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INCOME TAX TIME DON'T FORGET TO WRITE "SECTION 5" IN THE BOX MARKED CITY, TOWN OR TAXING AREA

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As a municipality in the State of Maryland, the major source of revenues for Section 5 comes from a share of income taxes which every resident pays to the State. In order for Section 5 to receive this revenue sharing, you must write "**Section 5**" in the box marked "**City, town or taxing area**" on your Maryland Income Tax form 502/503. This assures that a portion of your tax dollars comes back to Section 5 to provide you with services. This money helps support our municipal budget for trash collection, recycling, leaf collection, street cleaning, snow removal, tree care, and the many other municipal services that are administered by Section 5. If you did not live in a municipality, the County Council would determine how your tax dollars are spent. Because you live in Section 5, you are able to determine how your tax dollars are spent through Section 5's Council.

SECTION 5'S BLIND EMAIL LIST

If you would like to be part of the Section 5's Blind Email List which the manager uses to get information to the residents, please contact the manager at 301-986-5481 or email her at manager@chevychasesection5.org.

SECTION 5 BLOCK PARTY

This year's block party attracted a record number of residents especially the children who enjoyed the new rides and games. The Boot Camp Challenge was so large that a portion had to be set up on Esther Isralow's yard. The food - frijatas both chicken and beef, beans, and roasted peppers - was catered by Uncle Julio's. Our favorite ice cream man, Mr. Arafan Kaba, provided everyone's favorite ice cream treat. The September Block Party is an opportunity for everyone to renew old friendships and make new ones.

SECTION 5 LAND SURVEY

If you have noticed some surveyors out and about in Section 5 surveying the Section 5 town boundaries and placing stakes, these surveyors are employees from A. Morton Thomas, Inc., an engineering firm, that has been engaged by Section 5 to conduct a land survey of the entire town.

Alan Beal, a home inspection services specialist, attended the February 11, 2014, Council meeting at which time the Council voted to engage AMT. Alan attended the meeting to provide some background information concerning the value that a land survey would provide Section 5. He said that Chevy Chase View and Martin's Additions some time ago engaged an

engineering firm to provide their towns with the data that contains the locations of their boundary lines. This data also showed the boundary lines of the private properties in their relationship to the public property. In addition to the boundary line locations, this data allowed the towns to view a picture of the tree canopy of the towns.

When Chevy Chase View reviewed the data, its Council members discovered that there were some private property lines incorrectly drawn. Alan said that because several new structures are built each year in Chevy Chase View and Martin's Additions those two towns pay to have the survey data updated on a yearly basis. Alan said that Section 5 might not want to update the data on a yearly basis but rather every three or four years because Section 5 does not have several new houses built in its town's limits. He said that if Section 5 does not have the survey data updated on a regular basis, the data would soon become outdated and useless.

When Alan had completed his talk and citizens voiced their opinions, the Council voted to engage A. Morton Thomas, to conduct a land survey of the entire town. This survey includes a boundary line survey, a street right-of-way survey, plus the front property line of 3802 Leland St. The Council also voted to purchase a new computer and pay the fee to install the GIS software on the new computer. The cost of the three items may not exceed \$50,000.00. The cost for this survey appears in the FY 2014/15 budget under a separate item titled "Land Survey".

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR

According to an article in the Christian Monitor one of the most important elements in being able to recover from the effects of Storm Sandy was neighbors

knowing their neighbors and helping those neighbors. Many of these neighbors had formed enduring friendships over the years and when disaster struck, help was as close as one's neighbor.

Section 5 is a close-knit community where neighbors help neighbors. This close-knit-feeling exists right here in Section 5. When neighbors are in need, help will often arrive with a neighbor lending a help hand. Section 5 neighbors are the best!

COMINGS AND GOINGS IN SECTION 5

We must say goodbye to John Fisher, Suzanne Lehmer and Cait of 3716 Williams Ln. as they leave for California to begin a new job and move into a new house.

Carl and Celia sold their home at 3616 Thornapple St. and moved to the west coast to be closer to their grandchildren.

Diane Laufman sold her house at 3700 Windsor Pl. and went to live with her brother in Connecticut Ave.

We must now say hello to several new residents.

Greg and Andra Chernack recently moved into 3616 Thornapple St. with their two sons, Ben and Andrew.

Jennifer Duffie has purchased the house at 3708 Underwood St. She is having an addition built and when it is complete, she and her two sons, John and Luke, will move into their new home.

Tucker and Kristen Farman have moved into their new home at 3716 Williams with their two children, Lindley and Palmer.

