

CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE CRIER

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Monday, October 12, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Managers' Meeting
TO BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY

The Village Hall remains closed to the public as a result of the COVID-19 health emergency.

Please call our 24-hour Communications Center at (301) 654-7300 should you need assistance.

Thank you to the many residents who donated to the food drive held on September 27 and to donation organizer, India Ingersoll. Stay tuned to the weekly blast emails for additional donation opportunities through the end of the year.

TBA: Outdoor Flu Clinic - Details for an outdoor vaccine clinic will be announced in early October. See the Village website and weekly blast emails.

**November 2020 Appeal/Variance
Deadline: Mon., Oct. 19 by 5:00 PM**

5906 Connecticut Avenue
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815
phone: 301.654.7300
fax: 301.907.9721
email: ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov
website: www.chevychasevillagemd.gov

NEW TRAFFIC PATTERN IN CHEVY CHASE CIRCLE

In July, Chevy Chase Circle was completely re-paved and the new pavement was marked with an entirely new traffic pattern. This new pattern (detailed description below) was the product of a years-long effort involving traffic engineers from Maryland and DC, and representatives from Chevy Chase Village, Friends of Chevy Chase Circle, the National Park Service, and DC's Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3/4G.

The new pattern is designed to improve traffic flow and reduce collisions by providing clear guidance to drivers so that they may navigate the Circle more safely and with less confusion. New signage is on the way, but in the meantime, temporary signage is in place to assist drivers.

Village police officers continue to be assigned periodically to the Circle to calm traffic and to reinforce safe driving behaviors. The new traffic pattern is a significant change, and all drivers should exercise caution and patience as motorists adapt to it over time.

Village Police Chief John Fitzgerald has created a detailed description with accompanying photos to explain the new traffic patterns. This guide has been posted to the homepage of the Village website. Residents are encouraged to visit www.chevychasevillagemd.gov to view the guide to ensure the drivers in your household understand how to navigate the new traffic pattern approaching and within Chevy Chase Circle.

LEAF BLOWER REGULATION REMINDERS

BAN ON GAS-POWERED LEAF BLOWERS GOES INTO EFFECT JANUARY 1, 2022

October marks the unofficial start of "leaf season" in our region. Below is a summary of the Village and county regulations regarding the use of leaf blowers. Residents should share these regulations with their landscape contractor to ensure they operate legally this year and beyond.

Current Regulations

All blowers being operated in the Village are subject to Montgomery County's Noise Ordinance, which states that "a person must not sell, buy, offer for sale, or use a leaf blower at any time that has an average sound level exceeding 70 dBA at a distance of 50 feet." Additionally, the simultaneous use of multiple leaf blowers that are compliant with the 70 bDA limit can create noise of a sufficient level to qualify as a violation and/or noise disturbance.

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IMPROVEMENTS TO CONNECTICUT AVENUE STORM DRAINS

Early this summer, Village staff met with representatives from the State Highway Administration (SHA) to assess the storm drain inlets along Connecticut Avenue. Chronic blockages created health and safety concerns, which SHA recognized. Their maintenance crew promptly came and cleaned the inlets most affected, as well as a pipe under Connecticut Avenue which had become blocked with asphalt and debris. The improvement was immediate and much appreciated. Staff has continued to monitor the inlets since this maintenance was performed by SHA and the inlets are continuing to drain well.

SHA engineers also noted that the inlets along Connecticut Avenue appear to be undersized for the roadway and for current design standards. A recommendation was made to perform a thorough engineering study along the length of Connecticut Avenue from Chevy Chase Circle to Bradley Lane. A time frame for that study, and subsequent improvements, has not yet been established, however, Village staff will continue to communicate with SHA in advancing this project. We are encouraged to see progress made in maintaining the management of stormwater runoff along the primary traffic artery through the Village.

MONTGOMERY PLANNING DEPARTMENT UPDATES

The Montgomery Planning Department sends a weekly eNewsletter, called InfoShare, so residents can stay informed regarding matters under consideration by the Montgomery County Planning Board and its staff.

The newsletter is circulated by email every Friday. To sign-up visit:

<http://montgomeryplanning.org/media-center/eletters>

DO I NEED A PERMIT?



If you are thinking of starting a renovation, building, or landscape project, please be sure to contact the Village office for information as to what permits may be required.

There are County and Village building regulations that may apply. Please contact the Permitting & Code Enforcement Coordinator, Jessica Gebhart, at ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov.

