

SECTION THREE
VILLAGE OF
CHEVY CHASE

NEWS & VIEWS

SEPTEMBER 2005

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
Bulk trash pickup-curbside

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
Council Meeting 7:45 p.m.
CCUMC Room 109

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
8:00 a.m.
Section 3 K Run
4-7 p.m.
Party-in-the-Park
Rain date Sunday, September 25

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5
Bulk trash pickup-curbside

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12
Council Meeting 7:45 p.m.
CCUMC Room 109

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR— PARTY-IN-THE PARK IS SLATED FOR SEPTEMBER 18!



The much anticipated Party-in-the-Park is scheduled for Sunday, September 18 from 4 to 7 p.m. For all our new neighbors, this tradition started many years ago as a co-op community dinner with neighbors bringing covered dishes and sitting on blankets in the park. As the years progressed, the event has grown and we've shifted from bringing covered dishes to sitting at tables on Florida Street with our neighbors and enjoying a delicious catered meal. Similarly, the activities for children have expanded—from a single pony ride to many different rides and activities to amuse the many children in our neighborhood. It's a wonderful way for neighbors to catch up with one another and for new neighbors to meet new people in our community. In short—we urge everyone to join us, it's lots of fun for all ages. And everyone has enjoyed the delightful dinner prepared by Mindy's Catering, along with a special one per person desert provided by the ever-present Good Humor Man!

We'll have a train for children and their families to ride on, a special inflated Olympic Challenge course, flying elephants, a "hoops" game for you to test your talents, and another fun inflatable wizard. All courtesy of Talk of the Town. Bristol Sounds will be providing MC duties and music throughout the affair and we'll have a wandering clown to amuse along with face painting by skilled Section 3 teenagers. The festivities include a fun cake walk, so get out that baking pan and call cake walk coordinator **Jan Roberti** at (301) 656-7073 to donate a cake.

Plan on coming (rsvp by calling the town phone line at (301) 656-9117 or e-mailing the Village Manager at AndyLeon2000@aol.com) to tell us how many adults and how many children please). This event is open to Section 3 families only. Let us know if you can bring a cake or take a half-hour to monitor one of the rides so that our children are safe. **We'll need lots of volunteers as always**, to make this event the success it has been in the past.

In the event of rain, the party will be re-scheduled for the following Sunday, Sept. 25 from 4 to 7 p.m. Notice of the postponement will be on the town answering machine and will be e-mailed to all those on our list serve.

**In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and our desire to have our meetings open to everyone in our community, Council meetings are held at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church which has handicapped elevator access via the parking lot entrance. We are grateful to the Church for their generosity in allowing us to use their facility each month.*



COUNCIL ACTIONS

There was no Council meeting in August.

UPCOMING BUILDING IN SECTION 3

Mansionization and infill development continues to be a concern for many Chevy Chase residents. The Town of Chevy Chase (Section 4) recently announced a moratorium on the issuance of building permits in response to resident complaints.

Section 3 does not have zoning authority or any control over the height of buildings or the percentage of lot occupancy. Under Maryland law, those issues are entrusted to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, operating through the County Council.

A few years ago, in anticipation of the development pressures now being felt, the Section 3 Council enacted and had approved by the County, rules making our setback requirements more stringent than those otherwise allowed by the County. Our goal was to try to protect existing homes from encroachment while still making it possible for residents to make reasonable additions to their property or to welcome new homes where appropriate. In brief, Section 3 requires at least a 30-foot front setback (County allows 25 feet or established building line); rear setback of 20 feet (same as County); and side setbacks for new homes totaling at least 18 feet with no less than 8 feet on each side. In the case of corner properties, our setback rule requires no construction closer than 10 feet to the side lot line adjoining another home. For existing homes already built closer to the property lines than the current setbacks would allow for new construction, Section 3 allows a continuation of the existing line of construction but any new construction on the other side of the house must conform to the setback rules. (For example, if the home is built 7 feet from one side line, new construction can continue along that same line but construction on the other side must be at least 11 feet from the other lot line.) Section 3 also requires demolition permits and approval for dumpsters on any public space.

There are two demolitions in the offing in Section 3—the home at the end of Georgia Street which belonged to the Shorb family has been sold to Ralph Mitchell, a developer who has worked in this neighborhood before. Mitchell plans on putting up a large home that will be in keeping with our requirements. He hopes to build a garage on the premises as well for which he will have to

apply for a variance. We are also concerned about drainage issues and will be working with him on that problem as well.