Alex Greenstein and Amanda Cherrin have just moved into 4 Alden Ln. with their one year old daughter, Sophie.

Jouni Hemberg and Satu Santala have moved into 3818 Williams Ln. with their children, Johannas and Allisa.

Kaler and Yasemin Hurcan bought the house at 3500 Windsor Pl. They have two sons Raif and Rafik.

Angela Liang is a new resident on Williams Ln. at 3708. She has two sons, Zachery Walker-Liang and Logan Walker-Liang.

Kristen and Greg McCavera are new residents at 7502 Glendale Rd. They have one son Ryan.

Maura and Matthew Norden are new residents on Williams Ln. at 3718. They are the proud parents of twins, Teddy and Caroline.

Brooke and David Thomas bought Vivien Mitchell's house at 3705 Woodbine St. and the house is undergoing a major renovation. When it is finished Brooke and David and Jack, Livie and Ellie will move into their new home.

Hillary and Brad have moved into 3605 Underwood St. They have a son named Thomas.

NEW TREES IN SECTION 5

The Section 5 Council has always considered the trees in our town to be one of our most important assets. The public trees maintained by Section 5 and the trees in your yards continue to give us an atmosphere that makes living more pleasant and continues to help our property values to increase. In recent years all of us have learned that our trees make a substantial contribution to a healthy environment.

This fall Section 5's Urban Reforestation program will plant sixteen trees in our residents' private gardens and four trees will be planted in the public right-of-way. This means that Section 5 will contribute twenty trees to our urban environment.

ARE YOUR HOUSE LIGHTS ON?

The police officers who patrol our streets have said that Section 5 residents should turn on their outside front lights and leave them on during the dark hours. These lights will help keep our streets brightly lit and discourage anyone who might come into our town with the intention of breaking and entering our houses.

CAN EMERGENCY PERSONNEL FIND YOUR HOUSE?

Many houses throughout Section 5 have hard-to-see house numbers even during daytime hours. According to the National Ambulance Service, small house numbers "can cause a delay in reaching patients as crews struggle to locate the address where help is needed". Montgomery County requires new house numbers to be at least 5" tall and older homes are required to have house numbers that are at least 3.5" tall. The numbers should be on a contrasting background, with an unobstructed view from the street and be sufficiently lit as to be visible at night. The house address should be represented in numbers, not letters, and be on a forward part of the house. Front doors or porches are often too far from the roadside to be read quickly. Not sure about your house? Next time you are out at night, make certain to note what your house numbers look like from the street. In addition to ensuring that your house number is readable, make certain your house lights are turned on at night. This light will illuminate the house numbers, prevent hazards on your property and deter crime.

SECTION 5 COUNCIL MEETING

Section 5 Council meetings are held every **second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm** in the Village Hall located at 5906 Connecticut Avenue. The Council Meeting Agenda is posted on Section 5's web site

www.chevychase5.org. Please feel free to contact Section 5's office to place an item on the agenda. Copies of minutes from previous Council meetings may be found on Section 5's web site.

The next Council meeting will be held Tuesday, December 9, 2014, at the Village Hall located at 5906 Connecticut Ave. at 7:30 pm.

HOW TO BE PREPARED FOR SNOW IN SECTION 5

Please be certain to get your car off the street and into your driveway when snow is predicted. This allows Mark Peyton to plow the streets from curb to curb. The plowing will begin when two inches of snow has fallen. **Again this year the Council has voted to employ a shoveling service to remove the snow from Section 5's sidewalks.**

FIRE HYDRANTS: KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Remember to give fire hydrants a wide berth. Do not park in front of or in close proximity to them. The fire department needs easy access to hydrants in case of a fire. If they are unable to access a hydrant close to a fire, it wastes precious time needed to put out the fire and to prevent the spread to surrounding houses.

STREET PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Remember the following restrictions when parking on the street:

- Park at least 35 feet from an intersection.
- Park at least 30 feet from a stop sign.
- Park at least 15 feet from a fire hydrant.

- Park at least 5 feet from a private driveway.

LOST PETS

The following are helpful tips from the Montgomery County Animal Shelter if you have lost a pet.

- Act quickly because the shelter holds stray animals for about 6 business days before putting them up for adoption.
- Initiate a search quickly if your lost pet has not been taken/reported to the shelter.
- It is critical that all household pets be tagged with a name, address and telephone number.
- Post a notice on Section 5's web site as well as its blind email list by calling the manager 301-986-5481 or by email manager@chevychase5.org.

If your pet has a Home Again micro-chip, immediately call 1-888-466-3241.

If you find a pet, notify the County Shelter immediately so that the information can be communicated to the owner if he/she calls.

