COVID-19 RAPID TEST KITS AND N95 MASKS
AVAILABLE AT THE VILLAGE HALL

As we head into a new school year, it is important that we remain vigilant in our efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 by vaccinating and testing.

The Village continues to provide rapid (antigen) test kits and N95 masks. Village residents may stop by the Village office to pick-up up masks and test kits Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or email ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov to arrange an off-hour pick-up. Information about the mask and test distribution at the Village Hall and other means of accessing COVID-19 tests is available in the Village’s weekly blast email.

The rapid COVID test kits distributed by the Village are manufactured by iHealth. In July, the FDA has extended the expiration date printed on the iHealth boxes. To confirm the applicable expiration for your test kit, visit https://ihealthlabs.com/pages/news.

For general information regarding COVID-19 testing and vaccines in the county, visit: https://montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT:
A SUCCESS AT ITS NEW LOCATION

The Village held its eighth National Night Out event on August 2. After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the event was held at a new location in the greenspace across from the Village Hall at W. Kirke St. and Laurel Pkwy.

The Village extends a special thanks to Montgomery County Fire & Rescue, the BCC Rescue Squad, K-9 Officers Tom Kelly and "Cato", Police Chief John Fitzgerald, Village Officers, and staff. Attendees were invited to check out the fire and EMS vehicles, and several children took a turn on the police car PA system before heading home with a goodie bag. Many Village residents turned on their porch lights to show their support for the event as well.

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 1, 2023
September Gardening Tips

September is a great time to tidy up your summer garden and make ready for cooler weather. A few tasks to consider:

- Divide perennials like hostas, daylilies, rudbeckia, shasta daisies, etc.
- Plant new hardy perennial plants in the cooler days of September. This gives plenty of time for roots to get established before winter sets in.
- Dig up tubers of gladiolus, dahlias, canna, and caladiums and store them in a dry peat moss over the winter.
- Bring in any houseplants that you’ve had outside this summer. This includes potted citrus trees.
- Tidy up your garden landscape, picking up any dried foliage, dropped fruit, or dropped leaves.
- If you’ve been growing any tropical plants, start transitioning them indoors. They need to adjust to the change in lighting conditions gradually to prevent leaf drop.
- Start assembling your fall container gardens. Create an eye-catching pop of color and textural intrigue.
- Collect seeds from high-performing plants and store them in LABELED seed collection envelopes.

Selecting a Tree Care Contractor

Summer storm season is well underway and perhaps a tree on your property has been damaged, or you are simply undertaking routine tree care maintenance. Either way, residents are reminded that it is state law that all tree care professionals operating in Maryland must be a Licensed Tree Expert (LTE) as regulated by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Without a license, tree care contractors may not practice or advertise tree care services in the state.

Read about licensing requirements here: https://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/programapps/newtreeexpert.aspx

Chevy Chase Village does not require a permit for routine pruning of trees to maintain the health of the tree, however, a Village Tree Removal Permit is required to remove trees that are at least 24 inches in circumference, measured at four and one half feet above the ground (or measured just below the split on multi-trunk trees) - see Chapter 17, the Urban Forest Code, for the complete regulations available on the Village website under “Charter, Code & Policies”.

Proper routine pruning can help avoid storm damage. Help maintain the Village tree canopy by practicing good tree care and using Licensed Tree Experts.

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 trunk of the tree.

Visit the following website for tree care tips: https://www.treesaregood.org/treowner/treownersmanual
**Pepco’s Streetlight Tariff Rejected by the MD Public Service Commission**

In 2007, a Maryland law went into effect establishing a process for the municipal purchase and ownership of streetlights. To-date, no municipalities within Pepco's network have completed the process to purchase, own and maintain the streetlights within their community. Municipal ownership of streetlights can result in reduced costs and improved lighting.

In April of this year, Pepco filed a case with the Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC) to revise the existing overhead streetlight tariff as it pertains to municipal purchase and ownership of streetlights. The streetlight tariff governs how Pepco charges customers/local governments for the energy and maintenance of overhead streetlights. In its filing, Pepco asserted that the tariff revisions were seeking to clarify the purchase and ownership process for counties and municipalities. Testimony submitted by the Village as well as legislators from Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, Town of Chevy Chase, Washington Grove, and Section 3 of the Village of Chevy Chase raised concerns regarding the proposed tariff revisions and urged additional oversight by the PSC into the flawed and prohibitive process to seeking local ownership of streetlights.

