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Section 5 Council

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Important Section Dates

- ◆ Tuesday, January 10
Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Wednesday, February 15
Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Saturday, March 4
Spring Bulk Trash Collection
- ◆ Tuesday, March 14
Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
*This will be a special
Community Discussion with
our Section 5 Police Officers.
Look for more details in the
new year.

A Message from the Town Council

As 2022 comes to a close, the Section 5 Council would like to wish all our residents a joyful holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year!

Update WSSC Brookville Water Main Replacement Project

WSSC recently completed work on Williams Lane as part of the Brookville Water Main Replacement project. Their crews are now working in Section 3. They will not return to Section 5 before March. Once we have a specific date and work locations, we will share them with residents. As a reminder, the streets left in the project include Dalkeith Street, Thornapple Street, Thornapple Place, and Underwood Street.

Leland Street Traffic Study Done by the Hamlet

Section 5 was recently notified by the Hamlet's Citizens Association that they had asked the County to do a traffic study on Leland Street. The study included a car count for vehicular traffic during the morning and evening rush hours. It was determined that during the morning rush hour (7 to 9 a.m.) Leland Street, sees significant cut-through traffic and could qualify for possible traffic restrictions. The restriction that could

be enacted is to allow for no westbound turns on Leland Street from Brookville Road between 7 and 9 a.m.. All residents would also be subject to the restriction. There is no exception for local traffic. Since a possible turn restriction on Leland could lead to more traffic on other Section streets, specifically Woodbine Street, we are in touch with County officials and have voiced our concerns. It is important to note that the initial traffic study is just the first step in a long process for the Hamlet. The County will post a sign on Brookville within the month to ask for feedback from residents. We will also alert residents by email once we have this information. Since Section 5 and Rollingwood border the targeted area, the County advises that we will have a significant voice in whether the restriction is granted. We will continue to keep residents informed.

The full traffic study can be found on the Section's website. <http://chevychasesection5.org/pdf/LelandDiscussionPaper-rev-June2022-cairo.pdf>

SECTION 5 OF THE VILLAGE OF CHEVY CHASE

Holiday Tips for Refuse Collection Crew

Traditionally, residents of Section 5 have expressed their appreciation to the employees of our refuse collection company, Montgomery Sanitation and Recycling, with contributions for the holiday season.

In lieu of collecting individual checks, the Section will instead make the full contribution on behalf of all residents. The main source of Section 5 revenue is derived from a percentage of our resident's income tax; therefore, the contribution truly does come from all residents. We understand there may be some who would like to give a gift directly to the crew, and of course, one should feel free to do so.

TRASH COLLECTION HOLIDAYS

Christmas Day and New Year's Day both fall on Sundays this year so there will be no interruption to our regular trash collection.

As in past years, holiday greens and trees will be picked up by our refuse collection company along with yard debris on Mondays starting December 26.

Trees need to be curbside and visible. Greens must be placed in paper lawn and leaf bags.

Wreaths containing wires will not be accepted and should be disposed of in the regular household trash.

On a separate note, yard debris is collected on Mondays year-round.

Police Beat - Important Reminders Regarding Car and Home Safety

In general, Section 5 is an extremely low crime area, but our Section police officers warn they are seeing an uptick in certain types of crime in the Bethesda/Chevy Chase/Kensington area. They offer the following advice and tips:

-Car thefts and vehicle break-ins are on the rise. In almost all cases, the cars were left unlocked and a key or key fob was left in them. Please please please lock your car every time you get in and out, and be certain you do not have a key or fob in your vehicle. This includes a spouse's spare key, etc.

-Additionally, with the colder weather, if you like to warm up your car in the morning before you leave, NEVER leave the keys in the car and unattended. Always lock your car or use remote start. Police advise that thieves are coming between 5 and 8 a.m. and looking for fast targets and cars left running are easy to spot.

-Last point. Our officers advise that mail theft continues to be an issue. If you pay your bills by mail, be sure and walk the envelope into the post office. Do not leave envelopes containing checks in your home mailbox or put them in blue outdoor mailboxes. They continue to see mail being taken from outdoor boxes and the checks altered.

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Don't Miss Santa in Section 5!

Don't miss Santa on his fire truck courtesy of the Chevy Chase Fire Department. They are scheduled to come through Section 3 and Section 5 this Thursday (12/22). They will start at dark. Listen and look for sirens and lights.

