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Section 5 Council

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Important Dates

- ◆ Sunday, October 2
Block Party
(See Page 2 for details.)
- ◆ Tuesday, October 11
October Council Meeting
at 7:30 p.m. at the Village
Hall
- ◆ Friday, October 14
Deadline for Section's Free
Tree Program
- ◆ Monday, October 17
First Fall Leaf Collection
- ◆ Tuesday, November 8
Council Meeting at 7:30
p.m. at the Village Hall

Town Council Update - WSSC Water Main Replacement Project

WSSC's water main replacement project continues in Section 5. The crews have completed work on Windsor Place and areas of Brookville Road, and they are beginning work on Williams Lane.

As a reminder, the Section streets affected include Brookville Road, Connecticut Avenue, Dalkeith Street, Thornapple Street, Thornapple Place, Williams Lane, Windsor Place, and limited parts of Woodbine Street. The purpose of the project is to replace the current water mains that were installed up to 100 years ago and are near the end of their life cycle. This work is similar to the Washington Gas project done in parts of the Section in 2018. Once all the work is completed, the Section will pave the affected streets.

Part of the project requires laying white plastic bypass pipe above ground along the curb line. WSSC puts in special ramps with the pipes along driveways to allow for cars to go over them safely. However, WSSC asks residents to please avoid running over the hoses and the metal fittings coming out of the bypass side. See the photos below for more information. The hose connection is the weakest part of the bypass pipe, and if it is run over, it will leak and likely lead to emergency water shutoffs.

WSSC will place door hangers and post no parking signs when necessary. They try to allow for at least 48 hours notice for planned shutoffs or restrictions. All WSSC Project manager contact information is located on large signs on Brookville Road. Please contact WSSC directly for questions. Due to the nature of the project, they will have the latest information.



SECTION 5 OF THE VILLAGE OF CHEVY CHASE

Section 5's Annual Block Party on Thornapple Street!

Don't miss Section 5's Annual Block Party!

Date: Sunday, October 2

(Rain Date: October 9)

Location: **Thornapple Street** (between Dalkeith Street and Thornapple Place)

Time: 4:30 - 7 p.m.

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

We'll have slides, rides, music, two ice cream trucks, and more! Food is catered by Uncle Julio's.



Resident News

Section 5 extends a special welcome to new residents:

- ✦ Katie and Ben Wakana - 7503 Glendale Road
- ✦ Elise and Eric Endres - 3802 Leland Street
- ✦ Paige and Matt Tolmach - 3809 Leland Street
- ✦ Kerstin and René Kullman - 3700 Thornapple Street
- ✦ Melissa Gilmore - 3709 Underwood Street
- ✦ Kristina and Justin McClimans - 3813 Williams Lane
- ✦ Amanda and Eric Heidenberger - 3809 Woodbine Street

Did we miss someone? Email the Town Manager.

Make Sure You are Included in Section 5's Paper Phone Directory!

We are in the process of updating our Section 5 paper phone directory. Please take a minute to look at the 2021 directory and see if all of your information is up to date. If you are new to Section 5, please be sure and contact the Town Manager at manager@chevychasesection5.org so that we can make sure you are included and welcome you properly! The "New Neighbor Form" can be found here <http://chevychasesection5.org/pdf/DirectoryForm.pdf> or on the Section's website. We hope to have the new directories completed and in the mail by December!

As a reminder, the directory is prepared as a convenience for Section 5 residents. The directories are not to be used for charitable or commercial purposes.

Section 5 Community Safety Discussion

Section 5 is working to set up a community safety discussion with our Section police officers, Captain Jason Cokinos and Sergeant Mike Pratt. Both Jason and Mike are Montgomery County Police officers who work in Section 5 part-time. The discussion will be centered on smart safety measures.

They will talk about the latest regional crime information, trends, and things to look out for such as mail fraud, car theft, and basic home safety tips. They'll also share tips regarding active assailants which could be used at work, school, the mall, etc.

While we are fortunate to live in an area that is statistically low on crime, it's always smart to be prepared! Look for an email in the next few weeks with exact details.