Jim O'Brien of W.C. and A.N. Miller plans to take down the bring home at 7005 Fulton Street and put up an arts and crafts style building with a built-in garage. The home will not be any taller, he maintains, than the neighboring houses. His plan will require a variance for a basement staircase along the side of the house and we are working with him on some serious drainage concerns.

As far as we are aware at this point, no other homes are slated for demolition in Section 3. The Council will continue to work closely with these developers to be certain that neighbors' concerns during construction are taken into consideration and addressed.

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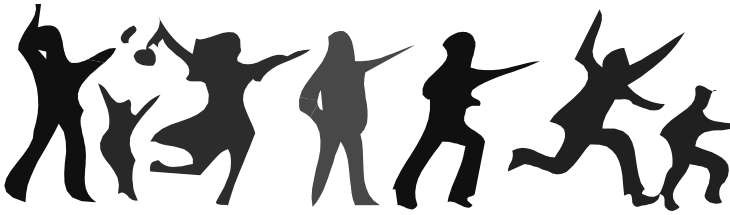
It's been some time since we had a mailbox in Section 3 and for those who enjoy walking to the post box, it's been annoying. With construction well underway at Brookville Market, the mailbox there mysteriously moved, moved again and ultimately disappeared. U. S. Postal regulations require that all mailboxes be anchored in concrete and until the sidewalk was completed, the Postal Service refused to put the mailbox back. After much nagging, we are assured that it will re-appear on Brookville Road in front of the Market within the next week or two.

IDENTITY THEFT ON EXTERIOR MAILBOXES

As you know, identity theft continues to be a major problem for American consumers. Although we have not had any instances of it lately, several years ago we had exterior mailboxes or baskets rifled through by unknown persons looking for credit card bills, etc. If you currently have an exterior mailbox, consider having a hole sawed in your front door and a mail slot installed to prevent the possibility of mail theft. If you have dogs that enjoy tearing apart mail that comes to them in that manner, there are baskets that can be adhered to the back of the door to capture the mail.

ICE—ISN'T COLD— IT'S IN CASE OF EMERGENCY!

We all have cell phones, and occasionally, we lose them, or something happens to us and those around us don't know who to call. Section 3 resident **Jan Augustine** sent us a great suggestion. In your cell phonebook, list the person who you would most want to be reached in case of emergency if you couldn't tell people yourself..then add ICE to your phone book!



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Congratulations to **Julia Slavin** for her new work of fiction *Carnivore Diet: A Novel*, reviewed favorably by the *Washington Post's* own Jonathan Yardley and the *New York Times*. This is Slavin's second book. Her parents **Mimi and Joe** live on Georgia Street where she grew up.

Noah Newhard of Shepherd Street is proud to announce the arrival of his sister **Zélia Kay Newhard** (pronounced ZEH-lee-ah) on Thursday, August 11th.. Zélia arrived 21" long and weighing in at 7 lbs. 8 oz. and with a full head of hair. Zelia's parents **Evelyn Gerson and Jon Newhard** are thrilled.

Taylor Street resident **Anne Randolph** proposes that interested Section 3 residents join with her in holding a Section 3 wide yard sale on Saturday, October 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anne will be donating 10% of the proceeds from her yard sale to her favorite charity and urges others to do the same. If you're interested in holding a yard sale (at your own home) on the same day, contact Anne at (301) 652-2839 and join in. She plans to put an ad in the paper and thinks that the more people involved the more fun for everyone! And what you don't sell you can donate to charity or leave curbside for the 1st Wednesday's Bulk Trash pick up!

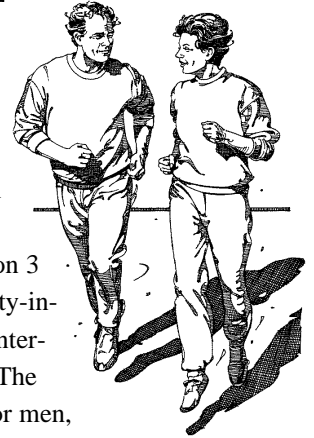
A special welcome to **Mat and Nicole Daw** and their 3 year old twins **Madison and Nicole**. The family plans to move in the day before the Party-in-the Park (excellent timing!) to 6707 Georgia Street.

