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THE QUARTERLY



FOURTH OF JULY

Saturday, July 4th, 2009, dawned bright and beautiful. It was a perfect day for a parade and many residents showed up on Williams Lane for Section 5's annual Fourth of July parade. The Chevy Chase Fire Department's fire truck arrived on time but in a borrowed truck from the Bethesda station because their truck was in the shop. John Higgins led the pledge and everyone joined in singing patriotic songs. A special thanks goes to Kathie and Tim Lynch for their beautiful decorations and for allowing Section 5 to use their porch.

The marchers began the parade by walking beneath the very famous, old sign strung across Williams Lane that reads "Under this sign goes the best people in the whole world." The parade continued down Williams Lane to Brookville Road and then over to Underwood Street where Oliver Entertainment provided ponies, moon bounces, a speed pitch, and refreshments. Loud squeals were heard from the children as they tried their acrobatic skills on the moon bounces and their pitching arms at the speed pitch. A special thanks goes to those Underwood Street residents who

allowed the moon bounces, pop corn machine and speed pitch to be connected to their outdoor electrical connections. A fun time was enjoyed by all.

NEWS FLASH

In May of this year Pepco replaced the 81 mercury vapor street lights in Section 5 with high pressure sodium lights at no cost to Section 5. Pepco installed these new lights because mercury vapor bulbs are no longer being manufactured due to the danger which mercury presents to the environment. Prior to this replacement the Council had been considering including an item in the 2010-11 budget to cover the cost of replacing the old mercury lights. The cost to replace these lights was approximately \$170,000.

ROAD REPAIRS

During this past summer NZI Construction replaced sidewalk blocks, driveway aprons and gutters in need of repair in Section 5. In the sidewalk areas which abutted tree roots the construction company used a new material constructed of interlocking rubber blocks which allow tree roots room to grow without being hindered by rigid concrete.

Now that the concrete work has been completed, NZI will bring in the milling machine and mill Thornapple, Underwood, and Dalkeith Streets, Alden and Williams Lanes, and Thornapple

Place and then repave each of these streets. These streets were last paved in 1992. In the last three years Woodbine Street and Windsor Place were milled and repaved and the concrete on Leland Court was completely replaced. The paving job on these streets has lasted so long because the Councils over the years have paid special attention to their care. In the years since 1992 a slurry seal has been applied twice and in the years when no slurry seal was applied the cracks were treated with a sealant.

**SECTION 5 COUNCIL
DECISION ON REAL ESTATE
TAXES**

In each of the past several years, due to its sound fiscal state the Section 5 Council has (1) recommended against imposition of any real estate taxes on Section 5 residents, and (2) voted to use Section 5 revenues to make a partial payment of the real estate taxes owed by Section 5 residents to the state and county (often referred to as the tax rebate).

At the Annual Meeting in April, the Section 5 Council again recommended, and Section 5 residents again voted, not to impose Section 5 real estate taxes on Section 5 residents. However, this year at the June Council meeting, the Council decided it would not be fiscally prudent to make a partial payment of residents' state and county real estate taxes this year. The Council's decision was based on the following concerns:

- (1) Section 5 needs to resurface most of its streets over the coming year and this will involve an unusual, one-time expense of over \$250,000;

- (2) The ongoing recession makes it likely that Section 5 revenue will be significantly less in FY 2010 than previously projected (revenue cuts have already been announced by the state); and
- (3) Reserving sufficient funds this year to handle the projected road costs and to weather a drop in revenue due to the economic recession will help ensure that Section 5 does not need to impose real estate taxes of its own in future years.

The Council's decision only applies to the partial payment of Section 5 real estate taxes in the current year, and will be evaluated anew in following years. A capital expenditure plan will also be developed to avoid large capital improvement expenditures entirely out of the revenues from one fiscal year in the future.

SEPTEMBER BLOCK PARTY

Please join your neighbors for the September Block Party on Underwood St., Sunday, Sept. 20th 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Rocklands Barbeque will offer pork, chicken and hot dogs and the ice cream truck will arrive in time for dessert. There will be a carousel for ages 6 and under, a large slide for ages 7 to 12 and world sports games for our teens. Everyone is invited.