SECTION 5 OF THE VILLAGE OF CHEVY CHASE

Building Permit Notices

Building Permits Issued:

- ◆ 3802 Leland Street - Install a fence - Permit Approved
- ◆ 3610 Thornapple Street - Replace an asphalt parking pad with permeable pavers - Permit Approved
- ◆ 3706 Underwood Street - Place storage POD in private driveway - Permit Approved
- ◆ 3811 Williams Lane - Remove and replace part of a sidewalk as part of a water main repair - Permit Approved
- ◆ 3814 Woodbine Street - Landscape rear yard that includes new impervious surfaces - Permit Approved

New Building Review Consultants

Section 5 has recently contracted with OIPA, a civil engineering and surveying firm located in Wheaton, Maryland. OIPA engineers, Peter Noursi and Lance Ball, will handle all building application review for the Section taking the place of Joe Toomey. Peter and Lance have worked in a similar capacity with the Town of Chevy Chase since 2016 and recently started work with Chevy Chase View as well. We are excited to welcome them on board and look forward to getting to know them! As a reminder, permit review can, at times, take several weeks, so please be sure to build time into your project schedule to allow for this.

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.

All building application and tree removal forms can be found on the Section 5 website.

Tree Permit Removals

- ✦ 7506 Brookville Road - Private Tree Removal
- ✦ 3808 Thornapple Street - Private Tree Removal
- ✦ 3809 Thornapple Street - Private Tree Removal
- ✦ 3810 Williams Lane - Private Tree Removal

Fall Leaf Vacuuming Begins October 17

Leaf vacuuming occurs on Mondays starting on October 17 with the final collection in mid-December.

- ✦ Leaves should be raked to the edge of the curb, not in the street.
- ✦ Please do not place leaves in bags. Take care that limbs, rocks, and any other heavy objects are removed.
- ✦ If it rains on our regular vacuuming day, leaves will not be vacuumed that day.
- ✦ If there is a heavy rainstorm, it will take at least two days for the wet leaves to dry sufficiently for vacuuming. Wet leaves clog the vacuuming machine.
- ✦ Vacuuming will start on Williams Lane. Residents on Williams are asked to park their cars in their driveways or off the street when possible on vacuuming days. The narrowness of the street makes it difficult for the leaf machine to pass otherwise.



Free Tree Program 2022

Section 5 will once again 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. 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.

[The deadline to request a tree is Friday, October 14.](#)

The trees will be planted in November. Please email the Town Manager if you are interested in obtaining a tree.

Trimming Town Trees

The Section hires a private contractor to trim all Town trees (trees located between the sidewalk and street.) If you believe there is a Town tree that needs attention, please email the Town Manager.

Additionally, Dr. Feather is available to look at both public and private trees at no cost to the resident. Email the Town Manager for more information.

Leaf Blower Reminder

Just a reminder about leaf blowers. Please be courteous and thoughtfully choose your work hours, especially on the weekends. As you clear leaves from your property, please take care that you are not transferring them to your neighbors. If you have a lawn service that handles your leaves, please make sure they are also aware.

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Chevy Chase Fire Department Open House - October 8

The Chevy Chase Fire Department located at 8001 Connecticut Avenue is holding its annual Open House on Saturday, October 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Open House will feature fire engine rides for kids and adults, an extreme dual inflatable slide, fire fighting demos, the jaws of life, and K-9 dog demonstrations!



Be sure and stop by!

Section Private Listserv

In case you missed it, Underwood resident, Lyric Winik, has set up a private listserv through groups.io for Chevy Chase Section 5 residents only.

The listserv was created to serve as an information forum to communicate local news, requests, and community events. This group is for Chevy Chase Section 5 residents only. The purpose of the group is for residents to be able to communicate with each other, to request assistance such as snow shoveling, yard care, or errands, or offer assistance, such as babysitting, lawn/snow/errand help; to post regarding items to be donated; and very limited community news. Posters will refrain from offering professional services, any political posts, any fundraising efforts, and for now any goods for sale.

How to Join:

1. Send an email to ChevyChaseSection5+subscribe@groups.io
2. You will receive an email from ChevyChaseSection5+subscribe@groups.io in response. You must respond to this email (from the moderator) and confirm your name and address.
3. Once the moderator receives that information, you will be approved for membership.

Email Lyric Winik at lyricwinik@mac.com with questions.

The Section 5 Council and manager believe this is a great resource for our community and encourage interested residents to join.

Please note: This listserv is not affiliated with the municipal government of Section 5, nor will it replace any of the other methods the Section Council and Town Manager use to communicate with Section residents.