...Continued from the cover article, "Leaf Blower Regulation Reminders"

Leaf blowers with a rating above 70dBA, as marked on the machine, are illegal and the company can be fined after one warning citation. The Village has determined that many crews working in the Village were operating illegal blowers. As a result, several companies have been fined \$500.00, per County regulations.

Ban on Gas-Powered Blowers, eff. 1/1/2022

Gas-powered leaf blowers will be banned in the Village effective January 1, 2022. The Village Board approved the ban in December 2019 citing the adverse environmental, human health (principally for the equipment operator) and quality of life impacts resulting from the use of gas-powered leaf blowers.

How Residents Can Help

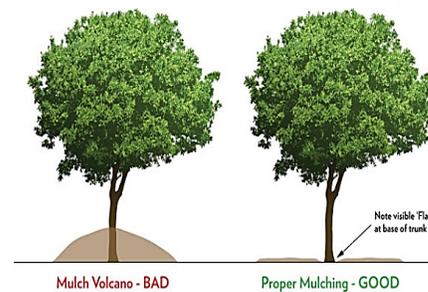
The best tool to ensure compliance is for residents to communicate these rules to their contractors and to stress their importance. Check your lawn company's machines and help to reduce noise pollution in the Village.

The Village has circulated a bilingual handout to contractors informing them of the current regulations and the ban effective in 2022. If you would like your landscaper/yard maintenance contractor to receive this handout, please email your contractor's information to ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov. Residents can also provide their landscapers with a copy of the county's "Leaf Blower Notice", which is posted on the Village website under Quick Links on the homepage.

BEWARE OF MULCH VOLCANOES

Deciduous trees can benefit from the application of a 2-3" layer of mulch around the base of the tree. The mulch can help maintain moisture, reduce weed germination and

protect trunks from lawn care equipment. Mulch materials can be shredded hardwood, pine bark, pine fines or compost. Unfortunately, over-zealous landscape crews frequently apply too much material and mound mulch against the trunk of the tree, hence the term "mulch volcanoes". This is detrimental to the health of the tree and can cause serious decline. Remember not to pile the mulch around the stem of the tree.



Visit the following website for tree care tips, including an article detailing proper mulching technique:

<http://www.treesaregood.com/treecare/mulching.aspx>

UPDATED GENERAL PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION INFORMATION

The September 2020 issue of the *Crier* provided detailed information regarding the 2020 presidential election. Residents are encouraged to view that issue, available on our website at www.chevychasevillagemd.gov. As a reminder, the Chevy Chase



Village Hall will NOT serve as an in-person polling site for the November 3 election; however, Village residents will be able to access early voting between October 26 and November 2 at the nearby Jane E. Lawton Center in the Town of Chevy Chase or vote

by mail by requesting a mail-in ballot that can be dropped off at any of the over 35 planned drop-off boxes throughout the county.

In late September, the state Board of Elections announced that there will be a ballot drop box placed right outside the main entrance to the Friendship Heights Village Center at 4433 North Park Avenue. This box will be the closest location to the Village and is within walking distance to many Village households. Deposited ballots will be retrieved daily by the county and the drop-boxes at all approved sites will be under video surveillance.

Drop boxes are expected to be installed throughout the county by the second week in October. In late September, the state's vendor had begun to mail ballots to voters who have requested mail-in ballots. The deadline to request a mail-in ballot is October 20, 2020.

For more information regarding the 2020 General Presidential Election including accessing the complete list of early voting centers, vote centers, registering to vote and volunteering as an election worker, visit:

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/elections

WHEN THE POWER GOES OUT...

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

1. **PEPCO at 1 (877) - PEPCO-62**
2. **Village Communications Center at (301) 654-7300**

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



FALL TREE PLANTINGS

The Village maintains a vigorous tree planting program to maintain our beloved tree canopy. The goal is to replenish trees in the public right of way that have been removed, due either to weather events or natural decline. The Village Arborist and Tree Committee work together to identify locations and species.

Unfortunately, the annual spring planting was postponed this year due to COVID-19, however, we are thrilled to announce a fall planting of twenty-five (25) trees to be planted along roadways throughout the Village. Enclosed in this issue of the *Crier* is the full list of planting locations and species as well as information for how abutting homeowners can comment on the proposed location and species.

We anticipate resuming the Village's annual spring planting cycle next year.



