aggressive dogs, and to consider modifications to the use of the park and park access. At its meeting on July 8, the Board amended the hours for access to the dog park to 8:00 a.m. to sunset on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to sunset on weekends and Village holidays.

Public Hearing and Possible Board Action: The Board will hold a **final** Public Hearing to **consider disestablishing the Dog Exercise Area at Brookville Road Park and removing the fence parallel to Brookville Road** during its regular meeting on Monday, September 9, 2019. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. **The Board may also consider alternatives to disestablishment to address concerns, including a further reduction of the hours that the Dog Exercise Area is open for access by unleashed dogs.**

Residents who are unable to attend the Public Hearing on September 9 may submit written testimony for the record before September 9 either by e-mail to ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov or directly to the Village office at 5906 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

NEW RESTAURANTS COMING TO *THE COLLECTION AT CHEVY CHASE*

Little Beet Table *Opening late September, 2019*

A convivial all-day restaurant that serves nourishing and gluten-free food. Dedicated to fostering community and providing a haven for guests with a variety of dietary preferences. Their menu consists of vegetable-forward plates, comfort food classics, house-made juices, and vegetable-centric cocktails that ably walk the line between wholesome and indulgent.

Junction Bakery & Bistro *Opening early 2020*

American bistro boasting simple food paired with homemade breads and baked goods.

The Hunter's Hound *Opening early 2020*

This neighborhood-oriented restaurant will serve modern American cuisine along with craft beer, cocktails and wine in an elevated-but-casual local setting.

Urban Plates *Opening early 2020*

Something fresh. Something flavorful. Something new. This is where locally, sustainably and ethically sourced ingredients become amazing meals prepared right before your eyes.

Visit the Village's listserv for information regarding upcoming community events to be held at *The Collection* this fall.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: A SUCCESS!

The Village held its seventh Annual National Night Out event the evening of August 6. Unfortunately, the event was cut short due to a massive summer storm that came through the area with lightning and heavy rain.



Nonetheless, before Mother Nature took over, attendees enjoyed hot dogs grilled by Public Safety Committee Chair Saul Goodman and Village Police Lieutenant Tino Dasilva, along with cool drinks, chips and popsicles. Residents enjoyed climbing inside a fire trucks and police cruisers thanks to our Village's Police Department and friends at the Bethesda Fire Department, and the Montgomery County Police K-9 unit.

This event would not have been possible without the many hands that came together to make it a success (and quickly pack it away for everyone's safety)! Special thanks to the Village's Public Safety Coordinator Jackie Parker, Police Chief John Fitzgerald and Police Sergeant Eric Tiedemann for all of their work planning for this event.

For those that missed the fun and for those who want to keep the memories alive, visit our Community Event Photos page on the Village website to view photos from the event.

Next Year's Event Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2020!

...Continued from the cover article, "Board Considers Impacts of the Dog Exercise Area at Brookville Road Park"

In response to these concerns, the Board convened an initial Public Hearing in May to hear from residents that about the park as well as park users regarding the current use and experience. In an effort to acquire additional data, the Village hired a researcher to collect data regarding park use, including parking behaviors.

Data from this effort was reported to the Board at its second Public Hearing in June, at which additional testimony was heard.

During its regular meeting in July, the Board held a third hearing at which the researcher reported on the use of controlled access systems at dog parks across the country. The researcher was not able to identify any jurisdictions that had used access control systems as a means to control dog behavior, specifically barking. Following this report, the public was again invited to speak. All in attendance were park users who urged the Board to maintain the DEA.

After consideration of various factors including that many residents are out of town for the summer, the Board postponed a decision to disestablish a DEA. Given this delay and to provide some immediate relief to abutting households, the Board did vote to adopt an Ordinance to modify the DEA hours to 8:00 a.m. to sunset, weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to sunset, weekends and holidays. The new hours went into effect on Monday, July 22.

The Board acknowledges that a lot of time and careful consideration went into the establishment of the DEA at Brookville Road Park in the hope that embracing the community's use of the space as an area for unleashed dogs would be a positive for the community. As the Board has heard from many park users, indeed the space has become a community-gathering location. Nonetheless, the Board recognizes and appreciates that for the small number of households that directly about the park, the use of the space has negatively impacted their lives. A small number of people are, in turn, being asked to bear the burden of this community asset.

During its regular meeting on Monday, September 9, the Board will consider action to disestablish the Dog Exercise Area at Brookville Road Park, including the removal of the perimeter fencing that runs parallel with Brookville Road. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Please see the enclosed "Notice of Public Hearing & Possible Board Action".

