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Since Section 5's revenues exceeded our expenditures for FY 2016, the Council voted to provide a rebate to Section 5 residents (227 households and one restaurant) in the amount of \$700 each for Fiscal Year 2016.

This rebate is distributed through a credit to your property tax bill. The Section pays the County directly, and the County credits each individual property tax bill. Since property tax bills are sent July 1, before the credit has been processed, the credit is NOT listed on your bill, and the County will NOT send a revised bill.

In many cases, this property tax payment is made for a resident through a mortgage escrow account. In this instance, the mortgage company will pull the account balance in September, and since the payment is made by the Section in August, the credit will have already been applied. **If this is the way you make your payment, there is nothing further you need to do.** The lender in turn just pays the balance of the bill - which will be \$700 less than the amount listed on your July property tax bill.

However, if you pay the bill directly (not through a lender) you need to deduct the \$700 amount from either your September or December payment.

If you do not, you will have a credit on your account. Unfortunately, credits do not carry over from year-to-year so it will not be applied to next year's bill, and the County will NOT notify you of the credit. You must proactively apply for the refund.

If you think you are owed a credit from past years, you can check the status of your account by using the website below. You will not be able to check the status of this year's bill until AFTER October 15th. To access the system you will need either the property address or account number.

<https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/realpropertytax/Default.aspx>

FALL COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGES

Due to scheduling conflicts and the availability of the Village Hall, the dates for Fall Council Meetings will be as follows:

- Tuesday, September 13th
- Tuesday, October 4th
- Tuesday, November 1st
- Tuesday, December 13th

All meetings will occur at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. These dates will be posted on the Section website.

SECTION 5'S ANNUAL FALL BLOCK PARTY

Sunday, September 18th
Underwood Street
4 – 7 p.m.

(Dinner served from 5 - 6:30 p.m.)

Slides, obstacle course, music, ice cream, and more! Food will be catered by Rio Grande.

RSVP by Wednesday, Sept. 14th to:
manager@chevyCHASEsection5.org

Rain date will be September 25th if necessary.

BULK TRASH SEPTEMBER 24TH

The Fall bulk trash collection will be Saturday, September 24th. As always, items may be placed at the curb as early as the Wednesday before collection.

Special Trash includes:
Washing machines, dryers, stoves, furniture, large toys, bicycles, swing sets, refrigerators, freezers, televisions, and air conditioners. Paint will also be accepted but NO oil based paint. You

must remove the lid and let the paint dry before the pick-up day.

Excluded items include:

Large tree stumps, poisons, acids, caustics, explosives, flammable liquids, motor vehicles and auto parts including batteries and tires, bricks and general construction material, oil, wood piles, large rocks, large tree limbs, dead animals, human or animal feces, and ammunition.

There have also been questions regarding scraps of old wood, fence, etc. These items are fine under minimal circumstances. However, debris from a large construction or renovation project is not allowed. These materials should be disposed of in a construction dumpster. Please contact the Town Manager with any questions.

Should you have items in good condition, please consider a donation instead. Organizations such as A Wider Circle help D.C. area neighbors in need. For more information visit:
www.awidercircle.org

BUILDING PERMIT NOTICES

Building Permits Issued:

3708 Thornapple – Partial fence replacement

3712 Underwood – An addition to the current home

3501 Windsor Place – An addition to the current home

Variance and Special Permit Request Granted:

3708 Thornapple – Construct a pool deck with non-permeable materials

DO I NEED A PERMIT?

If you are thinking of starting a renovation, building, or landscape project, please be sure to contact the Town office for information as to what permits may be required. There are County and Section building regulations that may apply. Projects subject to permitting approval also include driveways and patios.

RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE

As we begin a new school year, pedestrian safety is more important than ever. Take a walk around your property - are all of the public sidewalks surrounding your property clear of low-hanging branches, overgrown bushes, and vines? Is the grass or liriopie in the right-of-way and tree box area mowed and maintained? Does any shrubbery block sight lines for vehicles?

Please take care to mow the grass and prune back any overgrowth that interferes with pedestrian use of the sidewalks abutting your property.

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

YARD TRASH AND DEBRIS

As a reminder, yard debris is picked up each Monday morning. The crew comes by for yard trash first and often very early. **To make sure your yard trash is not missed, please make sure your bags are at the curb, and clearly visible the night before.** Yard trash including cuttings, lawn and hedge clippings, leaves, and other rakings must be placed in paper lawn and leaf bags. Sticks and tree trimmings (not to exceed four feet in length or three inches in diameter) must be tied in

bundles. Yard debris not bagged and bundled properly will not be picked up by our trash contractor.

