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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

- ◆ Sunday, April 1
Deadline for nominations to be received for Town Council
- ◆ Tuesday, April 10
Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall
- ◆ Tuesday, May 1
Annual Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall (Note: The Annual Meeting is always held on the FIRST Tuesday of May.)
- ◆ Saturday, June 2
Bulk Trash Collection
- ◆ Tuesday, June 12
Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall

Town Council - Annual Election Notice

Two of the five seats on the Town Council are up for election this spring. Any person wishing to place his/her name on the ballot as a candidate must be a resident of Section 5, and a registered voter in the State of Maryland. All candidate nominations must be received in writing by the Town Manager on or before April 1.

Current Council members whose terms expire in May include: Chris Richardson and Scott Livingston. Scott Livingston is running for re-election. Chris Richardson has decided not to run again.

Should the number of qualified candidates equal the number of available seats, the candidates will be declared elected at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 1. Please email the Town Manager with any questions.

Important Tax Return Information (MD Form 502)

Each year the most significant source of Section 5 revenue is received through our residents' paid income taxes. This money goes directly to services benefitting you and our community. To ensure that the state allocates the money correctly, it is critical when you complete the MD income tax return you list:

Section 5 of the Village of Chevy Chase

Maryland Political Subdivision

1616

Digit Political Subdivision Code

Please make sure to share this information with anyone who might help you prepare your taxes.



Welcome to New Residents

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

- ◆ Gibbs and Margaret Fogarty
2 Leland Court
- ◆ Ed and Cindy Giambastiani
3800 Underwood Street
- ◆ Billy and Maddie Glading
3810 Leland Street
- ◆ Tetsuro Narita and Sulhwa Rho
3808 Thornapple Street
- ◆ Gustavo and Iris Tarre
7203 Connecticut Avenue

Brookville Road Reclassification Update

The Montgomery County Planning Board held a Public Hearing on February 15 regarding the comprehensive rewrite of the County's Master Plan of Highways and Transitways.

As noted in previous communications, the initial working draft version of this document included the recommendation by planning staff to reclassify Brookville Road from a Residential to a Minor Arterial.

The Public Hearing draft did not include the reclassification of Brookville Road. Earlier staff recommendations were completely removed.

The Planning Board intends to transmit its final recommendations to the County Executive and County Council by April 2018.

Washington Gas Work Continues

Washington Gas is in the last phase of its work on Dalkeith, Thornapple Place, Thornapple Street, and Underwood Street.

The gas crews have installed new pipes in the ground, and are now in the process of working with individual homeowners to attach your home's line to the new system. Northern Pipeline or Washington Gas will contact all homeowners directly. The crews will not begin work on private property without your knowledge. If after several attempts, they have not received a response, they will contact the Section for assistance.

Weather permitting, the crews hope to be finished with their work in the Section by mid-April.

WSSC Work Coming

WSSC has been in touch regarding work planned for Section 5 this spring.

- ◆ Repair work on the manhole near the intersection of Woodbine Street and Glendale Lane.
- ◆ Repair work on the manhole near the intersection of Dalkeith and Underwood Streets.

Timing is dependent on contractor availability. WSSC will notify individual homeowners directly if any access to private property is required.

Each of these repairs is required necessary maintenance.

Building Permits

- ◆ 3706 Thornapple Street - Fence Replacement / Permit Approved
- ◆ 3713 Underwood Street - Construction Dumpster and Bay Window Addition / Permit Approved
- ◆ 3814 Williams Lane - Two Story Rear Addition / Permit Approved
- ◆ 3700 Woodbine Street - Fence Replacement / Permit Approved

Tree Permit Removals

- ◆ 3701 Thornapple Street - Private Tree Removal
- ◆ 3518 Thornapple Street - Private Tree Removal

Maintaining Rights-of-Ways

With Spring around the corner, shrubs and plantings are starting to bloom. As a reminder, residents are responsible for the regular care and maintenance of the grass or plantings in the Town right-of-way.

Please take a minute to walk around your property and ensure that all public sidewalks surrounding your property are clear of low-hanging branches, overgrown bushes, and vines.

Additionally, please make certain any shrubbery does not block sight lines for vehicles.

Clearing these obstacles will continue to make Section 5 pedestrian, stroller, and bike friendly (and safe!) for all.

For concerns regarding the Town trees in the right-of-way, please contact the Town Manager.

Watering Instructions for Fall Free Tree Program

In mid-April the Section arborist, Dr. Tolbert Feather, will contact residents who received trees this past fall through the Section's Free Tree Program. He will distribute gator bags to assist with watering, as well as detailed watering instructions.

Section 5 Paper Directory

New Section 5 paper directories were distributed by mail in early February. If you did not receive a copy, or if you would like to request an additional copy, please contact the Town Manager.

Replacement Recycling Bins

Replacement recycling bins are available in both green (plastic/glass) and blue (paper). The Section provides small bins only. Email the Town Manager.

When 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 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.

Interested in Composting?

For those interested in composting, the Section has negotiated a special discounted community rate with the Compost Crew. They are a Silver Spring based company used and recommended by several other surrounding Chevy Chase municipalities.

The discounted rate is \$20 a month. The usual cost is \$32 a month. All sign ups are made directly with the Compost Crew using the following link: https://thecompostcrew.chargify.com/subscribe/480970967b9b/monthtomonth?coupon_code=20PERMONTH.

Participating households will be provided with one airtight bin and compostable bags. Each household then separates out organic waste much like you do paper and plastic recycling. You will leave the composting bin at the curb on the designated day of the week. Twice a year, each household can request a portion of its contributed weight back in rich, finished compost if desired.

See the compostcrew.com website for more details and a full list of compostable items. Or contact the Compost Crew at info@thecompostcrew.com or 301-202-4450.

Save the Date!
Neighborhood Wine Tasting
Saturday, June 2

Mark your calendars for a wine tasting in Section 5. All Section 5 residents are invited.
Details to follow.

Event Contact: Andra Chernack
arccc3@gmail.com

Be sure to check out the following websites for area events:

Chevy Chase Historical Society
www.chevychasehistory.org

Chevy Chase at Home
www.chevychaseathome.org

Chevy Chase Library
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library/branches/chevychase.html