***Rent the Village Hall
For Your Next Event!***

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED JULY & AUGUST 2019

9 West Irving Street	Rear flagstone patio, brick walkways, gravel drive w/ raised brick edge
5500 Cedar Parkway	Replace exterior stair
20 West Kirke Street	Relocate pool
139 Hesketh Street	Construct addition & balcony above sunroom
5914 Cedar Parkway	Construct one-story addition, covered porch, rear deck, bay window & window well
107 Primrose Street	In-kind replacement of front driveway & pavers
4109 Oliver Street	Install rain garden, front walkway, rear deck & replace patio in-kind
5504 Montgomery Street	Install flagstone on top of the old patio
5608 Grove Street	Install synthetic turf, drainage, and shed
6016 Western Avenue	Extend brick walkways behind residence to patio
5600 Western Avenue	Install black aluminum fence with gate & pine solid board with gate
4023 Oliver Street	Replace and widen front stoop & step, replace front walkway to sidewalk
44 Grafton Street	In-kind replacement of front walkway

GARDEN TIP OF THE MONTH: THE GINKGO TREE

The earliest fossils of the Ginkgo tree date to the Jurassic era of the dinosaurs - 213 million years ago!



And unlike most deciduous trees the Ginkgo drops all its leaves at once. Look for this phenomenon at the first hard frost of the year and watch the lovely yellow leaves, in the words of writer Robinson Meyer, “react like a startled burglar and drop all their leaves to the ground at the same time”.

SAVE THE DATE: FLU CLINIC OCTOBER TBD, 2019 FROM 4PM TO 6PM

See the October issue of the Crier for the confirmed date.

To ensure we have a sufficient number of doses, please contact the Village Office to register for the clinic either by phone (301) 654-7300 or email ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov. Flu vaccines will range in cost from \$30 for the typical dose to \$47 for the high dose.



Pneumonia shots will NOT be provided at this year's clinic

VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY COMMITTEE TO PRESENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PHASING- OUT THE USE OF GAS-POWERED LEAF BLOWERS

The Village's Environment & Energy Committee will make a presentation to the Board of Managers during its regular meeting on Monday, September 9 regarding a proposal to phase-out the use of gas-powered leaf blowers in the Village. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The District of Columbia, like many communities around the country, has banned the use of gas-powered leaf blowers effective January 2022. The Environment & Energy Committee has been exploring quieter and greener alternatives to the polluting, two stroke engine blowers widely in use, and is working with neighboring communities in Chevy Chase to propose a similar ban. In an email to the Board of Managers dated June 18, the Committee described concerns surrounding gas-powered leaf blowers and outlined a step-wise approach to both educate residents about alternatives and get their inputs, before asking the Board to take a decision.

As part of this outreach campaign, the Committee is organizing a panel under its Sustainable Living Lecture Series which will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday morning, September 28, from 9-11:00. (see the enclosed flier). The presentation will feature experts from “Quiet Communities” (a national non-governmental organization or NGO) and the DC Advisory Neighborhood Commission involved in the District's decision to ban gas powered leaf blowers. Along with the Village, this event is being co-sponsored by the Town of Chevy Chase and the Town of Somerset.

A copy of the proposal, including recommendations for an educational and outreach campaign, can be viewed on the Village's website homepage. Residents are encouraged to attend the September 9 meeting to hear the E&E Committee's briefing, as well as the expert panel on September 28th, which will include a Q&A. Should the Board decide to consider a potential ban, subsequent public hearings will be scheduled and noticed.

BOARD ACTIONS:

JULY 8, 2019 BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING

Approval of Previous Meetings' Minutes

June 10, 2019 Regular Meeting - *approved*

Special Permit and Variance Requests:

A-7538 (a) & (b) (Variance) 30 West Kirke Street

Construct:

- a) a front portico, which would encroach a maximum of two feet, two and one-half inches (2'-2 1/2") forward of the twenty-five (25) foot front building restriction line; and
- b) steps, which would encroach a maximum of four feet, four inches (4'-4") forward of the twenty-five (25) foot front building restriction line (BRL). - *approved*

A-7539 (Variance) 30 West Kirke Street

Construct a garage, the soffit of which would encroach a maximum of one foot, two inches (1'-2") into the five (5) foot rear (south) and side (west) yard setbacks. - *approved*

A-7542 (Variance) 20 West Kirke Street

Replace a stoop and steps which would encroach a maximum of four feet, five inches (4'-5") forward of the front (West Kirke Street) twenty-five (25) foot front building restriction line. - *approved*

Public Hearing: Brookville Road Park Dog Exercise Area Possible Board Action on Options to Mitigate Impacts to Abutting Neighbors

Resolution No. 07-01-19: An Ordinance to amend Chapter 18, "Animal Control" by repealing and reenacting Sec. 18-7, "Dog Exercise Area", to change hours of operation to 8:00 a.m. to sunset Monday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. to sunset on Saturdays, Sundays and Village holidays. - *approved*

Matters Presented for Board Consideration and Possible Action:

- **Resolution No. 07-02-19:** A Resolution to amend, ratify and confirm the Village Investment Policy (supersedes Resolution No. 05-02-19) - *approved*
- **Staff Proposal:** Police Academy Reimbursement for Newly Hired Police Officers. - *approved*
- **Contract Extension Request (second of three one-year extension options) Consulting Engineering Services:** Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP - *withdrawn; to be considered during the Board's meeting on September 9, 2019*

Committee Matters:

Election Supervisors

Reappointment of Karen Spangler (Grove St.) as a member to serve a four-year term - *approved*

Board Reappointments of Chairs to Village Committees

- Environment & Energy: Marilyn Bracken, Co-Chair (Magnolia Parkway) - *approved*
- Environment & Energy: Marea Hatziolos Grant, Co-Chair (W. Irving Street) - *approved*
- Parks & Greenspaces: Susan Kilborn, Co-Chair (Oliver Street) - *approved*
- Parks & Greenspaces: Margo Kingston, Co-Chair (Hesketh Street) - *approved*
- Public Safety: Saul Goodman (Cedar Parkway) - *approved*
- Seniors: Betty O'Connor (Grafton Street) - *approved*

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.chevy ChaseVillageMD.gov by clicking on "Board of Managers Meetings" under the header "Quick Links" on the homepage.

Next Regular Board of Managers' Meeting: Monday, September 9, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Please note that in observance of the Veterans Day holiday, the November Board of Managers' Meeting will be held on
Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

THE POLICE BEAT

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

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS & CHILDREN

It's that time of year; summer has ended and children are headed back for another year of school. To ensure every child's safety, please remember and practice the following important tips:



- **Don't drive distracted.** Put aside the electronic devices and fully focus on driving. Reading or sending any communication with your smart phone — even while stopped — is very dangerous and will earn you a citation.
- **Don't drive distracted.** Five seconds is the average time your eyes are off the road while reading or sending a text. When traveling at 55mph, that's enough time to cover the length of a football field blindfolded. (www.distraction.gov)
- **Don't drive distracted.** Don't let anything divert your attention and scan the road ahead for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Failure to stop for a stopped school bus with flashing red lights carries a **\$570 fine and three points**. Village officers will be increasing patrol of school bus stops to catch violators.
- If you witness an unsafe driver in the Village, note the tag number and report it to the Village Police Department.

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.



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

PLEASE LOCK YOUR VEHICLES



The vast majority of our thefts are those from unlocked cars. We make it far too easy (and inviting) for thieves. The Village Police Department urges you to lock your car doors **every** time you park and remove all valuables from your car. Please do your civic duty and reduce the opportunities for thieves by locking up!

Thank you!

SAFE WALKING HABITS: PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

We often see residents walking in the streets of the Village. To increase pedestrian safety, please familiarize yourself with the below 'rules of the road' for pedestrians:

State law requires pedestrians to **use the sidewalk** where one is provided and otherwise available. Please use our newly refurbished sidewalks whenever you can.

When a sidewalk is absent (or its use is impractical for any reason) and pedestrians must walk on the roadway, state law requires that pedestrians **walk on the left** side of the street—facing oncoming traffic. It is not only the law, but it is common sense for your safety. This is an especially important rule for those who listen to electronic devices as they walk; these devices reduce a walker's ability to hear and perceive approaching cars, trucks, bicycles, and the like.



OUR KEY PROGRAM ONLY WORKS IF WE HAVE YOUR KEY!

If you have not already done so, please consider participating by bringing in a copy of your house key in case you or a family member gets locked out and so the Village Police can access your home in an emergency.

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE SENIOR CORNER

I can't believe that Summer is over and Fall is welcoming us – but here we are and our 2019-2020 is beginning. We welcome you all to join us and hope that our programs will prove interesting and informative to you. We start with --

Tuesday, September 17, 7:30-9:00 p.m.: Murray Horwitz, a Tony Award winning playwright, lyricist and currently host of WAMU 's "The Big Broadcast", will be our guest speaker and will share with us his prolific 50 Year Career in Show Business. His career has encompassed almost every phase of the entertainment world, from acting as a clown in the circus to performer and director on Broadway, co-author of the musical "Ain't Misbehavin" and much more. Since he came to Washington he has included associations with NPR, the Silver Theater and Washington Performing Arts.

Come and enjoy the entertaining evening with this well-known story teller, who is also a resident of Chevy Chase.

SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday, October 15, 7:30-9:00 p.m.: Christy Sharshel, assistant to Tara Brach, will give a presentation on the Caregivers Relaxation Meditation Program. More information coming next month.

Tuesday, October 22, 2:00-4:00 p.m.: A special event to be announced – but it will be special.

