

NEWS & VIEWS

SECTION 3 VILLAGE OF CHEVY CHASE

JANUARY 2000

Calendar

Wednesday, January 5

Christmas Tree Pickup—Curbside
(2nd pick-up Jan 12 – Curbside)

Wednesday, January 12

Council Meeting at Chevy Chase United
Methodist Church – Room 300
7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, February 9

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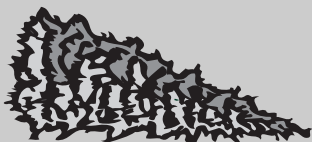
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**REMEMBER TO PUT YOUR
CHRISTMAS TREES OUT
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5TH.**



**If January 5th is too soon, a 2nd pick-up
will take place January 12th**

Sing-Along a Great Success!

Over 100 Section 3 residents of all ages joined the Georgetown Chimes in the Park to sing carols, have cookies and hot chocolate. The lovely performance by the undergraduate group was followed by a rousing sing-along. Special thanks to Mark Grannis and George Peacock for arranging for the group's visit. Thanks to Rob and Sarah Mathias for their organizing help—sending out the flyer, putting together lovely home-made luminaria at the last minute and getting the hot cocoa picked up. The evening was a great success. Next year we hope to have similar events in the gazebo in the park—complete with lights and a facility for microphones so we can hear the performers better.

House Numbers Should Be Visible

Montgomery County's guidelines for house numbers are that they should be at least five inches high and readable from the street. Try and put the numbers on a contrasting background in plain, block numerals. If the numbers aren't visible on the house, put them where they can be read from the street. This is for your safety—if you ever need police fire or rescue services, they depend on it.

And if you're one of our senior citizens getting their front walks cleared in this year's pilot project, you'll need those numbers to be visible for the snow blower operator!

Section 3 survives Y2K Unscathed

Section 3 residents had water, power and all the things we have come to take for granted up until the Y2K scare. Hopefully everyone enjoyed a safe and happy New Year celebration! For those who stocked up on canned goods, please feel free to drop off any of these at the Village Manager's home (3801 Bradley Lane) and we'll get them to Shepherd's Table, a program providing services to the homeless. If you have hotel shampoo and lotions, or mugs for coffee, the organization could use these as well. Speaking of helping those less fortunate, for Section 3 residents with children, Mary Ann Salmon is collection donations of used Children's books for the Bronx Lebanon Hospital in New York. If you need a pick-up of books, call her at 301 657-0785 or drop the books on her porch between Feb 15-29 at 3623 Raymond St.

**Call the Village Manager for location and time of monthly Council Meeting. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and our desire to have our meetings open to everyone in our community, anyone requiring special assistance to attend meetings should call the Village Manager at least one day in advance to make necessary arrangements.*



Council Actions

- ▶ The Council met Wednesday, December 8th at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church. All Council members were present.
- ▶ The minutes of the two November meetings were approved.
- ▶ The Bethesda police have now agreed to send us a copy of their internal crime reports on a monthly basis so we are better informed of activities within the Bethesda-Chevy Chase area. In turn, we will keep residents informed of key events which may affect them.
- ▶ Bob Salmon has agreed to draft a letter to the State Highway Department in support of additional stop signs on Brookeville Road requested by Chevy Chase Village.
- ▶ WSSC expects to finish water service upgrades on Delaware and Georgia Streets early in the new year and then they will move on to do work on Fulton Street from Shepherd to Taylor Streets.
- ▶ Special markers are being distributed to those who signed up for the pilot sidewalk snow-removal program.
- ▶ The Cable TV Franchise agreement has been sent to the franchise for review. Once the agreement is fixed, we may approach the new Montgomery CABLE owners with a proposal to execute a similar agreement.
- ▶ The Village manager agreed to send a warning letter to J&J Inc. Trash Service about recent problems in service.
- ▶ Bill Brownlee reported on a meeting on Electricity De-Regulation he attended. The Village may need to draft a resolution regarding de-regulation and our effort to join the group possible purchasing electricity at lower rates.
- ▶ The Council discussed the possibility of extending voting hours for the next general election. The Council needed to look at both the Charter and the ordinances and discuss possible options with our attorney.
- ▶ The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Free Lectures for Senior Citizens at American University.

American University's Institute for Learning and Retirement has scheduled a series of free lectures in January from 10 a.m. to noon every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the educational wing of the Temple Baptist Church at 3820 Nebraska Avenue N.W. The opening session begins on Tuesday, Jan. 4 and will feature retired Foreign Service office Sol Shindler speaking on Kosovo.