The Daw twins join several other families with twins in the neighborhood—the newest, the **Saifee** girls **Dahlia and Summer**, born a year ago last July, the **McCullers** twins (**Henry and Caroline**), also on Georgia Street, the **Peacock** girls (**Hayley and June**) on Raymond Street, the **Kessler** girls (**Isabel and Olivia**) on Florida Street, the **Leon-Salans** twins (**Jonathan and Emily**) on Taylor Street, the **Thompson** twins (**Emily and Nathan**) on Georgia Street, and the **Adams** boys (**Alexander and Andrew**) of Taylor Street.

In addition to the younger crowd, we have twins **Marcia Pennington Shannon** and **Walter Pennington** who live next door to one another with their respective families on Taylor Street. The **Ross** family across the street has twin sons now grown and long gone from Section 3, as does the **Cross** family on Brookville Road—**Jonathan and Sarah**.

SECTION 3K RUN

Feeling a little out of shape? Planning on eating lots of food at the Party-in-the-Park and winning a cake at the cake walk? Why not start out the day with a 3K run through Section 3? Thanks to the organizing talents of **Patrick and Arantza Murphy**, Section 3 holds an annual run the day of the Party-in-the Park beginning at the Park at the intersection of Spring and Fulton Streets. The path is well marked—there are prizes for men, women, children over 10 and under 10 and the event is open to runners and walkers....everyone is invited!

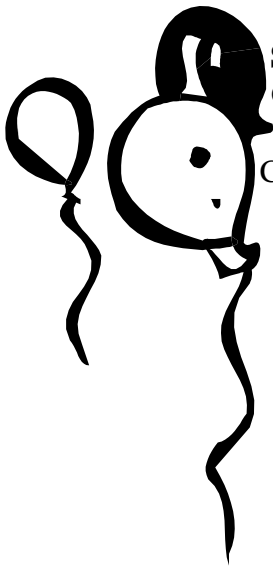


So that we have sufficient numbers, please register in advance by contacting Arantza at (301) 941-0478. We'll need volunteers to steer people in the right direction and to help serve coffee, water and bagels at the end of the race. Special Section 3 T-shirts are available at \$10 each!

ALMOST PAINLESS ROAD REPAIRS

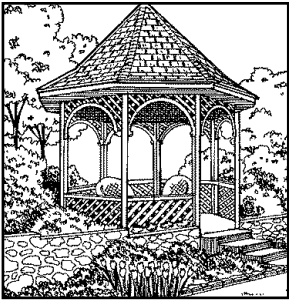
This summer's road reconstruction work was short and sweet. The roadbed at the end of Shepherd Street near Brookville Road was rebuilt and re-paved in a matter of days thanks to D & F's crack construction crew. And Raymond Street between Georgia Street and Connecticut Avenue was milled down, cracks sealed in the roadbed below and a new surface put down in two days. At this writing, only the speed bumps and the stop bars need to be added for a completed job. We expect to add the speed bumps on a Tuesday or a Wednesday between 9:00 a.m. and 3 p.m. so as not to disturb the route to school and work for so many of our residents. We ask for your patience as this one last improvement is necessary for the successful completion of the project.

The only remaining repairs will take place this fall—to underground the water which has made winter driving on both Delaware and Taylor Streets treacherous. Most of the water currently flowing into the gutters (to preserve the safety of pedestrians) on Delaware Street between Raymond and Spring Streets on the western side of the street will be connected to the storm drain underground. The same solution will be tackled on Taylor Street on the south side of the block between Delaware Street and Connecticut Avenue.



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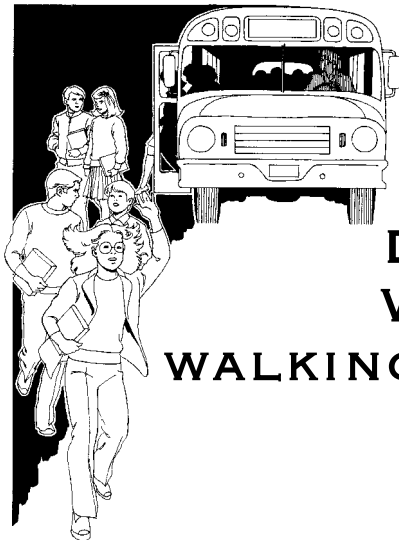
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