NEW PROCEDURES FOR ANIMAL EMERGENCIES AND COMPLAINTS

Calls in Montgomery County are now being answered by Montgomery County Police Emergency Communications Center or MC311 call-takers. The following phone number may be used to report specific issues:

Call 911 to report **animal-related emergencies** such as animal attacks in progress, an animal locked in a hot car, animal cruelty in progress or an animal creating a traffic hazard.

Call 301-279-8000, the police non-emergency number, to report **animal related**

complaints such as a sick or injured animal, neglect, an animal caught in a trap or an animal nuisance.

Call 311 or 240-777-0311 from a cell phone to report a dead deer along the roadway.

Call 240-773-5960, the County animal shelter, for pet adoptions, licensing information and spay/neuter programs.

Continue to call 240-773-5925 to reach the police's Animal Services Division, to follow up on previously reported complaints, and for the Animal Matters Hearing Board.

SECTION 5 BUILDING PERMITS

Making construction plans? You need a permit 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 email her at manager@chevychase5.org.

RECYCLING COLLECTION HOLIDAYS

When a holiday falls on a Monday, recycling collection will be on Tuesday along with the household collection. Trash collection holidays are **New year's Day, Martin Luther King's Birthday, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.**

HELP PROVIDE ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Since 1983 Washington Gas and The Salvation Army have worked collaboratively on the Washington Area Fuel Fund (WAFF) to provide energy assistance to low-income residents in our region. Since 1983 WAFF has disbursed nearly \$23 million to help 261,000 area

residents. Last year alone \$823,000 was disbursed helping nearly 7,000 people at 12 area Salvation Army offices. Washington Gas pays for ALL administrative and promotional fees.

The Salvation Army assists clients and manages the disbursement of funds. This ensures that 100% of all donations go to heating assistance.

There are several convenient ways to give:

- Online at www.washingtonareafuel.org.
- Mail a one-time contribution to Washington Area Fuel Fund, P.O. Box 1999, Washington, D.C. 20013.
- Add a donation to your gas bill payment.
- Make a pledge for a fixed monthly contribution on your gas bill.
- Make a contribution when paying your gas bill online or by phone.

SHARE WHAT YOU NO LONGER NEED

Don't throw it away! [A Wider Circle](#), a charity located in Bethesda, would be delighted to have your usable household goods. This wonderful nonprofit charity serves needy people who have very little, to get back on their feet. They will pick up items at your home free of charge. Call 301-608-3504.

PLANING BOARD APPROVES SKETCH PLAN FOR CHEVY CHASE LAKE

The Montgomery County Planning Board has approved the sketch plan for an apartment building and townhomes on Chevy Chase Lake Drive just off Connecticut

Avenue. The development comes about one year after the county approved the Chevy Chase Lake Sector Plan, which opened up the area for increased development in anticipation of the Purple Line being constructed through the area.

The plan would convert the current site of 68 garden apartments into a 175-unit apartment building and 70 townhouses. The property owner, the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County (HOC), is working with EYA, a regional residential developer, whose motto is "life within walking distance" on the project. The plan includes moderately priced units in the apartment building (20 percent of the units) and townhomes (15 percent), limits on the height of the apartment building to 100 feet and the townhomes to 50 feet, and includes a park. A below-grade parking garage is planned for the building while the townhouses are proposed to have two-car garages.

A major redevelopment of the garden apartments on Chevy Chase Lake Drive is also planned and is expected to bring more than four times the current number of residences to the area. The Montgomery County Housing Opportunity Commission (HOC) is proposing to build 329 residential units at the current site of 68 garden apartments just east of Connecticut Avenue.

Planning staff approved the plan because it brings needed affordable housing to the area. The size of the buildings conforms to the new sector plan and it fits with the sector plan's goal to encourage residential development near mass transit. The proposal conflicts with Montgomery County Code, which only allows up to 200 residential units on roads with less than 70 feet of right-of-way. Chevy Chase Lake Drive has only 60 feet of public right-of-way, so planners wrote that "additional right-of-way dedication" may be required along the Chevy Chase Lake Drive frontage.

CHEVY CHASE @ HOME ACTIVITIES

December 16: A Holiday Party at the Chevy Chase Village Hall, 5906 Connecticut Avenue.

January 20 (somewhat tentative--date could change to a Saturday): Talk by Jan Augustine about her recent 500 mile pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago.

February 17 "Tea With the Ambassador" -- Retired Ambassador William Bodde will talk about the duties and daily activities of a U.S. ambassador to a small country and share some of the highlights and amusing moments in his foreign service career.