On August 24, the Maryland Public Service Commission convened an Administrative Meeting to consider Pepco's proposed revisions to the streetlights tariff and in a 3-2 vote, the PSC rejected Pepco's proposal. The Village's Legal Counsel represented the Village at the meeting. Commissioners expressed frustration with Pepco's lack of proactiveness to assist municipalities in pursuing ownership of the streetlights in their communities, as well as Pepco's failure to respond to municipalities' concerns with the purchase and ownership process.

Commission Chair Jason Stanek directed Pepco to coordinate with the municipalities in their service area (Montgomery and Prince George's Counties) to convene a series of meetings to address the municipalities' concerns. The commission will convene a “status conference” with Pepco and municipal representatives on Wednesday, October 12 to discuss the outcome of these meetings and to determine next steps on the tariff case. This is a positive step toward resolving the municipalities' outstanding questions and concerns.

**Reminder: Spotted Lanternfly Quarantine In Effect**

April's issue of the Crier featured information regarding the Maryland Department of Agriculture's declaration of a spotted lanternfly quarantine for Montgomery County. The quarantine is an attempt to slow the spread of the insect and requires action by public agencies, businesses and private citizens. Please visit the “Spotted Lanternfly Quarantine” page under Quick Links on the Village website for more information and to view images of the Spotted Lanternfly so you know how to spot them.

**What is the Spotted Lanternfly and Why Should Residents be Concerned**

Spotted Lanternfly *Lycorma delicatula* feed on the phloem of a plant, which carries the sugars that plants produce and use to live. As a result of feeding, Spotted Lanternflies excrete the sugary waste, which covers plants, trees, and any hard surfaces, vehicles, and paving located beneath trees. The falling material becomes a nuisance making everything sticky, developing a fungus called sooty mold, which grows on the sugars turning any hard surface underneath trees black. Spotted Lanternfly also feed on fruit crops, ornamental plants, and trees, and may damage or stress landscape plants.

The Spotted Lanternfly is primarily spread by being carried from place to place by human activity. The pest lives overwinter in the egg masses. Egg masses may be deposited on any hard surfaces, walls, trees, etc., and may be carried away on trash cans, outdoor furniture, grill propane tanks, etc. Hundreds of Spotted Lanternflies are transported in egg masses, but the nymphs, and adult insects may also be transported.

The insect exists in such overwhelming numbers that chemical or organic pesticides are useless. The population control recommendation is to scrape egg masses off surfaces and soak them in rubbing alcohol or hand sanitizer.

**Quarantine Requirements**

Homeowners are required to complete and carry in their vehicle a written checklist before moving items that may carry the insect or egg masses. The checklist is a form that may be downloaded from the Village website. Anyone traveling within or from the quarantine area must recognize and inspect for all forms (egg masses, nymphs, adults) of Spotted Lanternfly on any items that may carry the insect and maintain the required checklist while transporting the regulated articles. Homeowners should also ensure their landscape and tree maintenance contractors have received the quarantine permit. A list of permit holders is available on the state’s website at https://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/pages/spotted-lantern-fly.aspx.
**BOARD ACTIONS:**

**July 11, 2022 Board of Managers’ Meeting**

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**Approval of Previous Meetings’ Minutes:**
Regular Board Meeting and Executive Session held on June 13, 2022 - Approved

**Public Tree Removal Request:**
A-2712, 5400 Center Street
Removal of one Willow Oak tree measuring fourteen (14) inches in diameter located in the Center Street public right-of-way to accommodate a proposed private driveway - Approved

**Consent Agenda-Tree Removal Consent Agreements:**
A-2711, 5400 Center Street
The applicants seek to remove one Black Maple tree measuring fifteen (15) inches in diameter located in the front (Center Street) yard, and one multi-trunk Witch Hazel tree measuring twelve (12) inches in diameter located in the front (Belmont Avenue-extended) yard to accommodate a new house and proposed landscape alterations. There were no requests from the Board Members to remove Case A-2711 from the Consent Agenda; therefore, the Consent Agreement was deemed approved.

A-2713, 111 Newlands Street
The applicants seek to remove three multi-trunk Crepe Myrtles measuring eleven (11) inches in diameter, twelve (12) inches in diameter and fifteen (15) inches in diameter, and one Lacebark Elm tree measuring eight (8) inches in diameter to accommodate construction of a proposed new house. There were no requests from the Board Members to remove Case A-2713 from the Consent Agenda; therefore, the Consent Agreement was deemed approved.