Corso Development (Former 4-H Property) Update

The Town of Chevy Chase continues to provide updates regarding the plans for the 4-H Center at 7100 Connecticut through the Town's website: www.townofchevychase.org.

We encourage all residents to follow along as the plan develops and provide feedback to the Town of Chevy Chase by email to townoffice@townofchevychase.org.

Welcome to New Residents

Section 5 extends a special welcome to new residents:

- ♦ Sophie and Zach Jung
3810 Leland Street
- ♦ Morgan and Drew Pollekoff
3700 Woodbine Street

Did we miss someone? Be sure and let us know! We would love to greet you properly, and make sure you have all the information you need regarding Section services and events. Please take a minute to email the Town Manager at manager@chevychasesection5.org

Tree Removal Permits

- ♦ 3715 Williams Lane - Private Tree Removal

Free Tree Program 2022

Section 5 continues to have a great response to its Annual Free Tree Program. In late December, thirty-four new trees will be planted in residents' private gardens or the Town public strip.

When planted, the trees are dormant and do not require further care until the spring. In April, the Section will distribute gator bags to assist in watering. The bags help to slowly and evenly deliver a high volume of water directly to the root system of a newly planted tree or shrub with no run-off or evaporation. When leaves emerge, you will fill the bag once every ten days. During periods of very hot dry weather, residents should water the tree one day per week. It is important not to overwater.

We are very fortunate to have our arborist, Dr. Feather, assist residents with questions and oversee the plantings. It is a lot of work, and we are grateful to have him as a resource.

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Snow Reminders!

Section 5 is ready for winter. Rolling Acres will once again be responsible for our streets with salt and sanding during winter conditions. Michael Cousins and his crew at Colonial Landscaping will also help with public sidewalk shoveling when necessary.

Residents are responsible for the regular treating (salt and sanding) of sidewalks near your home. As a reminder, Section 5's crew will shovel the public sidewalks (those that run in front of your home) if snowfall reaches more than two inches. In the case of freezing rain mixed with snow, the decision may be made NOT to shovel since snow mixed with ice provides much more traction than straight ice.

Shoveling will start once snowfall ceases. If snowfall stops early to late evening, crews will be out first thing the next morning. In the case of heavy snow, this may take time.

Montgomery County requires that property owners clear their walkways and entrances to their homes within 24 hours of the end of a snowstorm. Residents are also encouraged to help neighbors who may not physically be able to do so.

If the snowfall is deep, please clear a safe path to your household trash or leave household trash curbside on trash collection days.

Snow Emergency Parking

During a snow event, the BEST place to park your car is in your driveway. If you must leave your vehicle on the street, please park on the EVEN house-numbered side of the streets. Signs will be posted accordingly. These two small steps go a long way in helping the snow and sanding plows do their job!



Calling All Snow Shovelers!

Able-bodied snow shovelers are always in high demand. If you are a Section teen who would like to be added to the list of Community Helpers for this Winter, please email the Town Manager. Babysitters, lawn help, and pet care are also welcome. The Section will maintain a master list and share it upon request.



Reporting a Street Light Outage

Reporting a street light outage on Pepco's website is fast and easy!

<https://pepco.streetlightoutages.com/public/default.html>

All you need is the address or the number located on the front of the pole. You will receive an automated response that your message was received and a follow-up email once the outage has been addressed. Outages are usually serviced in a week or less.

Building Permits

- ◆ 3703 Underwood Street - Construct a two-story addition with the appropriate stormwater drainage plan / Permit Approved
- ◆ 3801 Williams Lane - Replace part of an existing fence and install a new section / Permit Approved
- ◆ 3810 Woodbine Street - Construct a one-story addition with the appropriate stormwater drainage plan / Permit Approved
- ◆ 3815 Woodbine street - Replace an existing fence / Permit Approved



Do I Need a Section 5 Permit?

- The majority of renovations
- Sheds or accessory buildings
- Fences - including replacements and/or substantial repairs
 - Driveway projects
 - Patio projects
 - Right-of-way projects
 - Dumpsters or PODS
- Drainage projects, including sump pumps and new downspouts

ALL REQUIRE A PERMIT

Looking to take out a tree? Most public and private tree removal also **REQUIRES** a permit.

Please contact the Town office before you begin. We will work with you to make sure you have the necessary information and avoid a costly mishap.