Tuesday, November 12 - 7:30-9:00 p.m.: Michael Dobbs, bestselling author and former Washington Post reporter, will discuss his latest book, The Unwanted: America, Auschwitz, and a Village Caught in Between. The book chronicles the United States response to the refugee crisis in Europe resulting from the actions of the Nazis. More info coming. Registrations will be taken by e-mail and phone.

Tuesday, December 17 - 2:00-4:00p.m. - Our Annual Holiday Party

Be sure to mark your calendars for all the above events.

Our programs here in the Village are open to everyone. We bring entertaining and informative events to you in cooperation with Chevy Chase Village and Chevy Chase at Home. If you have suggestions, ideas or topics that you would have us schedule, please email me at bettyoconnor2@verizon.net or call 301-656-0597.

Betty O'Connor
Chair, Village Committee for Seniors

THE COMMUNITY CORNER

CHEVY CHASE ART SHOW RETURNS TO THE VILLAGE HALL

Ch/Art, a group of over 100 artists and art supporters, is sponsoring a juried art show in the Village Hall, in coordination with the Building Facilities Commission, in November. Glen Kessler, well-known artist and art teacher in the area and founder of The Compass Atelier in Rockville, will be the juror. There will be a reception on Sunday, November 3rd, from 3-5, to kick off the show. If you can't make the reception, the show will continue to hang during the month of November so please drop by the Village Hall to view the work of these talented artists at your convenience. All of the art for the show will be for sale through contacting the individual artist.

Ch/Art is a newly formed nonprofit organization made up of artists in Chevy Chase MD and Chevy Chase DC. The organization sponsored an Art Walk around the Chevy Chase neighborhood this spring and conducts seminars, workshops and social events for the art community. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please consult the web site at:

www.chevychaseart.org

RESIDENTS INVITED TO THE MANY HANDS KICK-OFF MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17 AT 7:00 P.M.

Many Hands is a local grant-making organization dedicated to making a lasting impact on the lives of Washington, DC area women, children, and families in need, while helping its members become well-informed donors. Since 2004, Many Hands has granted \$1.6 million to local nonprofit organizations.

Please contact Village resident and Many Hands board member Elizabeth Bausch at eliz.bausch@gmail.com for more information. All Village women are encouraged to attend this event. Together we make a difference!

www.manyhandsdc.org

VILLAGE TEENS

Village teens are available for a variety of services. Please email the Village office at ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov to add a teen to the list and to make changes.

2019 RESIDENT DIRECTORY

The NEW 2019 Resident Directories are available for residents to pick-up at the Village Hall. The Directory contains important information such as the history of the Village; details regarding municipal services; Village government and operations; frequently called numbers; useful code provisions and safety tips. Limit one per household.

CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE

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5906 Connecticut Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Elissa Leonard - *Chair*

Robert C. Goodwin, Jr. - *Vice Chair*

David L. Winstead - *Secretary*

Richard M. Ruda - *Assistant Secretary*

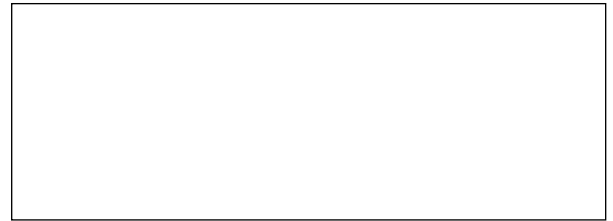
Gary Crockett - *Treasurer*

Nancy E. Watters - *Assistant Treasurer*

Linda Willard - *Board Member*

VILLAGE MANAGER

Shana R. Davis-Cook



TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION; SPECIAL PICK-UPS



Resident input regarding the contracted services for trash and recycling collection is an important factor during the evaluation of these services. Please contact the Village office to provide your feedback.

The Village provides rear door collection of refuse and recycling as a convenience to our residents. Please leave your gates unlocked to allow access to your receptacles and remember to contact the Communications Center if either your refuse or recycling were not collected.

Special Pickups of bulk items are collected on Wednesdays. Requests must be submitted either by phone or through the Village website by 2:00 p.m. on the preceding Tuesday to ensure collection. Please see Holiday Schedule for the week of July 4. Collection will not be impacted the week of Labor Day.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR
THE VILLAGE'S ANNUAL
HALLOWEEN PARTY ON
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30 FROM
5:30 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.**



RESTRICTIONS ON POWER LANDSCAPE EQUIPMENT

As we approach the fall 2019 leaf collection season, residents are reminded that the Village has limited hours during which landscape power equipment can be operated.

Power landscape equipment is **ONLY** permitted:

Weekdays between 8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Weekends & Holidays between 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.



Bringing MVA Services to You

The mobile service bus will visit the Friendship Heights Village Center along Friendship Boulevard on

Monday, September 23

from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For more information, call (301)-656-2797 or visit www.FriendshipHeightsmd.gov.