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#### BUILDING AND FENCE PERMITS

A REMINDER TO RESIDENTS: A Section 5 permit is required to erect any dwelling or other building or to make any material structural alterations or additions to an existing building. Also, there is a Section 5 ordinance requiring a permit for the erection or replacement of a fence. Fences must be built so that they are in compliance with the town's fence ordinance. Residents are also required to show a copy of their fence plans to their abutting neighbors. A copy of the ordinance is available by calling the manager or on the town's web site.

#### COUNCIL MEETING

Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm at the Village Hall, 5906 Connecticut Avenue. Everyone is welcome. The Council members as well as the manager are available by telephone or email for anyone who has concerns.

#### SECTION 5'S WEB SITE

Residents may access the Council meeting minutes on the town's web site. A copy of the entire Charter is on the web site as well as a copy of the Fence Ordinance and Building Permit requirements [www.chevychase5.org](http://www.chevychase5.org). Farooq spent many hours setting up the new web site and adding all the material pertinent to the town. Farooq, many thanks!

#### TEENS

If you would like to be listed in the town's newsletter for odd jobs, please call or email the manager.

Martha Abbott - babysitting, petsitting - 301-652-7143  
Kate Hamilton - babysitting (age 13) - 301-656-7575

### COMPUTER RECYCLING

Computers for Communities, Inc., will pick up your old computers, Pentium II and higher, refurbish them and provide them to low-income families and individuals at no cost. You can check them out at their web site, [www.ComputersForCommunitiesInc.org](http://www.ComputersForCommunitiesInc.org) or call 301-368-9523 to arrange for pickup.

### DON'T DUMP, DONATE PROGRAM

Montgomery County has a program to recycle usable construction materials for use in low-income housing. If you have any reusable construction materials, you may take them to the Shade Grove side of the Transfer Station at 16101 Frederick Road in Derwood between 7:30 am and 5 pm Monday through Saturday.

### CHEVY CHASE CENTER UPDATE

The redevelopment project is finally nearing completion. *Giant* and the other community stores are scheduled to open some time in early July. Hopefully, there will be no more delays. Wisconsin Circle is planned to reopen for two-way traffic around May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### "MANSIONIZATION" AND McMANSIONS"

Maryland State Delegate, Richard Stuart Madaleno, Jr., sponsored a bill which will allow incorporated towns in southern Montgomery County to set standards for how tall and wide single-family homes may be constructed. This bill passed both the House of Delegates and Senate unanimously. If the bill is signed by Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., the municipalities will have expanded powers to limit "mansionization" and McMansions". Should they assume this regulatory authority, officials in these lower-County municipalities will be able to set building standards that are more restrictive than the County's and will have the power to enforce them with their own staffs and resources.

Towns in central and northern Montgomery County, such as Rockville, Poolesville and Gaithersburg, have had authority over land use for years. Municipalities in the southern half of the County would now have the same status.

Courtesy of the Village Newsletter

### TREE CITY USA 2005

Section 5 was given the Tree City USA Award for 2005. To be given this award a town must have a tree policy which maintains its tree canopy by fertilizing on a regular basis, controlling insects, pruning and removal and replanting. Section 5 has been given this award each year for the last 20 years.

### CHEVY CHASE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Chevy Chase Historical Society is in the process of conducting interviews, and collecting pictures, and other memorabilia to make a 15 minutes video about the history of Chevy Chase. The project will cost approximately \$80,000 and the Chevy Chase towns have each contributed money. Section 5 has contributed \$2,000.

### MVA ON WHEELS

The mobile office will be in Friendship Heights, between 10 am and 2 pm on the following dates. (All 4<sup>th</sup> Monday unless noted.)

July 24

August 21 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)

September 25

October 23

November 27

December – No Mobile MVA service

### COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Andrew Smith, Chairman; Ira Rosenbaum, Vice-Chairman; Margy Abbott, Treasurer; Farooq Hussain, Secretary; Peter Gray, Building Inspector.