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Section 5 Council

Greg Chernack, Chairman
Patricia Xeller, Vice-Chairman
Maryann Luongo, Treasurer
Josh Galper, Member
Philip Giordano, Member

Important Section Dates

- ◆ Saturday, April 3
Deadline for nominations to be received for Town Council
- ◆ Tuesday, April 13
Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m. via GoToMeeting
- ◆ Tuesday, May 4
Annual Meeting at 7:30 p.m. via GoToMeeting
- ◆ Tuesday, June 8
Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m. via GoToMeeting
- ◆ Late May / June 2021
The Section will hold another Community Shred Event with Martin's Additions and Section 3 - Details forthcoming!

Town Council News - Annual Election Notice

Three 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 3.

Current Council members whose terms expire in May include: Greg Chernack, Pat Xeller, and Philip Giordano. All three are running for re-election.

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 4. Note the Annual Meeting is always held on the first Tuesday of May. 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 that you list:

Section 5 as the *Maryland Political Subdivision*

1616 as the *Digit Political Subdivision Code*

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



SECTION 5 OF THE VILLAGE OF CHEVY CHASE

Welcome to New Residents

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

- ✦ Kaitlyn Pritchard and Matt Gold -
7200 Brookville Road
- ✦ Elizabeth and Michael Bourgeois -
7311 Brookville Road
- ✦ Margaret Kimball and CJ Santullo -
9 Leland Court
- ✦ Andrea and Josh Robins -
3814 Leland Street
- ✦ Sarah Baker and Alexander Mooney -
3802 Thornapple Street
- ✦ Laura and David Krisch
3805 Underwood Street
- ✦ Jessica and Mike Stoll -
3503 Windsor Place
- ✦ Cindy and Dennis Flannery -
3707 Woodbine Street
- ✦ Devon and Chip Hastie -
3817 Woodbine Street

Did we miss someone? Email the Town Manager.

Section 5 Paper Directory

The Section has just printed new 2021 paper phone directories. Each resident will receive one copy of the new directory by mail. If you would like to request an additional copy, please contact the Town Manager.

Section Email Alerts and Notices

Please make certain the Section has at least one current email address for your household on file. Email is often used to communicate timely and important information. Additionally, it is used to distribute the dial-in information for the Council's Monthly meetings, which are now being held via GoToMeeting videoconference. Contact the Town Manager with questions.

Landscaping and Yard Work

Yard debris is collected each Monday by our trash contractor, Montgomery County Sanitation and Recycling. As part of our contract, yard debris must be placed in either lawn and leaf bags, or in trash cans clearly marked yard debris. Sticks and large branches must be cut and bundled. Branches should not exceed four feet in length or four inches in diameter. Sticks and limbs left loose at curbs will not be picked up.

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 planting 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 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 Town trees in the right-of-way, please contact the Town Manager.

SECTION 5 OF THE VILLAGE OF CHEVY CHASE

Section 5 Composting Program

In December, Section 5 introduced a new composting program in partnership with the Compost Crew. We are happy to report that we now have 70 homes participating. For more information on the program or to sign up, use the link below:

<https://compostcrew.com/chevy-chase-section-5/>. This information is also listed on the Section 5 website's home page.

See the testimonial from one satisfied resident teen below.

Compost Crew is right for you! Tell your parents to join today! Composting is great for the environment. It improves the health of the soil it is around and promotes biodiversity. Composting reduces the need for chemical fertilizers that create runoff and pollute the Chesapeake. Preventing food scraps and other compostable things from going to waste or into garbage heap means less trash getting burned and reducing your carbon footprint. Plus, if you join the Compost Crew you can get a bag of compost back each spring. This soil is rich in nutrients and great for growing food, flowers or other plants you want around your house.

Composting is super simple! When my family signed up, we got a composting bin to put outside of our house. It has a screw-on lid to prevent animals from making a mess of it. For seven dollars, we got the kitchen caddie, a smaller composting bucket with a liner for inside our house. Then, we put any of the approved composting items right in the caddie, and when it gets full we take it outside to the larger composting bin. The Compost Crew collects our scraps from our bin every Tuesday morning. Approved composting items include: food scraps, egg shells, meat, bones, dairy products, coffee grounds and filters, tea bags, paper scraps, cardboard, hair, fur, and more. Make sure not to put in any fireplace ashes, pet waste, or inorganic material. Go to CompostCrew.com for the full list. Other than the kitchen caddie, Section 5 pays for this service.

Make an impact on your environment and sign up today!

-- A Section 5 High Schooler

Building Permits

✦3701 Thornapple Street - Replace the existing asphalt drive with a new permeable paver design / Permit Approved

✦3705 Woodbine Street - Install a six foot tall vertical wood board 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.