**CHEVY CHASE AT HOME
KICK-OFF EVENT**

CHEVY CHASE AT HOME will hold its kick-off event, billed as "Cupcakes and Conversation" on Sept. 29, 2009 from 2 to 4 pm at the Chevy Chase Village hall at 5606 Connecticut Ave. Chevy Chase at Home is a non-profit organization which helps

people to remain independent as they age in their own homes. This will be a wonderful opportunity for residents interested in the organization to get together for fun, to learn more about it, and also to exchange ideas to help shape its direction. CC@H's Social Networking Committee, co-chaired by Betty O'Connor and Sandy Geller, has reserved a room in the Chevy Chase Village Hall at least once a month for activities for CC@H members. "Cupcakes and Conversation" will be its first event.

CC@H extends its gratitude to all those who took the time to fill out the organization's recent survey. The information you provided is proving invaluable for its strategic planning. For more information about Chevy Chase At Home please call Peter Gray at 301-907-9476, or go to the organization's web site at: www.chevychaseathome.org, where among other information you will also find this invitation.



ELLEN'S RUN

5K Run/3K Walk
Sunday, October 11, 2009
Start time: 9:00 am
Candy Cane City, Rock Creek Park
www.ellensrunonline.org

Ellen's Run is held annually in memory of Ellen Vala Schneider,

former chair of the B-CC High School Scholarship Fund. A parent of two B-CC HS alums, Ellen worked tirelessly for the B-CC community. Proceeds from the race benefit the B-CC High School Community Scholarship Fund and Mental Health Association of Montgomery County.

CRIME UPDATE

Two bicycles were stolen from a front yard in the 3600 block of Underwood St.

MARK PEYTON UPDATE

In July while Mark Peyton, Section 5's longtime tree care person, was on vacation someone broke into his house in Potomac, stole a considerable amount of money, a new Corvette and many pieces of jewelry. Over the years Mark has worked for many Section 5 residents as well as the Council; we all extend our heartfelt sympathy for his misfortune.

SECTION 5 BUILDING PERMITS

Making fall construction plans? You need permits from Section 5 as well as Montgomery County before any work may begin. Please contact the Section 5 Manager with any questions at 301-986-5481 or e-mail manager@chevychase5.org.



IS YOUR STREET NUMBER VISIBLE?

PLEASE make certain that your house numbers are visible. Ask yourself, will emergency personnel be able to find you when you need them?

RECYCLING & WIND

On windy recycling days, please try to weigh down all your papers, cardboard and light plastic items. The slight extra effort saves chasing debris all over the neighborhood.

REPORT STREET LIGHTS OUTAGES

Please help keep Section 5 well-lit by contacting Pepco to report street lights that are not working. You will need to provide a street address. www.pepco.com/home/requests/outage/streetlight/outagereport.

MOSQUITOES ALL THE TIME HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Did you know that tiger mosquitoes can lay eggs in as small a space as a bottle cap of water? Unlike other mosquitoes they aren't afraid of light and bite us any time of day. Please be a good neighbor and survey your property and empty any standing water.

A REMINDER TO DOG OWNERS

The County animal control code requires that you keep your dog on a leash whenever your dog is not on your property. Also, please make sure to clean up after your dog. Please help us keep our sidewalks and yards clean from dog waste.



AVOID OVERMULCHING TREES

Did you know that mounding up of mulching materials at the base of trees can be fatal to the trees and plantings? Make sure you don't place too much mulch around public trees or your own trees, and do not allow your landscape service to mound mulch around Section 5's trees. Section 5 has employed a landscape company to remove the excess mulch from the town's trees.

FIOS ACCESS

All Section 5 residents have access to Verizon's FIOS. Verizon has completed the FIOS cable installation for Section 5 so that anyone who wishes to subscribe to their services may contact Verizon for information.

FALL SPECIAL TRASH PICK-UP

The fall bulk trash pick-up will be Saturday, October 10, 2009.