PREPARING FOR A SAFE HALLOWEEN DURING COVID-19

This is the time of year when our littlest residents are looking forward to the special night in late October when they can dress up and trick-or-treat throughout the community. With the COVID-19 pandemic's mark still being felt throughout our region, Halloween is the latest cherished tradition to be impacted.

As announced last month, the Village Halloween Party has been canceled, however, we know that many families are seeking guidance regarding COVID-safe trick-or-treating. We anticipate that many households will simply choose not to participate in trick-or-treating activities due to the increased risk of interacting with others and the difficulty of ensuring there is no cross-contamination.

Montgomery County's Office of Emergency Management is in the process of preparing guidance for county residents regarding Halloween. As soon as this information is published, we will post it to the homepage of the Village website and include it in our weekly blast emails.

In the interim, residents—including ghosts and goblins—are reminded to avoid crowds and to always wear a mask when unable to maintain a social distance of at least six feet.

BOARD ACTIONS:

SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes:

July 13, 2020 Regular Meeting - *approved*

Special Permits and Variance Requests:

A-7767(Variance) 6134 Nevada Avenue

- a) Install an outdoor therapeutic bath that would encroach six feet, six inches (6'-6") into the fifteen (15) foot setback from the south and west (side) lot lines; and
- b) the proposed outdoor therapeutic bath will be placed on a deck that would encroach three (3) feet into the ten (10) foot setback from the south and west (side) lot lines. - *approved*

Matters Presented for Board Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Adoption:

- **Resolution No. 09-01-20:** Resolution of the Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers calling for the National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior, to remove a plaque and inscription honoring Francis G. Newlands from the fountain within Chevy Chase Circle and for an Act of the Congress of the United States to remove the name of, and memorial dedication to, Francis G. Newlands from the fountain within Chevy Chase Circle. - *approved*
- **Thrive Montgomery 2050 :** Consideration of a letter to urge the Montgomery County Council to delay for at least one year the council's scheduled review and possible adoption of the county's revised General Plan. - *approved*
- **Contract Extension Request (third and final of three one-year extension options)** Consulting Engineering Services: *Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP - approved*
- **Contract Extension Request (first and second of two one-year extension options)** Photo Speed Enforcement Monitoring Program: *Conduent State & Local Solutions, Inc. - approved*
- **Purchase Authorization Request-** Replacement tractor/loader and applicable attachments in an amount not to exceed \$22,600 (after trade-in of the department's skid steer tractor): *Rippeon Equipment Company - approved*
- **Purchase Authorization Request-** Replacement medium-body dump truck in an amount not to exceed \$110,465.00: *Johnson Truck Center, LLC - approved*

Commission & Committee Matters

Personnel Commission: Reappointment of Orrin Baird (Oliver Street) as a member to serve a three-year term and as Chair to serve a one-year term. - *approved.*

This is a synopsis of the Board's actions. To view an archive of the approved minutes, or to watch video 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, October 12, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

NOTE: This meeting will be held virtually with members of the Board of Managers, staff and the public participating by phone or video. Access information for this meeting will be posted to the Village website and included in the weekly blast email on October 9.

VILLAGE BOARD APPROVES RESOLUTION CALLING FOR CONGRESS AND THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE TO REMOVE THE PLAQUE AND INSCRIPTION FROM THE FOUNTAIN IN CHEVY CHASE CIRCLE AND REMOVAL OF THE MEMORIAL DEDICATION HONORING FRANCIS G. NEWLANDS

At its meeting on Monday, September 14, the Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers voted unanimously to approve a Resolution urging the National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior, to remove a plaque and inscription honoring Francis G. Newlands from the fountain within Chevy Chase Circle and calling for an Act of the Congress of the United States to remove the name of, and memorial dedication to, Francis G. Newlands from the fountain within Chevy Chase Circle.

The Resolution can be viewed on the Village website under Quick Links, Board of Managers Meetings for September 14, 2020.

THE POLICE BEAT

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

LEASH LAW REMINDER

Many residents will soon be enjoying the cooler weather by taking strolls through the neighborhood with their dogs. The Chevy Chase Village Police Department reminds residents that the law requires that all dogs be on a leash, otherwise they are classified as being "at-large." The law states that a dog must be leashed when outside the owner's premises unless it is in a municipally-designated dog exercise area. Fines for dogs off leash begin at \$100 for the first offense and go up to \$500. The law also requires all owners/handlers to clean up after their pet.