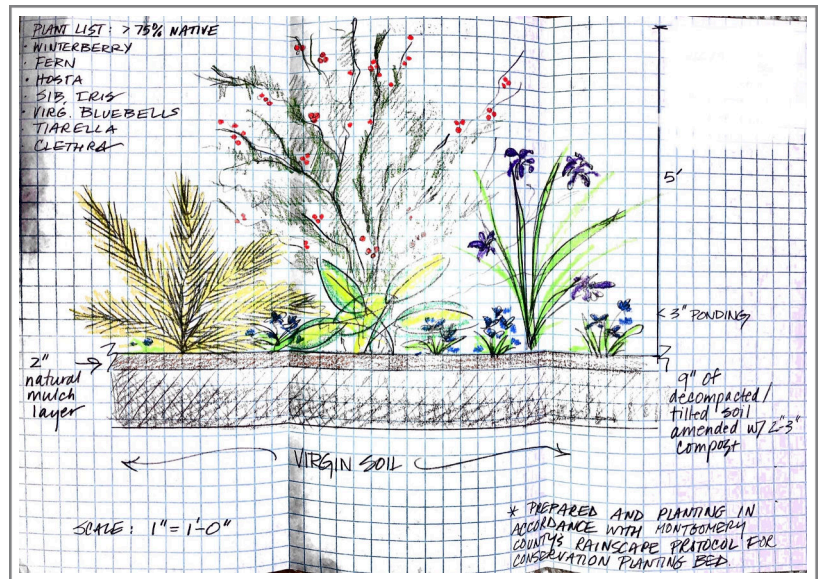
Please contact the Town office before you begin. We will work with you to make sure you have the necessary information and avoid a costly mishap.

SECTION 5 OF THE VILLAGE OF CHEVY CHASE

Montgomery County RainScapes Program

Did you know Montgomery County's RainScapes Rewards Rebate Program offers rebates to property owners who install RainScapes techniques such as rain gardens, rain barrels, conservation landscaping, and other approved projects that help control stormwater? The program is open to properties in Montgomery County outside the municipalities of Rockville, Gaithersburg, and Takoma Park.

RainScapes Rewards applications will be accepted starting March 16, 2021. For more information visit <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/water/rainscapes/rebates.html>. You can subscribe to the RainScapes Gazette to get notified of Spring classes and other RainScapes news. There are also many resources available on their resources page if you want to get started now with project planning, including how to do a site assessment, how to draw a planting plan, and how many plants to plan for in each garden. They also have guidance on how to select a professional to assist you and a list of professionals offering services.



An example of a recent rain garden in Section 5.

The RainScapes Program is funded by the County's Water Quality Protection Charge.

Tree Removal Permits

- ◆ 4 Leland Court - Private Tree Removal
- ◆ 3805 Thornapple Street - Private Tree Removal

Watering Instructions for Fall Free Tree Program

In late 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.



The Truth About the Brood X Periodical Cicada

Courtesy of: Dr. Tolbert V. Feather, Section 5 Arborist

The periodical cicada in this area, Brood X, will emerge this year — one of many broods that reappear every 17 years. The periodical cicadas have black bodies and red eyes and emerge in mid-May (when ground temperatures reach above 64 degrees Fahrenheit) completing their life cycle by the end of June.



Although the adults do feed on woody plants, potential damage to trees and shrubs occurs when the female cicadas insert eggs into the tips of twigs. Sufficient damage can cause the loss of the tips of the branches. On large trees this loss is not noticeable. On smaller trees it can significantly reduce the canopy, but even smaller trees do recover. Residents can isolate young trees with fine mesh netting in May to prevent damage, but there are no treatments to manage the cicadas. Cicadas have little interest in annuals and perennials. Newly emerged cicadas may be seen resting or emerging on non-woody plants, but they will soon thereafter move up into the trees.

The distinctive “singing” or mating call is the first sign that the little wide-eyed creatures are active. Although their appearance may seem ominous, cicadas do not bite people or carry or transmit any diseases. They are a true wonder of nature and a great food source for birds and small mammals.

For more information regarding the Brood X Periodical Cicada and the other broods that appear in this region, please visit the informative website at <https://www.cicadamania.com/cicadas/periodical-cicada-brood-x-10-will-emerge-in-15-states-in-2021/> or http://insects.ummz.lsa.umich.edu/fauna/Michigan_Cicadas/Michigan/Index.html. There is also an app, Cicada Safari, you can download to help document Brood X. Have fun with them! It’s a great experience for kids.



Thursday Carry-out at La Ferme Restaurant

If you are looking for way to support La Ferme during these tough times, please consider ordering take out on Thursdays. Email: lafermerestaurant@gmail.com to be added to the special weekly menu list.

Each week La Ferme offers carry out dining on Thursdays only. The price is \$32 per menu and includes all tax. (Gratuities are welcome!)

All orders must be placed by the Tuesday before at 5 p.m. Ordering is by email only and payment is cash or check - no credit cards. Pick up time is at the front entrance between 4 and 5 p.m.