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BLOCK PARTY

After a week of rain, the day of Section 5's Block Party dawned bright and sunny. This year's event drew a record number of residents especially children who enjoyed the new rides and games. It was the first time that Rockland's Barbecue provided the food - pulled pork and beef, beans, potato salad, and slaw. Our favorite ice cream man, Mr. Arafan Kaba, provided everyone's favorite ice cream treat. The rides and games from Big County Amusements - the merry-go-round, giant slide and 4 sports games - were big hits.

A special thanks goes to Karin Flynn for making a special trip to Costco to provide the drinks. What makes Section 5 such a wonderful place to live and raise children is the way everyone pitches in to help make every event special for everyone. The September Block Party is an opportunity for everyone to renew old friendships and make new ones.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Kitsy Chalmers, a former Woodbine St. resident of Section 5, died in Florida October 21, 2009, at her home with her family and loved ones at her side. Kitsy and David moved into their home on Woodbine St. in 1961 and moved to Florida in 2003. Kitsy served in WWII and

retired as a Lieutenant Commander after twenty years of service in the U.S. Navy. Section 5 extends its deepest sympathy to the Chalmers family.



SNOW! SNOW! SNOW!

Please remember, if it snows or the forecast calls for snow--park your cars off the streets and in your driveways so the plows can do their work.

If the snowfall is deep, please clear a safe path to your household trash or leave household trash curbside on trash collection days.

Section 5's crew will shovel the public sidewalks if snowfall reaches two inches.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Welcome to our new residents: Nan & Annet Jansen and their children, Titus and Julius at 3809 Underwood St.; Steven & Beth Kaufman, and their children Julie, Lori and David at 3505 Windsor Pl.; and Marcia & Paul Barringer and children Hugh and Hope at 3709 Williams Ln.

We must say goodbye to the Clarks of 4 Alden Ln. who moved to Florida to be



near their children and grandchildren.

HOLIDAY COLLECTION

Each year Section 5 residents have an opportunity to say thanks in a special way to the men who man the trash trucks for Montgomery County Sanitation and Recycling, Section 5's trash hauler. You may send your check payable to **Section 5** to the Manager, 6607 Dalkeith St., Chevy Chase, MD 20815. After the collection is completed, the funds will be distributed to the employees.

STREET PAVING COMPLETED IN SECTION 5

The latest Section 5 street repaving project has been completed. Thornapple St., Underwood St., Thornapple Pl., Dalkeith St., Williams Ln., and Alden Ln. were all milled and repaved. The Council wishes to thank all the affected residents for their patience and understanding as the different phases of construction started and stopped because of the weather. This completes milling and repaving of all Section 5's streets. The streets look beautiful.

In an effort to make our streets safer white stop bars have been applied to the streets at each intersection. Some concrete sidewalks were replaced; however, those sections of concrete sidewalk which abut our town trees will be replaced with rubber sidewalks to allow the tree roots to grow and expand.



COUNCIL APPROVES DEBT POLICY AND NEW GUIDELINES FOR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

The State of Maryland's Treasurer's Office notified Section 5 that Article 95, Section 22F of the Maryland Code was amended by the General Assembly during the Session of 2009. This amendment requires each municipality in the State to adopt a debt policy. Section 5's Council agreed that a debt policy would help to maintain a sound debt position and protect Section 5's credit rating.

The borrowing policy of Section 5 is carefully articulated in the Charter; therefore, the Council reaffirmed the borrowing policy of Section 5 as stated in the Charter as its debt policy. The Council notified the Treasurer's office of its debt policy.

Section 5's Council also approved new guidelines for charitable contributions. These guidelines specify that residents may make charitable requests in any time of the year, but all grants will be made during the May Council meeting following the approval of the charitable expenditure budget in April.

U.S. CENSUS COMING

Next March, each Section 5 household will receive a census form by mail asking 10 basic questions to determine the number of people living in your home, and each person's name, age, sex, and race. Completed forms are to be mailed back by April 1, 2010. If you do not return the form by that date, census takers may visit you between April and July.

To protect yourself against identity theft, fraud or other scams, ask to see the census taker's official government badge and personal ID before answering any questions. Census takers are not permitted to enter your home, unless you ask them.

