



# THE QUARTERLY

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## Section 5 Council

Chris Richardson, Chairman  
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## Important Section Dates

Upcoming Council Meetings:  
Tuesday, December 13th  
Tuesday, January 10th  
Tuesday, February 14th  
All meetings start at 7:30 p.m.  
and are held at the Village Hall.

Next Bulk Trash Pick-up:  
Saturday, December 10th

## Recycling Bins

Has your recycling bin seen a better day? Replacements are available in both green (plastic/glass) and blue (paper). Email the Town Manager.

## Holiday Tips for Refuse Collection Crew

Traditionally throughout the month of December, residents of Section 5 have expressed their appreciation to the employees of our refuse collection company, Montgomery Sanitation and Recycling, with contributions for the holiday season. Should you wish to participate, checks should be made payable to Section 5 and dropped off or mailed to the Town Manager (at 3706 Underwood).

## Note from the Council

The Council would like to extend a special note of thanks to the Section residents for your patience and understanding during the recent sidewalk project. We know road and sidewalk work can mean inconveniences. We hope you will agree that the finished product is an improvement. If you know of an area that should be considered for a future project, please email the Town Manager.

## Leaf Collection Continues

Leaf Vacuuming began throughout the Section in mid-October. The crews are here every Monday, and some weeks also on Tuesday depending on the volume of leaves. The last collection is scheduled for December 19th.

A quick note about leaf blowers: While extremely efficient, leaf blowers can at times test our neighborly relationships. Please be courteous, and thoughtfully choose your work hours. 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 in compliance.





## Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let it Snow!

Okay, maybe not **quite** as much as last year! Either way, Section 5 is prepared. Rolling Acres will once again be responsible for our streets with salt and sanding during winter conditions. Michael Cousins and his crew at Colonial Landscaping will also be back to help with public sidewalk shoveling when necessary.

As a general rule, Section 5's crew will shovel the public sidewalks (those that run in front of your home) if snowfall reaches

more than two inches. In the case of ice or freezing rain mixed with snow, the decision may be made NOT to shovel since snow mixed with ice provides much more traction, than straight ice.

Shoveling will start once snowfall ceases. If snowfall stops early to late evening, crews will be out first thing the next morning. In the case of heavy snow, this may take time.

Montgomery County requires that property owners clear their driveways and entrances to their homes within 24 hours of the end of a snowstorm. Residents are also encouraged to be good neighbors, and assist those who may not be physically able to do so.

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

## Snow Emergency Parking

During a snow event - the BEST place to park your car is in your driveway. If you must leave your vehicle on the street, please park on the EVEN house-numbered side of the streets.

With narrow streets, these two small steps go a long way in helping the snow and sanding plows do their jobs. Signs will be posted accordingly in mid-December. See the column to the left for parking reminders not limited to snow.

## Calling All Snow Shovelers!

As we know from last January, able-bodied snow shovelers are always in high demand. If you are a Section teen who would like to be added to the list of Community Helpers for this Winter, please email the Town Manager. Babysitters, lawn help, and pet care are also welcome. The Section will maintain a master list and share upon request.

## Street Parking Reminders

Take care to observe the following Montgomery County parking laws.

- ◆ Park at least 35 feet from an intersection.
- ◆ Park at least 30 feet from a stop sign.
- ◆ Park at least 15 feet from a fire hydrant.
- ◆ Park at least 5 feet from a private driveway.
- ◆ Park facing the way traffic flows. This is an important point that is often ignored.

## Bulk Trash and Trash Holidays

The next Bulk Trash collection will be Saturday, December 10th.

There will be no refuse service interruption for the Christmas or New Year's holidays this year since both fall on Sundays.

However, MLK, Jr. Day (Monday, January 16th), there will be no collection as the County dump is closed. Recycling will instead be picked up with the trash collection the Tuesday following the holiday. There will be no yard debris collection that week.

## Christmas Tree and Greens Recycling

As in years past, holiday greens and trees will be picked up with yard debris on Mondays starting in January. Greens must be placed in paper lawn and leaf bags. Trees need to be curb side and visible.

As a general reminder loose tree limbs left at the curb will not be picked up. Please help the crews by correctly bundling them or placing them in lawn and leaf bags.

## Contractor Recommendations

Have you had a great experience recently with a local contractor or professional? The Section is looking to compile a list of recommended contractors that the Town Manager can keep on file and use as a resource for our residents when asked. If you would like to add someone to the list, please contact the Town Manager.

## Building Permit Notices

7111 Brookville - Construct a new patio / Permit issued

## New Trash Receptacles and Pet Waste Stations

In the next few weeks, the Section is set to install three new outdoor trash cans at the corners of Thornapple and Brookville, Woodbine and Brookville, and Williams and Connecticut.

We have also purchased four pet waste stations that will be stocked with pet waste bags. The "stations" are small boxes with roll bag dispensers and will be located on Dalkeith Street, Glendale Road, Williams Lane, and Woodbine Street. Several residents have volunteered to keep the stations stocked with bags. Please keep our streets and Section clean and sanitary by taking advantage of them.

Also a reminder for dog owners: Unless your dog is in a designated dog exercise area/dog park, Montgomery County considers a dog at large if it is outside the owner's premise and not leashed. Failure to follow these rules can lead to a \$100 - \$500 fine. Please make sure you adhere to these rules and do not allow your dog to roam freely.

## Lost Pets

In the last month the Town office was notified about four different lost pets. While our policy is not to send mass email notifications to all residents unless it contains official Section business, we would like to do our best to help you find your furry friend. We encourage you to email a photo of your dog or cat, along with the name, breed, and best way to reach you (cell, work, etc.). We will keep this information on file in the event we are contacted.





## Important!

### Last Call Directory Update

As mentioned in the October news, Section 5 is in the process of updating the Village telephone directory.

**Please take a minute to review the 2015 paper directory and email the Town Manager with any changes or additions.** Many residents have chosen to include emails and cell phones in their updates. If you are new to Section 5 this is especially important. We would like to properly welcome you! We plan to print and distribute new directories in January.

Separately, even if you do not wish to include an email or cell in the directory, please make sure the Town office has it on file. Often there are last minute important announcements regarding things such as weather, street closures, or event reminders that are sent by email. Make sure you are not left out!

### Community Events

Be sure and check out the following websites for area events.

Chevy Chase Historical Society  
<http://www.chevyCHASEhistory.org>

Chevy Chase at Home  
[www.chevyCHASEathome.org](http://www.chevyCHASEathome.org)

Chevy Chase Library  
<http://montgomerycountymd.gov/Library/index.html>

### Do I Need a Permit?

Most renovations, accessory buildings, fences, driveway projects, and patio projects REQUIRE a permit.

Looking to take out a tree? Most public and private tree removal also REQUIRES a permit.

Please contact the Town office, or see the Section website before you begin. We will work with you to make sure you have the necessary information, and avoid a costly mishap.