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Peter Gray, Vice-chair
Karin Flynn, Treasurer
Alec French, Building Inspector
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NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

Karin Flynn, Alec French, and Andrew Smith were elected as Council members for Section 5 at the Annual Meeting in April. Andrew has served on the Council; Karin and Alec are new members of the Council. There was a large turnout of voters for this year's election, more than has voted in the last few years. Thanks go to Suzanne Lehmer and Ira Rosenbaum for standing for election. Ira has served on the Council since 2000 and Section 5 extends many thanks to him for his service.

STATE OF Section 5

Andrew reported that the Council has certain obligations to Section 5 residents which it satisfies by: 1) Issuing contracts for snow removal from streets and sidewalks; 2) Issuing contracts for maintenance of streets; 3) Issuing contracts for collection of trash and recyclables; 4) Issuing contracts

for tree removal, pruning and planting. The manager tends to these obligations on a daily basis as town administrator.

In past years the money from the State for road maintenance has been deposited into the general operating fund; however, now this money is placed in a separate bank account. This money has been placed in a separate account because last year the State advised the town that it must provide evidence that these road maintenance monies have actually been spent on Section 5 roads. The manager wrote a letter to the State Highway Administration which gave an account of the money that Section 5 has received from the State for roads and a list of expenditures on road maintenance since 1993.

Woodbine Street and Windsor Place were milled and repaved two years ago and the concrete on Leland Court was replaced three years ago. There is money in the current year's budget to mill and repave Dalkeith Street and east Thornapple Street and to repair certain portions of the public sidewalks. Money to mill and repave Thornapple and Underwood Streets, Williams Lane, and Alden Lane is appropriated in the 2010 budget.

In years past the Council has voted to use the surplus

money at the end of the fiscal year to rebate real estate tax money to each of the 226 households in Section 5; however, the revenues this year may not be as large as in years past and thus there may not be a rebate. The Council will decide at the June meeting if there will be a rebate and if so, how large the rebate will be.

Traditionally the Council has given money to certain charities: BCC Rescue Squad and Ellen's Run. Because of Section 5 residents' concerns about safety the Council voted this year to fund extra police patrols for Section 5 for a six month trial.

Andrew Smith, Chairman

ADDITIONAL POLICE PRESENCE

Section 5's Council voted at the May Council meeting to extend the present contract for Village police patrols in Section 5. These patrols will be in Section 5 for 20 hours per month. It is an effort on the part of the Council to make Section 5 a safer place to live.

CRIME ALERT

During the week of May 3rd someone stole money from a parked car in the 3800 block of Woodbine St. The car was unlocked and the only thing stolen was money. Please be certain that your car is locked even if it is parked in your driveway.



FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

WHERE: Williams Lane & Connecticut Avenue
WHEN: Saturday, July 4th, 2009, 11:00am
WHO: Section 5 Residents

KIDS!!! DECORATE YOUR BIKES, TRIKES, SCOOTERS, WAGONS

SODAS COOKIES
GAMES PONIES
MOON BOUNCES

Join with your neighbors and celebrate the Fourth of July by marching in the parade, singing patriotic songs and enjoying the pony rides and other fun activities. After the parade everyone is invited to adjourn to Underwood St. for the ponies, moon bounces and games. If you would like to help, please call the manager 301-986-5481 or email manager@chevychase5.org

THE SHREDDER



The giant shredder truck came to Chevy Chase on Saturday, April 18th. Section 5, Section 3 and Martin's Additions jointly engaged the shredding company for a four hour time period. By 10:00am, the starting time, cars were lined up on the street at the side of La Ferme Restaurant for more than a block. The managers from the three participating towns were there to assist the shredders removing the boxes of documents from people's cars. The line moved very quickly and by noon most people had had their documents shredded and were on their way back home. There were many positive comments, for example, one resident said, "Thank you again for making the Shred-it truck available to us. It was an event that was both environmentally and socially aware." Some residents came with several boxes and then went home and came back a second time. Many residents have already asked if we will do it again next year.

EASING THE TOLL ON A BEACH-BOUND YOUNG FAMILY

One hot summer day, I was on my way to Bethany

Beach with my 3-year-old twins. There was traffic as we approached the Bay Bridge, and when we finally approached the toll booth, I handed the collector our money, she said, "It has been taken care of." Stunned, I said, "Really, who paid?" She said, "Someone in front of you."

By the time we exited the gate, the cars in front of us were long gone. I never did get a look at who treated us so kindly. That touching moment has stayed with me for years. As a young family, we certainly could use the free pass. Whenever I question human nature, I think back to that one moment and remember that most people are inherently good.