MEDICATION DROP BOX

AVAILABLE AT THE VILLAGE HALL



The Village Police Department has a grant-funded steel drop box for the safe disposal of unwanted/unneeded prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) medication. The white mailbox-style receptacle is located on the front porch

at the Village Hall and it is available to residents 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Residents are welcome to drop off bagged prescription and OTC pills (if in their containers, obliterate names on the labels).

No liquids, needles, or empty pill bottles please!

WEEKLY POLICE BEAT AND EMAIL BLAST

Every Friday a message goes out to residents who have signed up for the Email Blast system. This message contains information of interest to the community along with any current police/crime news. Please sign up for the "Blast" by clicking on the white envelope icon located under the Village logo on our website (chevychasevillagemd.gov).



Please note that in order to sign up for email blasts, you must be a Village resident and have registered for access to the website.

TEAM MEMBER CLOSE-UP:

OFFICER WILLIE HEARN

Officer Willie Hearn joined the Chevy Chase Village Police Department in July, 2005 and is currently assigned to the night shift patrol. Officer Hearn's previous experience includes time with the Montgomery County Police Department in the Germantown District. Prior to this, he retired after 20 years of honorable active military service where he worked as a photographer, drill instructor and paratrooper. He has completed 73 hours of credits in studio production and photography.



Officer Hearn is certified as a Crisis Intervention Team officer (CIT). CIT-certified officers have learned important de-escalation techniques and strategies to help individuals in crisis and those with cognitive and behavioral disorders. Officer Hearn is also a certified mountain bike officer and you will see him doing bike patrol throughout the Village.

In his spare time, Officer Hearn enjoys tropical fish, model trains and spending time with his wife and four children.

CONSTRUCTION AND LANDSCAPING NOISE:

*PLEASE ADHERE TO THE START/STOP TIMES
IN THE VILLAGE CODE*

Recently, Village Police have responded to an increased number of early morning and evening construction and lawn crew noise complaints. Noise from these sources at prohibited times is not only illegal, it is a nuisance to neighbors.



Residents are encouraged to remind their construction and lawn contractors that the Village noise ordinance prohibits noise from power landscaping equipment and any construction-related noise prior to 8:00 a.m. on weekdays, prior to 9:00 a.m. on weekends and holidays, and after 6:00 p.m. every day. Violations of the Village noise law are enforced by a civil citation and fine.

COMMUNITY NEWS

NEW RATES FOR COMPOST COLLECTION

The food-waste collection program in Chevy Chase Village continues to grow as the community looks for more ways to be conscientious consumers. We recently hit a milestone of 75 households who are recycling their food-waste with Compost Crew. As a result of increased participation, the **price per household** for Compost Crew's convenient food-waste collection will now be **\$16 per month for the standard size bin**- a 20% savings from the previous cost. The monthly cost for the **larger 12-gallon bin** has dropped to **\$20/month**.



Pricing for existing customers will also reflect the new rates. Compost Crew will be in touch with residents who are already composting to share details of the new rates. To sign up for collection services, or if you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact info@compostcrew.com.

THE SENIOR CORNER

As all of you know, our beautiful Village Hall remains closed to the community. Because of this, all of the events that would have been held for seniors have been put on-hold.

All of our programs are brought to you in cooperation with Chevy Chase@Home and Chevy Chase Village. We welcome suggestions for future events. E-mail me at bettyoconnor2@verizon.net or call 301-656-0597.

Peace and Love to All,
Betty O'Connor,
Chair, Committee for Seniors

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED: SEPT. 2020

- 5406 Grove Street - Replace rear patio
- 1 East Melrose Street - In-kind fence replacement
- 3804 Bradley Lane - Install rear yard drywell
- 5406 Grove Street - Construct 4' and 6' fencing
- 4025 Oliver Street - In-kind AC replacement
- 9 West Irving Street - Install two walkways
- 6 East Melrose Street - Construct addition, basement, deck and stairs
- 1A East Irving Street - In-kind handrail replacement
- 5914 Cedar Parkway - Construct an enlarged driveway

SHRUB OF THE MONTH



One of the most popular shrubs in Village gardens is Hydrangea (common name hortensia), a native to Japan but widely popular in Europe and the United States.

