

# THE QUARTERLY

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#### **Section 5 Council**

Chris Richardson, Chairman Scott Livingston, Vice-Chairman Greg Chernack, Treasurer Patricia Xeller, Secretary Nancy Pines, Building Inspector

#### **Important Section Dates**

- Tuesday, June 13th
  Town Council Meeting
  7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.
- \* Tuesday, July 4th at 11 a.m. Annual Fourth of July Parade and Party. See Page 2 for more information.
- \* The Council does not meet in July or August.

### **Recycling and Trash**

Due to the Fourth of July holiday, there will be no trash collection on Tuesday, 7/4. The next collection that week will be Friday, 7/7.

The next Bulk Trash collection will occur in September.

### **Town Council - Annual Meeting News**

The Council would like to thank the residents who attended the Annual Meeting on May 2nd. Discussion included the proposed FY 2018 budget. The Council recommended a budget of \$423,125 in expenditures (based on projected revenues of \$676,941). The budget was voted on and unanimously approved as proposed. Copies were distributed by mail to residents in April.

There were three open Council seats up for election this May. We had only three candidates, all incumbents, run for these seats so no voting election was held at this year's Annual Meeting. Greg Chernack, Nancy Pines, and Pat Xeller were sworn in at the meeting.

In addition to the budget, a vote was held regarding the property tax rate for Section 5. Residents again approved the recommendation of the Council that the tax rate be set at zero.

# **Important Property Tax Bill Information**

As longtime residents are aware, at the close of each Fiscal Year the Town Council reviews the Section's financial reports and determines whether the Section is able to provide residents with a credit/rebate for that year. The vote occurs at the June meeting when the Council has a more accurate picture of the overall projected income tax revenue from the State. If the Council votes for the credit, it is distributed through a rebate to resident's upcoming year's property tax bill (these bills are received by residents in July 2017).

The Town Manager will send notification regarding the vote by both email and postal mail along with specific details about how and when the credit is processed. Please make sure to look for this information.

#### SECTION 5 OF THE VILLAGE OF CHEVY CHASE

# RSVP for the Annual Section 5 Fourth of July Parade and Party

Join us for a Section 5 tradition: the annual Fourth of July parade led by a Chevy Chase fire engine.

The day begins at 11 a.m. in front of 3807 Williams. We'll gather for the Pledge of Allegiance, patriotic songs, and a short but star-spangled stroll down Williams, Brookville, Thornapple, and ending up on Underwood (between Dalkeith and Thornapple Place) with a lunch and party.

All Section residents, friends, family, and pets are welcome. This year, we will serve hotdogs and hamburgers from Rocklands Barbeque. Lunch will be served buffet style from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Stop in and grab a quick bite, or stay for the moonbounces, ponies, and more! Fourth of July festive attire is encouraged. Don't forget to decorate your bikes, strollers, and wagons.

<u>Please email your RSVP to the Town Manager:</u> <u>manager@chevychasesection5.org</u> so we will have a general headcount for food. However, if you find you are available and have not RSVP'd, please come anyway. The more the merrier!

#### Welcome to New Residents

We are pleased to welcome the following new neighbors who have recently moved to Section 5:

- Robert and Leigh Anne Giraldi 7508 Glendale Road
- Rich and Melissa Jiricko 3708 Williams Lane
- Brian and Emily Walsh3809 Woodbine Street

Did we miss someone? Email the Town Manager.



# **Building Permits**

7506 Brookville Road - Section of fence replaced / Permit issued

3609 Thornapple Street - Section of fence replaced/ Permit issued

3716 Williams Lane - Section of fence replaced / Permit issued

#### Do I Need a Permit?

Most renovations, accessory buildings, fences, driveway projects, and patio projects REQUIRE a permit.

Looking to take out a tree? Most <u>public and private</u> tree removal also REQUIRES a permit.

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

#### SECTION 5 OF THE VILLAGE OF CHEVY CHASE



### **Intersection Safety**

As part of Section 5's ongoing effort to look for ways to proactively address street safety, the Section recently asked the State Highway Administration's traffic division to review each of the Section steets where they intersect with Connecticut Avenue or Brookville Road.

As part of the review, the State looked at the most recently available three-year police reported crash records for each intersection. The State identified the intersection of Thornapple Street and Brookville Road as having limited sight distance for turning movements. To address this, SHA will install an intersection warning sign along southbound Brookville Road prior to the intersection. They expect the work to be completed within 60 days.

One other area the Section identified as an urgent concern was the recently installed metal box on the east side of Connecticut Avenue associated with the updated pedestrian crosswalk between Williams Lane and Woodbine Street. The placement and large size of the box now limits visibility for motorists. As a result, SHA will replace the existing signal cabinet with a polemounted signal cabinet. They expect this work to be completed within 90 days.

# **Hedges and Trees**

An equally important part of intersection safety is the proper maintenance of hedges, trees, and shrubs located near the public right of way. Residents are reminded that no hedge, tree, or shrubbery on private property shall extend into the sidewalks, streets, or roadways in a way that interferes in any manner with pedestrian or vehicular traffic. This is especially critical at intersections. It is the resident's responsibility to maintain the hedges and shrubs in a way that allows for a clear and unobstructed view of approaching traffic, both pedestrian and vehicular. Please take a minute to survey your property and make sure you are in compliance.