The 2010 Census does not collect information about your income, taxes, or any other financial data. Anyone who asks for such information or for your Social Security number is not an official census taker. Do not open any email attachments asking for census information. The U.S. Census Bureau does not ask for information by email.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY EXPANDS RECYCLING PROGRAM

Residents may now recycle:

- non-hazardous aerosol cans
- Tupperware and Rubbermaid-type durable containers & lids

Also, the mixed paper recycling program has been expanded to include coated paper items. These include:

- milk & juice cartons
- frozen food boxes, cardboard ice cream containers & lids
- paper coffee and drink cups
- wax-coated fruit & produce boxes
- juice and drink boxes

Any questions: call the manager 301-986-5481.

NEW LOOK FOR THE LIBRARY

The Chevy Chase Community Library, closed since August 17 for a mini-renovation, and reopened Tuesday, September 8. When you go to the library, you will see a new circulation desk and a new reference desk, the latter in a different location. The bookshelves were changed to take advantage of the natural light. There is new carpeting and a new paint job. Also, there are major changes in the young adults area. The Friends of the Library, Chevy Chase Chapter, has paid for some of the renovation, particularly the young adults area changes. Please be certain to visit the Library, see the changes, and enjoy the high level of service the Library has long provided.

Has Your "Friends of the Library" Membership Expired? If So, Please Renew!

Membership in the Friends of the Library runs for a year. In the past, people have continued to receive newsletters well beyond the one-year period. However, to maximize what memberships do for the Library - the organization is trying to put the membership renewals on a more business-like basis. This is an effort to allow the membership fees to go toward Library programs, equipment, and staff support.

Renewing your membership is simple. Just send a check - at Least \$25 for a family membership or \$15 for an individual membership - to Friends of the Library, Chevy Chase Chapter, 8005 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815. If you do not know whether your membership is current and would like to find out, please contact Steve Schmal, the FOLCC membership chairman, by email at schmals@verizon.net or by phone at 301-652-8620. Thanks in advance for your support.

RATS AND MICE

As the temperature has turned colder, mice and rats are looking for a warm place to spend the winter; don't let them into your home. If you have a woodpile near your house, you might want to consider straightening it so that it doesn't become home to some unwelcome creatures. You should check your house foundation and seal any tiny holes. Piles of trash, dirty insides

of trash cans or recycling bins are all items that attract the little creatures.

PUBLIC TREES PLANTED

Section 5 residents are justly proud of their municipality's designation as a Tree City by the Arbor Day Foundation. As a Tree City USA, Section 5 aims to care for its trees so that residents can enjoy a leafy canopy for years to come.

Section 5 planted thirteen trees in the public strip this fall. It is our trees which help make Section 5 a healthy place to live. If you notice that the new public tree in the public strip in front of your house is struggling because of lack of rain, please fill a bucket and water the tree.

On another note, please do not put excessive amounts of mulch around Section 5's trees. This excessive mulch smothers the tree's roots and will eventually contribute to its death. Section 5 has employed a landscape company to remove the excess mulch from the town's trees.



A REMINDER TO DOG OWNERS

The County animal control code requires that you keep your dog on a leash whenever your dog is

not on your property. Also, please make sure to clean up after your dog. Help us keep our sidewalks and yards free of dog waste.

Please be considerate of your neighbors and don't allow your dog to remain outside and bark for excessive periods of time. Your dog's barking may not annoy you but it may be troublesome to your neighbors.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council meeting will be held December 8, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, 5906 Connecticut Avenue. Everyone is welcome. There is handicap access to the meeting room.

REPORT STREET LIGHTS OUTAGES

Please help keep Section 5 well-lit by contacting Pepco to report street lights that are not working. You will need to provide a street address.

www.pepco.com/home/requests/outage/streetlight/outagereport/default.aspx.



IS YOUR STREET NUMBER VISIBLE?

PLEASE make certain that your house numbers are visible. Ask

yourself, will emergency personnel be able to find me when I need them?

SECTION 5 BUILDING PERMITS

Making construction plans? You need permits from Section 5 as well as Montgomery County before any work may begin. Please contact the Section 5 Manager with any questions at 301-986-5481 or e-mail manager@chevyCHASEsection5.org.

LOCK YOUR CARS & SECURE YOUR BIKES

Vehicle break-ins and bike thefts continue in the region. Montgomery County Police continue to warn residents about the need to have everyone help to avoid these crimes.