The familiar, but stunning, "Mophead" Hydrangea Macrophylla (big leaf) blooms throughout the summer into early fall, so we can continue enjoying these flowers during our cool autumn weather. This sturdy bush as well as the several other Hydrangea varieties grown in Chevy Chase thrive in a sheltered location with sunny mornings and shady afternoons. Hydrangea should be planted in a rich, porous and somewhat moist soil. It is best planted in the autumn as it gives the plant time to establish a healthy root system before late spring-early summer blooming.

Other popular Hydrangea types seen in Village gardens are Oakleaf Quercifolia, climbing Hydrangea Petiolaris which is native to the United States and sports suckers on its branches for climbing, and Lacecap Hydrangea, similar to Macrophylla except for the "lacey flowers".

SIGN UP FOR EMAIL BLAST(S)

Now more than ever, it is critical for all Village residents to subscribe to the Village's email blasts. Since the beginning of the local health crisis, staff has circulated a weekly email containing information regarding Village and, where appropriate, county and state-level developments.



The Village operates two email distribution lists to deliver information to residents:

Urgent News Blast are emergency alerts that are sent only on an as-needed basis. Alerts include water main breaks, power outages, operations closures and public safety alerts.

General News Blast, which are geared toward community events, Board Meetings, etc. will be sent out weekly.

To subscribe, visit www.chevy Chase Village MD.gov and click **Notify Me** on the homepage (look for the image at the top).

Sign-up for the Village Email Blasts and encourage your neighbors to do the same!

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.

List available in the print version that is mailed to residents.

JOIN THE VILLAGE LISTSERV ON GROUPS.IO

CCVillage@Groups.io is the community mailing list for residents of Chevy Chase Village. To join, visit <https://groups.io/g/CCVillage> and click on the blue “+ Join This Group” button. Once enrolled, the email address to submit messages to the mailing list is ccvillage@groups.io.

The CCVillage information website is at <http://CCVillage.info>. For assistance with joining or posting messages, please contact moderator and Village resident Tim Slagle at ccvillage+owner@groups.io.

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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.

FOLLOW CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER!!

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

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RECYCLING REMINDERS

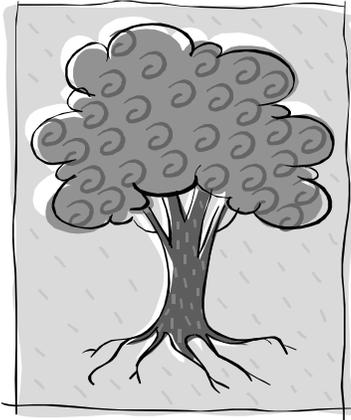


Do your part to support our household recycling program:

- Glass and plastic food containers should be rinsed **BEFORE** going into the toter.
- Absolutely **NO** plastic bags of any sort should ever be put in with your recycling.

Chevy Chase Village

2020 Fall Public Right-of-Way Tree Planting Notice



DEAR VILLAGE RESIDENT: Please review the following list of 25 potential fall 2020 tree plantings in Village rights-of-way. The list has been prepared by the Village Arborist in consultation with the Tree Committee. If a tree is scheduled for planting near or in front of your home, you should check the specific planting site which will be marked with white paint and a small flag. Should you have comments on the proposed species or location or if you have general questions, **please submit them in writing to Tree Committee Chair, Philip Webre at philip.webre@gmail.com by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 2020 including your name, address and telephone number.**

In preparing this list, an effort has been made to emphasize native species and, where there are power lines, to plant trees that will not exceed 35' in height at full maturity.

Address	Common Tree Name
Broad Branch Road 6302	Yoshino Flowering Cherry
Brookville Road 6400	Kentucky Coffee Tree
Grafton Street 40	Black Gum
Grove Street 5510 5600(2)	Red Oak Green Mountain Sugar Maples
Hesketh Street 8 12 106 122	Princeton Elm Lacebark Elm Black Gum Black Gum
Kirkside Drive 5601 5801	Black Gum Yoshino Flowering Cherry
West Lenox Street 3	October Glory Red Maple
Magnolia Parkway 16	Bloodgood London Plane
East Melrose Street 11	Bloodgood London Plane

Montgomery Street
5608

Black Gum

Newlands Street
16

White Oak

Oliver Street
4000
4015
4027

Yellowwood
Bloodgood London Plane
Green Mountain Sugar Maple

Oxford Street
10
26

Bloodgood London Plane
Willow Oak

Primrose Street
202

Alle Lacebark Elm

Quincy Street
11
29

Gingko
Swamp White Oak