SECTION 5 FREE TREE PROGRAM

The Section 5 Council has always considered the trees in our town to be one of our most important assets.

The Council has voted once again to offer residents free trees this year to be planted in their private gardens. The Section will plant either small trees such as Redbud or Dogwood, or large trees such as Red Maple or Oak, depending on an owner's preference. The Section arborist, Dr. Tolbert Feather, will assist in choosing and siting the tree. The Section will pay for both the cost of the tree and its planting. The only cost to you will be to **water** it. This year the Section will also provide 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.

Trees will be planted in November. Please email the Town Manager by September 30th if you are interested in a tree.

As a reminder, with a few exceptions, most tree removal in the Section requires a permit. This includes private tree removal. Please visit the Section 5 website www.chevychase5.org for full details, or contact the Town Manager: manager@chevychase5.org with questions.

FALL LEAF COLLECTION

Section 5 hires a private contractor to help with leaf collection each Fall. Leaf vacuuming occurs on **Mondays** starting in mid-October, with the final collection usually in early December. There are several things that residents need to remember:

- Please rake leaves just to the edge of the curb, but not in the street.
- Please do not place the leaves in bags, and take care that limbs, rocks and any other heavy objects are removed.
- If it rains on the regular vacuuming day, they will not be able to collect that day.
- If there is a very heavy rainstorm, it will take at least two days for the wet leaves to dry sufficiently for vacuuming. Wet leaves clog the vacuuming machine.
- **Williams Lane residents must NOT park their cars on the street on Mondays.** Due to the narrowness of the street, the leaf machine cannot pass if cars are also present.

STREET PARKING

Please note that Montgomery County law states that you should park no closer than 35 feet from an intersection. This is particularly important near Connecticut and Brookville. When you park too close, you are creating a significant danger for both cars and pedestrians. Your entire car must be within the correct parking area.

Equally as important, never park directly across from driveways or hang your car into a driveway. It is tempting to do when parking is scarce, but it makes it impossible for your neighbors to get in

or out. Please make sure this is communicated to any visitors or contractors as well.

ROADS, SIDEWALKS, AND CURB MAINTENANCE

As noted in our June newsletter, late last May we walked the Town and identified areas of concern in our Section streets, sidewalks, curbs, and gutters.

This summer, we received notice from WSSC that they intend to do work on at least five of the Section streets. Unfortunately, the extent and full scope of the project have yet to be identified. Due to the uncertainty of the repairs planned, we have decided to move forward with only the sidewalk portion of the project, and proceed with the gutter and street maintenance on an as needed basis.

The sidewalk project was put out to bid, and Chamberlain Contractors of Laurel, Maryland has been awarded the contract. Sidewalk repairs are tentatively scheduled to begin mid-October. Sidewalks currently marked with white paint are scheduled to be included in the work. Email notifications, and no parking signs will be posted in advance.

SECTION 5 EMAIL AND WEBSITE

Thanks to all who have signed up for Section 5 email alerts. If you have yet to sign up, it's never too late!

Please make sure we have your current email address in our system by contacting the Town office, and check the Section 5 website for the latest news and information:

www.chevychase5.org

CRIME AWARENESS

While Section 5 crime rates are extremely low, there have been numerous recent reports of cars being rifled through, and in one case, a car was stolen. The car was located and returned, but it is a good reminder to be vigilant.

The number one auto theft prevention tip is:

- Lock your vehicle every time you park.
- Remove valuables from your vehicles (laptops, key fobs, briefcases, phones, chargers, money, gym bags).
- Leave your exterior lights on when possible.
- Look out for one another! If you see something, say something.

Non-emergency, call: 301-279-8000

As always, in the case of an emergency call: 9-1-1

CHEVY CHASE FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

The Chevy Chase Fire Department located at 8001 Connecticut will hold its annual Open House on **Saturday, October 8th** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be slides, supervised fire engine rides, special demonstrations, hot dogs, balloons, and more. Stop in for a day of fun, and learn more about fire prevention.

CHEVY CHASE AT HOME ACTIVITIES

Chevy Chase at Home is a non-profit, volunteer-driven organization for Chevy Chase seniors to keep connected and active in their community as they age in place and live at home. They offer supportive services for practical daily needs, cultural, educational, and social opportunities, activities to stay fit, as well as timely information.

For more information call the Chevy Chase at Home office at: (301) 657-3115, or visit their website: www.chevychaseathome.org.

CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY

The Chevy Chase Library will host a Family Fun Day on **Saturday, September 24**, with a variety of programs starting at 10:30 a.m. Check the library website for the most up-to-date information and listings. <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Library/branches/chevychase.html>