Special trash includes: washing machines, dryers, stoves, furniture, large toys, bicycles, swing sets. Refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners will be accepted. Paint will also be accepted but no oil based paint. You must remove the lid and let the paint dry out before the pick-up day.

EXCLUDED ARE: large tree stumps, poisons, acids, caustics, explosives, flammable liquids, motor vehicles and parts including batteries and tires; general construction material, oil, wood piles, large rocks, large tree limbs.

ITEMS FOR COLLECTION MUST BE PLACED AT THE CURB.

TRASH COMPANY HOLIDAYS

New Year's Day; Memorial Day; July 4th; Labor Day; Thanksgiving; Christmas.



FALL LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE CHANGES TO MONDAY

Mark Peyton, our leaf collector, will soon be around our streets vacuuming leaves this year on Mondays. This is a change from last year when collection was on Wednesdays. The leaf collection will begin on Monday, Oct. 19th and

end Monday, Dec. 7th. If there is a substantial amount of leaves still on the ground after Dec. 7th, there will be one final collection Dec. 14th. There are several things that residents need to remember:

- 1) If it rains on our regular vacuuming day, Mark will not be able to collect that day.
- 2) If there is a very heavy rainstorm, it will take at least two days for the wet leaves to dry sufficiently for vacuuming. Wet leaves clog the vacuuming machine.

ALERT: Williams Ln. residents must NOT park their cars on the street on Mondays because Mark cannot drive the leaf machine down Williams Ln. if there are cars on the street.

DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATION RULES

We don't mean your or your neighbors' children who are raising funds for schools, athletic teams, or scouts. Rather, vendors going door-to-door selling magazines or services are required to have an individual license with photo ID issued by the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services and to wear this license on an outer garment. Licensed vendors may only solicit between 9:00 a.m. and sunset. If you don't recognize someone at your door, speak through the door. Opening your door gives the stranger unnecessary visual and physical access to your home. Police advise against opening your door to a stranger. Residential burglaries have been known to occur after an unlicensed vendor(s) has been through the neighborhood. If you have suspicions about a person or group going through your neighborhood, call the police non-emergency number 301-279-8000.

CHEVY CHASE FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

The Chevy Chase Fire Department will hold its annual Open House from 10:00 am. to 3:00 pm on Saturday, October 10, 2009. This is always an exciting and informative day for those who reside in our fire district and all the other friends of the Department. The Open House will feature among other things:

- ❖ Supervised fire engine rides for children and adults
- ❖ Demonstrations by members of specialized teams – high rise rescue, hazardous materials, etc.
- ❖ Clown
- ❖ Fire truck slide
- ❖ Safety House
- ❖ Helium-filled balloons
- ❖ Refreshments for all

CHEVY CHASE GARDEN CLUB

Members of the Garden Club of Chevy Chase and the Georgetown Garden Club are presenting a Flower Show open free to the public Tuesday, October 20th from 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm and Wednesday, October 21, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Village Hall, 5906 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD, 20815.

Titled Pathways to a Greener Tomorrow, the judged show includes flower arrangements representing Energy in classes interpreting, in flowers, Fossil Fuel, Nuclear Fission, Wind, Biomass and Solar. The Horticulture classes include challenges in growing trees from seed and training plants into topiaries. The Photography class gathers in images of flowers, trees, water and historic scenes.

SECTION 5'S AUDIT

At the conclusion of Section 5's fiscal year on June 30th, the State requires a public audit – a requirement of all municipalities in the State of Maryland. This audit must be completed and submitted to the State's Legislative Services Office in Annapolis by November 1, 2009. When the audit is complete, you may request a copy by contacting the manager at 301-986-5401 or manager@chevychase5.org.

**SECTION 5 COUNCIL
SELECTS OFFICERS**

At the June Council meeting the following officers were selected: Andrew Smith, chairman; Peter Gray, vice-chairman; Karin Flynn, treasurer; Chris Richardson, secretary; Alec French, building inspector.

**UPCOMING COUNCIL
MEETING**

The next Council meeting will be held September 8, 2009, at 7:30 pm at the Village Hall, 5906 Connecticut Avenue. Everyone is welcome.