**Special Permit Request:**
Continuance of Case A-8076, 111 Newlands Street
Replace the existing circular driveway with a new driveway, which would measure a maximum of forty and one-tenths (40.1) feet in width on private property - Approved

**Matters for Board Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action:**

**Purchase Authorization:** Replacement of small utility vehicle from Rippeon Equipment Company in an amount not to exceed $27,290 - Approved

**Commission and Committee Matters:**

**Election Supervisors:** Reappointment of Robert Broeksmit (East Kirke Street) as a member to serve a four-year term, ending July 2026 - Approved

**Board Appointment of Chairs/Co-Chairs to Village Committees (2 year terms, all are reappointments):** Reappointment of Lance Patterson (Grafton Street) as Chair of the Community Relations Committee; Brian Christaldi (Oliver Street) as Chair of the Financial Review Committee; and Philip Webre (Kirkside Drive) as Chair of both the Traffic and Tree Committees for 2 year terms, expiring July 2024 - Approved

This is a synopsis of the Board’s actions. To view an archive of the approved minutes, or to view recordings of the 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, September 12, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

**VACCINE CLINIC AT THE VILLAGE HALL WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 4-6 PM**

The Village will host its annual vaccine clinic on Wednesday, October 19 in partnership with Chevy Chase@Home and Giant Pharmacy. The clinic will be held from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and pre-registration will be required. Vaccines will be offered for the flu and pneumonia, as well as boosters for COVID-19, shingles and tetanus.

More information will be included in the October 2022 issue of the *Crier* and in the Village’s weekly blast emails.
### BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS
#### FOR PARENTS & CHILDREN
It's that time of year; summer break has ended and children are headed back for another year of school. In order to ensure your child's safety, please remember the following important safety 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 55 mph, that's equivalent to driving 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.

### 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 porch at the main entrance to 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!*
**Village Welcomes New Director of Public Works**

The Village would like to welcome Mr. Anthony Young as the new Director of Public Works. Anthony is originally from Rockville, having graduated from SJC High School and Elon College. Anthony has worked in North Carolina, Florida, and Tennessee before returning to the Rockville area in 2003. With over 20 years in the solid waste collection industry as well as many years in foodservice management with Aramark Campus Dining Services and most recently with MCPS Food & Nutrition Services, he brings a new perspective to the position, with an emphasis on service to the community.

In his spare time, Anthony loves playing golf, attending concerts and baseball games, going to the movies, watching college football, and listening to true crime podcasts.

**Pesticides on Lawns and Gas Leaf Blowers Ban Reminder**

Pesticides used on lawns and the use of gas-powered leaf blowers are banned in the Village. Ensure your landscaper is aware.

The Village has adopted the county law that restricts the use of certain pesticides on private lawns, playgrounds, mulched recreation areas, and childcare facilities. Most synthetic pesticides to treat pests in lawns are also not allowed. Organic or minimum-risk pesticides are allowed for use on these areas. Exceptions are made for the treatment of biting and stinging insects (including treatment for mosquitoes).

Power landscape equipment, including leaf blowers, may only be used between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. weekdays, and between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays. No one may use any leaf blower that has an average sound level exceeding 70 dBA (check the rating sticker on your blower). If your blower is rated above 70dBA, it is illegal. The use of more than 1 'legal' blower may also violate the noise limit.

**Permits Issued: July/August 2022**

- 5908 Cedar Parkway......................... Replace water line to house
- 6100 Western Avenue...................... Construct patio in rear yard
- 6313 Broad Branch Rd....................... Install drain from driveway to street
- 111 Newlands Street......................... Construct new house
- 3 Primrose Street.............................. Construct two walls
- 100 East Lenox Street....................... Replace a/c unit in south side yard
- 5406 Grove Street............................ Replace & relocate front walkway
- 32 West Kirke Street......................... In-kind replacement of portion of fence
- 3720 Bradley Lane............................ In-kind fence replacement
- 135 Grafton Street............................ Replace a/c condenser
- 133 Hesketh Street............................ Renew water service to house
- 5515 Montgomery Street...................... Construct area-way with retaining walls & rear deck
- 21 Quincy Street.............................. Construct wall in rear yard
- 13 Grafton Street.............................. Abandon the gas service
- 111 East Melrose Street..................... Addition & alterations, pergola
- 5400 Center Street.............................. Construct new house
- 1 East Kirke Street............................ Replace a/c condensers
- 5612 Western Avenue............................ Replace a/c condensers
- 115 Primrose Street............................ In-kind replacement of a/c unit
- 14 Hesketh Street.............................. New lamppost in front yard, new chimney, relocate a/c unit to accommodate new chimney
- 5600 Cedar Parkway............................ Replace concrete patio with gravel
- 8 Primrose Street.............................. Construct addition and renovations
- 115 Primrose Street............................ Construct landscape wall in rear yard
- 124 Hesketh Street............................ Install drainage pipe in west yard
- 3 Grafton Street.............................. Replace the driveway
- 5 Grafton Street.............................. Replace the driveway

**Replacing or Installing an A/C Unit?**

Whether replacing or relocating an existing unit or installing a new one, both Montgomery County and Village permits are required to install or replace any air conditioner, heat pump, generator or geothermal system. Setback requirements apply for the location of all external unit(s).