Please remove ALL valuables from your car, lock your car doors, secure bicycles and report ANY suspicious activity--day or night to the County police.

MVA ON WHEELS

According to the MVA, their mobile office will be in Friendship Heights between 10 am and 2 pm on the following dates during the first half of 2010 (All 4th Mondays unless noted.)
January 25 May 24
February 22 June 21 (3rd Mon.)
March 29 (5th Monday)
April 26

CRIME UPDATE

Sometime during the night in the first part of October in the 3800 block of Underwood St. two bikes were stolen from the

front yard. Also, in the 3700 block of Thornapple St. money was stolen from an unlocked car. On Williams Ln. the windows of two cars were smashed in an attempt to steal items from the cars. These incidents were reported to the police.



ELLEN'S RUN

www.ellensrunonline.org

Ellen's Run is annual event in memory of Ellen Vala Schneider, former chair of the B-CC High School Scholarship Fund. This year's run was a resounding success. Proceeds from the race benefit the B-CC High School Community Scholarship Fund and Mental Health Association of Montgomery County.

RECYCLING & WIND

On windy recycling days, please try to weigh down all your papers, cardboard and light plastic items in your recycling bin. The small extra effort saves chasing debris all over the neighborhood.

TRASH COMPANY HOLIDAYS

New Year's Day; Memorial Day; July 4th; Labor Day; Thanksgiving; Christmas.

**CHEVY CHASE AT HOME
HOSTING "MEET AND
MINGLE"**

On Tuesday, December 1st, CC@H will hold another informal event for Seniors at the Chevy Chase Village Hall. Please join us from 2 to 4 pm for refreshments and fun, a little Bridge or Scrabble, and plenty good conversation. You may also take part in a new book discussion group, or get tips from the Computer Coaches who will be back to offer help to anyone who needs it. It's a great way to get together with old friends and to meet new ones! We look forward to seeing you there.

**CHECK YOUR SMOKE
DETECTOR**

More Americans have smoke detectors than ever before, however, nearly half don't work!!! Without a working detector, fire can spread unnoticed through your house blocking escape routes and filling rooms with deadly smoke. Be certain to install a new battery at least once a year. While you're changing the battery, dust or vacuum the inside of your detector.

BIKE RECYCLING

Bikes for the World (BfW) is a project sponsored by the Washington Area Bicyclist Association whose mission is to collect valuable but unwanted

bicycles and related material--parts, tools, and accessories--in the United States and deliver them at low cost to community development programs assisting the poor in developing countries. If you a bike you would like to donate, please take it to City Bikes, 8401 Connecticut Avenue, 301-762-1777. A \$10/bike donation is suggested defray shipping to overseas charity partners. Receipt will be provided for all material and cash donations. For more information, please visit the BfW website, www.bikesfortheworld.org.

**UPSCALE RESALE THRIFT
SHOP**

The Upscale Resale Thrift Shop wants your junk! Well not junk, but the 501(c)3 not-profit thrift store runs on donated goods and they need new sources of (quality) donations.

All donations are tax deductible and go to support the shop which employs Montgomery County adults disabled by severe and persistent mental illness. Contact www.upscalesalethriftshop.org for more information.

**STATE HIGHWAY TREE
TRIMMING**

Section 5 contacted the State Highway Dept. about pruning the deadwood from the trees along Connecticut Ave. in the public strip. Some of these trees had many limbs that were a genuine hazard to pedestrians as

well as motorists. The State sent workers that removed all the dead wood from all the public trees in the public strip on Connecticut Ave.

**STATE HIGHWAY
PROJECTS**

The State Highway Administration has begun a \$1.6 million bridge cleaning and painting project of six bridges.

The bridges to be painted are:

- MD 185 (Conn. Ave.) over Rock Creek in Kensington;
- MD 410 (East-West Highway) over Rock Creek in Chevy Chase;
- I-495 (Capital Beltway) over Seven Locks Road in Potomac;
- I495 (Capital Beltway) over Kensington Parkway in Kensington;
- Southbound I250 (Spur) over I-495 Outer Loop in Bethesda;
- I-270 ramp over I-495 Outer Loop in Bethesda

During construction motorists may expect daytime single land closures Monday through Friday between 9 am and 3 pm and overnight Sunday through Thursday between 8 pm and 5 am.