Interested individuals should contact the Institute for a full copy of the lecture topics and schedule at 202 885-3920.

Chevy Chase Community Library Announces January Programs:

Take your toddlers to the library for special toddler times at 10:15 on Jan. 6, 11, & 20th during the month of January. Children 18-36 months are welcome.

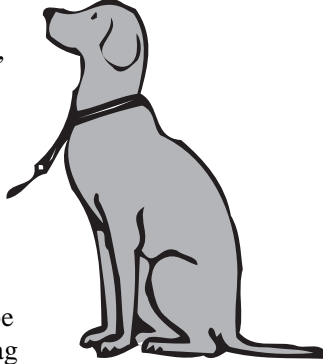
Pre-Schoolers can look forward to storytime for children ages 3 to 6 on Thursday, Jan 12 and 27th at 10:15 and again on the 27th at 1:30 p.m.

The great books discussion group will cover Thomas Aquinas: Summa Theologica; Treatise on Laws. Questions 90-97 on Wednesday, January 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Finally a special celebration of the Year of the Dragon, the Chinese New Year will be celebrated with a musical Kung Fu performance, a traditional Chinese wedding, Chinese origami, all sponsored by the Deh-Ming Chinese School and Cultural Minorities Services. The event takes place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 29th.

Dog & Noise Control

We've received serious complaints about dogs not on leashes, romping across people's yards and depositing their goodies in someone else's yard or in the greenway. Dog owners, please note, this is against Montgomery County law not to mention a real annoyance for your neighbors. Dogs must be on a leash at all times and any leavings should be picked up and removed in a plastic bag and dumped in the town garbage cans which dot the neighborhood.



As anyone who has visited a town function recently, you're aware of the population surge in children under the age of 5 in our community. Mothers should not have to worry about walking their children through an obstacle course of dog leavings. Please be a considerate neighbor. Keep your dog fenced in, walk the dog on a leash and pick up after the dog.

In the same spirit of being a good neighbor, please be reminded that Montgomery County has a noise control ordinance that affects us all. Quiet hours are from 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., Monday through Friday. Saturday and Sunday, quiet hours are from 9:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. Please limit outdoor activities, such as leaf blowing and lawn mowing that may generate unneighborly noise levels to the regular hours. Be certain your contractors understand those limits as well.

Recycling to be Expanded in 2000

You've probably heard the commercials on the radio—that Montgomery County is working at increasing the amount of recycling we all do. Section 3 has not yet taken the leap, but be prepared that in the year 2000, you'll have to change your trash habits to meet County requirements.

The new rules will have us putting newspapers together with junk mail, magazines and other paper products out with the recycling on Thursdays. The volume of household trash will diminish dramatically, but our habits will have to change. Take this time before we begin this new system to look at the way you get rid of trash to determine if in some areas of the house you might want to put another trash can for mixed paper so that it's not mixed in with coffee grinds and orange peels. We'll provide you with ample notice when the change is due to take place. This shift will ultimately cost less to dispose of our Village trash. The County charges \$44 a ton to our contractor to dump household trash and \$15 a ton for paper—the economics are clear and the problem of available landfill makes this option the only sensible one. Look in future issues of *News and Views* for more insights as we prepare to make the change.



Chevy Chase Methodist Church Preschool Holds Kindergarten Readiness Program

The Chevy Chase United Methodist Church invites you to hear three expert panelists discuss the subject of Kindergarten Readiness on Thursday, January 6th from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Speakers include Liza Schaeffer, Admissions Officer at the Primary Day School, Eleanor Clark, Assistant Principal at Blessed Sacrament School and Holly Searl, teacher, specialist in the early childhood division of Montgomery County Public Schools.

Because this evening promises to be very popular, CCUMC's preschool asks that you RSVP to 301 652-7660 before the event and let them know any questions you'd like addressed by the speakers.

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Are you Over 65 and do you take the Metro?

As of this January, Metro will be using new copper-colored ID cards for senior citizens and will not longer honor the green cards. You can pick up applications for the new IDs at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Service Center, plaza floor, 4805 Edgemoor Lane in Bethesda (301 986-4325). Bring proof of age with you and Metro will mail you a new card.

For those who have yet to take advantage of this discount ID card, you can buy fare cards that entitle you to half the regular rush hour fare on Metrorail and 50 cents per trip on buses. Fare cards can be purchased at the B-CC Center or at supermarkets with the proper new ID card.