## Washington Gas and WSSC Work Planned for the Section

Section 5 has been informed by WSSC and Washington Gas that work is planned for Dalkeith Street, Thornapple Place, Thornapple Street, Underwood Street, Williams Lane, and Windsor Place. Washington Gas work could begin as early as next Fall. WSSC work is scheduled to begin in April 2018 and be completed by July 2019. Work includes water and gas line replacements. This work is currently being done throughout the Town of Chevy Chase, and was recently completed in Martin's Additions. We will keep residents informed of updates as they are available.

#### **Sidewalk Work**

In addition to the above mentioned work, the Section plans to do some sidewalk maintenance, as well as any roadwork deemed critical. We expect the work to take place late summer or early fall. Please notify the Town Manager if you are aware of an area that should be considered for inclusion.



# **Meet Section 5 Building Administrator Joe Toomey**

Mr. Toomey is a Civil Engineer with extensive experience in all phases of residential and light commercial construction management. He started as the consulting building administrator for Section 5 in January of this year. He has held a Home Inspector License with the State of Maryland since 1997.

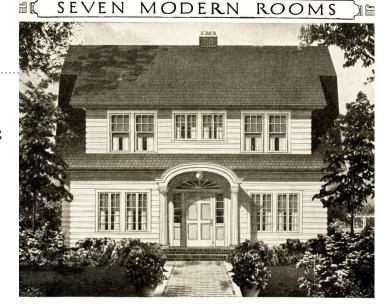
Joe has been providing construction management services, construction inspection services, and related engineering services for over 40 years. His main focus for the last 25 years has been building inspection services for home buyers for new and existing homes. In the past five years, he has also provided permit

application reviews, construction compliance inspections, and other municipal services for the Town of Chevy Chase View.

# Chevy Chase Historical Society is Looking for Sears Houses?

The Chevy Chase Historical Society is surveying Chevy Chase, Maryland, for "kit" houses – the well-built and enduring pre-cut houses offered by companies like Sears Roebuck, Montgomery Ward, and Alladin Houses in the first half of the 20th century.

Starting in the early 1900s, Americans could order a complete "home by mail" from catalogues featuring hundreds of house styles and have the parts delivered,



in stages, to the nearest railroad station. Kit houses were extremely popular in the 1920s and 1930s and have enjoyed a resurgence in recent years, as evidenced by the higher home prices that confirmed kit houses can command.

If you know or think you have a kit house and are willing to be contacted by the Chevy Chase Historical Society or a kit house scholar working with CCHS, email a photo of the house with your name, street address, and phone number to kithouses@chevychasehistory.org by June 30. For further information on the kit house survey and photos showing the wide range of Sears kit house styles, visit <a href="https://www.chevychasehistory.org">www.chevychasehistory.org</a>. The house shown above is a "Martha Washington" Sears house.

**Montgomery County Public** Libraries, Technology Services, and ultraMontgomery offer Summer Digital Learning **Program for Seniors** 

iPad Basics for Older Adults will introduce seniors to the basics of operating an iPad and navigating the Internet in ways that might enrich an older person's life.

Long Branch - 8800 Garland Avenue, Silver Spring, MD

June 5 - August 9 (10 week class)

Class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m.

To register, call: 240-753-0676

#### CHEETAHFEST:

#### OUR FAMILY REUNION

Saturday, June 10, 2017 12:00-4 PM

### OUR DAY OF EXCELLENCE



IT WON'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT U!

\*Bounce Houses for All Ages

\*Food Trucks Galore (7)

\*Security present

\*1st Annual Corn-Hole Tournament

\*CCES Historical Scavenger Hunt

\*VIP Lounge for Guests/Alumni

- \*School Tours
- \*Excellence in Student Work presentations \*Volleyball and Badminton Games
- \*Free Photo-booth
- \*6th Grade Chorus Singing \*CCES Arts & Crafts
- \*CCES 100 Year Tshirts for sale
- \*Cheetah Basket Raffle
- \*CCES 100 Year Bracelets for sale
- \*Checkers and Chess Game Challenges for Families
- \*6th Grade Poetry Presentations \*Decade Tents with Activities (1920/30, 1940/50, 1960/70, 1980/90, 2000+ and 1917
- \*Stage entertainment w/DJ and other Acts Also Dancing with the Decades
- \*Mr. Berliner, Montgomery County Council Presentation of Proclamation: CCES 100 Yrs. in Service to Students

#### BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND ENJOY THE AFTERN OON WITH FAMILY. ALUMNI, COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS!

We need to get a headcount. If you are a CCES family and plan to attend, please fill out the bottom of this form and send it back to your child's homeroom teacher. If you are a community member, alumni, etc. PLEASE R.S.V.P by email to Victoria J Giordano@mcpsmd.org with your full name and number of people attending. We appreciate this as it will help us make sure everyone has a wonderful experience at the reunion.



Name: peck one: Student at CCES Parent of CCES student Alumni of CCES Community Member Staff from CCES

How many total attending with

# **Upcoming Community Events**

# **Chevy Chase Dump and Donate Day**

Saturday, June 10th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the French International School parking lot located at the corner of Beach Drive and Woodbine Street. They will have a shredding truck, dumpster, and they will also take latex paint in cans for a charge of \$5 each.

Bethesda Urban Partnership's Outdoor Movie Series:

In mid-July, free movies will be shown at 9 p.m. at the corner of Norfolk and Auburn Avenues in Bethesda. Visitors are advised to arrive early and bring chairs.

> July 18 - The Wizard of Oz July 19 - Field of Dreams July 20 - Dead Poets Society July 21 - Hidden Figures July 22 - La La Land