Whoever they were, I am thankful for their kindness on that day. Clearly they believe in practicing random acts of kindness. For years, I have done the same, and I believe what comes around goes around.

Stacy Lewis French,
Chevy Chase

This article was taken from the Washington Post Page Three.

TREE CITY USA 2008



Congratulations to Section 5 for being designated as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to community forestry. It is the thirteenth year

that Section 5 has received this national recognition. The Tree City USA program is sponsored in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service. This award is given to municipalities which spend at least \$2 per resident per year on tree planting as well as tree maintenance. Section 5 spends much more than this minimum amount on trees. Section 5's Council has always been willing to meet the requirements for this award because it knows that trees are a vital component of the infrastructure in cities and towns, providing environmental and economical benefits. The trees in Section 5, an urban area, help reduce the heat island effect caused by pavement and buildings. Leaves filter the air we breathe by removing dust and other particles. Properly placed trees can increase property values also.

The Arbor Day Foundation is a nonprofit, environmental, and educational organization of nearly one million members, with a mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. More information about Tree City USA may be found at www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA

Urban Reforestation

The Section 5 Council has always considered the trees in our town to be one of our most important assets. The trees maintained by Section 5 and the trees in your yards give us an atmosphere that makes living more pleasant and increases our property values.

This year Section 5's

Council has voted to give residents a free tree to be planted on private property. If you would like a free tree, please contact the manager at 301-986-5481 or email manager@chevychase5.org.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Kendal Stackhouse, father of Kadah Stackhouse, father-in-law of Phil Palley and grandfather of Asa and Tom, died Friday, May 15, 2009, in Annapolis. Kendal lived in Section 5 for a number of years and served on the Council during those years. He always wore a smile and had a cheerful word for everyone he met. He will be sorely missed. Section 5 extends its deepest sympathy to the Stackhouse/Palley family.

PRUNE YOUR BUSHES

Please cut back the hedges along your property line that abut a public sidewalk. This will make Section 5 a pedestrian friendly town.

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, you must clean up after your dog. Please keep our sidewalks and yards clean from dog waste.

ELLEN’S RUN

Bethesda Big Train Baseball!!

Join your Section 5 neighbors and area friends for Ellen’s Run’s **Night** at The Bethesda Big Train Baseball Game Monday June 22 at Shirley Povich Field in Bethesda. The game begins at 7:30 pm. Section 5 resident Matthew Jacobs will throw out the first pitch and a B-CC HS student will sing the National anthem.

Electronic Dog Fence Ordinance

Section 5’s Council voted at the May Council meeting to enact an electronic dog fence ordinance. [A copy](#) may be found on Section 5’s web site.

RAINSCAPES



A variety of landscaping features help the soil to capture and soak in rainfall instead of allowing it to run off as storm water. The following landscaping features are available for RainScapes Rewards rebates:

- Landscaping with Native Plants replaces traditional lawns that are time-consuming to maintain, and use expensive chemicals inputs.

- Permeable Pavers allow rainwater to rapidly infiltrate and enter ground where it is naturally filtered rather than ending up in drains as storm water runoff.
- In a Rain Garden, plants are planted in a spoon-like, concave area filled with a special soil mix.
- A Rain barrel is a container or system which collects and stores rain water from rooftops.
- A Green Roof is a type of building roof that is partially or completely covered with vegetation.
- Planting Trees helps to increase leaf canopy.

Properties eligible for the rebates must be located in Montgomery County, Maryland outside the municipal limits of the Cities of Rockville, Takoma Park and Gaithersburg. Applicants must fill in a Rebate application. The application outlines (1) eligibility criteria (2) design guidelines for each RainScape technique, (3) the site inspection process, and (4) other program details. Find the rebate application and more information at:

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rainscapes

PREVENT FALLS FROM WINDOWS

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission sent along this warning to parents and caregivers to take precautions to keep children from falling from windows. With the arrival of the warmer spring weather, families

across the nation are opening their windows to let in the fresh air. This pleasant feeling can quickly turn tragic in households with small children. Injuries and even death frequently occur when kids push themselves against window screens or climb onto furniture located next to an open window. Children younger than five years of age account for approximately one-third of reported fatalities. To help prevent injuries and tragedies CPSC recommends the following safety tips:

- Install window guards to prevent children from falling out of windows but make certain adults and older children can open windows easily in case of fire.
- Install window stops so that windows open no more than 4 inches.
- Never depend on screens to keep children from falling out of windows.
- Whenever possible, open windows from the top—not the bottom.
- Keep furniture away from windows to discourage children from climbing near windows.

Trash Company Holidays

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