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#### COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm at the Village Hall, 5906 Connecticut Avenue. The June Council meeting will be held Tuesday, June 12, 2007, at 7:30pm. This will be the last one for the summer. The next meeting will be September 11, 2007.

#### JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> PARADE

The Section 5 July 4<sup>th</sup> parade will begin at 3807 Williams Lane at 11:00am. Everyone is invited to the parade and then right after the parade to Underwood St. for ponies, moon bounces and games. Children may decorate their bicycles, tricycles, wagons, etc. and march in the parade.

#### FALL BLOCK PARTY

The fall block party will be held Sunday, September 9, 2007, on Underwood St. from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Red, white and Blue catering service will provide barbecue for dinner. There will be moon bounces, games and ice cream. This is always a great way to meet your neighbors. More info later.

#### HISTORY OF Section 5

Section 5 began with a small group of residents who were concerned about the lack of street lighting in the neighborhood. They first met informally at the home of Mr. E. M. Wells on "Percy" Street (Thornapple) on March 24, 1916. At that meeting it was decided that a regularly organized Citizen's Association would be the best way to tackle the problem of street lights and other matters pertaining to the welfare of the neighborhood. Thus was born the Chevy Chase Citizen's Association No. 5 complete with Constitution, by-laws and dues set at \$1 a year.

At the first monthly meeting eleven families were represented from the area - Otterborune, Williams Lane and adjacent property owners on the east side of Brookville Road. At that time, Woodbine, Leland and Windsor Court were non-existent. Mr. Harper was elected the first Chairman of the Association.

A committee was appointed to meet with a representative of the Electric Light Company (PEPCO) and

five "lamps" were authorized for the Percy Street Trolley Stop Station and a membership committee was formed.

The friendly and informal nature of this early group is evidenced by the appointment of the Entertainment Committee to provide speakers and other forms of entertainment at the monthly meetings. And in fact, at the second meeting there were solos by Mr. and Mrs. Norcross and Miss Etheridge and a reading by Mr. Eugene Stevens relating his earlier travels through India.

Within three months the Association had received pledges in the amount of \$139.50 to pay for the ten proposed street lights - installed and maintained by PEPCO  
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for \$150.00 a year. It had been further decided that in the future each participating family would contribute \$7 a year for this purpose.

And looking forward to July 4<sup>th</sup>, the Association accepted an invitation from the Community Club of Martin's Addition and Section 3 to join them in a Fourth of July celebration to be held at the corner of Brookville Road and Cummings Lane.

#### REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Scott F. Imirie, Jr., a resident of Section 5 for 40 years, died April 11 at his home on Williams Lane. Scott was one of the founders of the Fourth of July parade on Williams Lane. He often led the parade with his '67 Ford Fairlane convertible which would be packed with children and followed by an assembly of various vehicles, a fire engine, neighbors, friends and curious onlookers. Scott's warm personality and bright smile will be sorely missed in Section 5.

#### WELCOME

Susan and Andrew Feffer just moved into 3703 Thornapple St. with their two children, Jake and Rees.

#### B-CC RESCUE SQUAD RECRUITING DRIVE

One of the nation's most advanced and best trained rescue squads is launching a membership drive to recruit new volunteer members. B-CC Rescue squad invites men and women 18 years or older who want to experience the excitement of responding to emergency calls and serving the community to volunteer a minimum of one night a week as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), paramedics, firefighters, and administrative members.

Applicants need no prior experience or training to join the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad. Prospective EMTs, Paramedics, and Firefighters receive free, professional training at the Montgomery County Public Safety Training Academy, leading to state certification, as well as annual physicals. For information on volunteering, call the membership hotline at 301-657-5557, email [membership@bccrs.org](mailto:membership@bccrs.org) or visit [www.bccrs.org](http://www.bccrs.org).

#### RECYCLING COMPUTERS

If you would like to recycle your old computers, micro wave ovens, printers or copiers rather than place them in the trash, please contact Turtle wings at 703-960-0699 or 410-975-9046.

Also Computers for Communities, Inc. recycles computers and 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 301-368-9253 to arrange for a pickup.

#### PAINT "GIVEAWAY SHOP" OPENS

Need paint for your next project, or maybe a volunteer project you are working on? "Shop" the selections in the Paint Giveaway area of the Shady Grove Transfer Station's Household waste drop off. It's open daily from 9am to 5 pm. Everything is FREE! They are restocked and welcome your visit. More details are available at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/solidwaste>PaintGiveaway](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/solidwaste>PaintGiveaway).

#### WATER BASED PAINT DISPOSAL

Tens-of-thousands of tax-dollars are spent each year disposing of latex paint, which is not hazardous. In fact, latex paint can be safely dried out and put out for regular refuse collections. Simply remove the lid and place it in a safe, well-ventilated area. Cans that are one-fourth or less full will dry in a few days. For cans with greater volume, add mulch, cat litter, shredded paper, or waste paint hardener available at area hardware stores. For more information, call 240-777-6410.

#### A WIDER CIRCLE

A Wider Circle is an organization which collects and distributes furniture from people throughout the community.

If you have items to contribute to this organization, please contact them at [FeinStep@aol.com](mailto:FeinStep@aol.com).

### 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 Shady Grove side of the Transfer Station at

16101 Frederick Road in Derwood between 7:30 am and 5 pm Monday through Saturday.

### HOME SECURITY TIPS

Home security is about making your home and property less attractive for a "crime of opportunity", the most typical type of crime in our neighborhood. The following are suggestions to help keep your home safe.

#### Lighting

Appropriate lighting is probably one of your cheapest forms of crime prevention. The marginal increase in your electricity bill and cost of bulbs will have exponential pay-offs when it comes to crime deterrence for your house/property and your neighbors'.

#### Exterior Lights

1. Install exterior lights. And not just porch lights...
2. Position exterior lights to illuminate all bushes, crannies, and construction features, which may allow someone to hide and surprise you. Pay particular attention to doors or windows that cannot be seen from the street or from neighboring homes.
3. Use exterior lights that are bright enough to be a crime deterrent. Lighting is generally sufficient when you can read a wristwatch by it at night.
4. Place exterior lights on timers or motion detectors. (No one wants to be in a spotlight when attempting to break into a basement window or back door).
5. When you use timers, turn them on at dusk and off at dawn (it doesn't cost very much, the dog-walkers will appreciate it, and it is a crime deterrent for your neighbor's house as well).
6. If feasible, light all gates in fences that surround your property.

#### Interior Lights

When going on vacation place timers on interior lights in several rooms, set to go on/off at different hours to give the impression of someone living in the house.

When at home:

1. Use timers in various rooms to light your own way into the house at night.
2. Prepare emergency lights in the event of an interruption of utility power. You can never have enough flashlights (test your batteries frequently), kerosene lanterns, and candles.
3. Try to park your car in well-lit areas; if you are not parking in an enclosed garage.
4. Carry a working flashlight in your car (and extra batteries). A heavy flashlight can also be used for self defense.

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**COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Andrew Smith, Chairman; Ira Rosenbaum, vice Chairman; Margy Abbott, Treasurer; Farooq Hussain, Secretary; Peter Gray, Building Inspector.