Village staff are available to advise you throughout the permitting process. Please visit the Village website's permitting page or contact the Village office by phone (301-654-7300) or e-mail (ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov) for more information.

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

CCVillage@Groups.io is the community listserv 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 group is ccvillage@groups.io. The CCVillage information website is at http://CCVillage.info. For assistance, contact moderator and Village resident Tim Slagle at ccvillage-owner@groups.io.
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.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION REMINDER

The Public Works Department canvases the Village regularly collecting curbside yard debris. Please remember that the Public Works crew cannot collect yard debris placed in plastic bags or loose material that is blocked by vehicles. Please inform your landscape company in advance.

Thank you for your cooperation.

HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR REFUSE AND RECYCLING

Week of Labor Day: September 5-10

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Administrative offices and the Department of Public Works will be closed Monday, Sept. 5. The Communications Center and Police Dept. will remain open 24 hours, 7 days a week.

MANY HANDS FALL EVENT

Many Hands is a collective grant-making organization committed to helping Washington, DC area women, children, and families in socioeconomic need. It operates on a volunteer basis and has been awarding approximately $300,000 annually to organizations providing services in the areas of Education, Health, Housing, and Economic Empowerment.

Many Hands will hold its Fall Educational Event on Thursday, October 13 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the Village Hall. For more information, visit www.manyhandsdc.org.
Chevy Chase Village Announces Classes for Fall 2022

Chevy Chase Village is pleased to announce the following classes that will be held in the Village Hall this Fall. Please complete the registration form (reverse) and return with a check for the fee as noted under the class description made payable to the instructor to:

Chevy Chase Village, 5906 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

**Baby-Toddler Music (1-3 yrs.)**
September 7-December 14 *(NO CLASS NOVEMBER 23)*

**Two Sessions on Wednesday Mornings:**
9:30 - 10:30 a.m. **AND** 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Children and their caregivers will share the joy of music using instruments, singing, parachute games, puppets, scarves, dancing, and sign language in this fun and creative class. Music educator Amber Dutton-Hanlon uses sound pedagogical techniques in an environment that’s positive and fun for both kids and their caregivers.

Children will learn about rhythm, repetition, patterns, musical form, etc. and their parents and caregivers will find this is an excellent “friend-making” environment that they’ll enjoy right along with the children!

Weather permitting, classes may be held outside.

$345 per 14-week session (Village Residents)
$431 per 14-week session (Non-Village Residents)

Session price includes a take home CD at the end of the session.

Minimum enrollment: 5 students
Instructor: Ms. Rachel

Make check payable to: Meadowlark Music

**COVID-19 Class Participation Requirements:**
Parent/Caregivers must provide proof of full vaccination to the class instructor prior to entering the class.
Waiver of Liability and Release

Signature required for all classes!

I, individually and/or as the parent/guardian of the minor child named above, recognize that Chevy Chase Village is not responsible for the content or teaching of this course/activity and makes no warranties, and specifically disclaims any warranties, with respect thereto.

I/my minor child, am participating in the course/activity upon the express agreement and understanding that I am hereby waiving and releasing Chevy Chase Village, its officers, managers, employees and agents from any and all claims, costs, liabilities, expenses or judgments including attorneys’ fees and court costs (herein, collectively referred to as “claims”) arising out of my or my child’s participation in the aforesaid course/activity and any illness injury or death resulting therefrom, and hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless Chevy Chase Village, its officers, managers, employees and agents from and against all such claims except claims proximately caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of Chevy Chase Village.

As a participant in any program or class offered at Chevy Chase Village, I, or my minor child, recognize and acknowledge that there are possible risks of physical injury, and I, or my minor child agree to assume the full risk of injuries, including death, damages or loss that I, or he/she may sustain as a result of participating in any activities connected or associated with such program or class.

I am over the age of eighteen years and competent to enter into this waiver and release. I hereby execute and deliver this waiver and release voluntarily and with full understanding of the contents and consequences thereof and to induce Chevy Chase Village to permit me, or my minor child to participate in the program at Chevy Chase Village Hall.

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Signature of Participant OR Participant’s Parent/Guardian    Date

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