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## **A NOTE FROM THE COUNCIL**

The Council would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to John Higgins for the outstanding job he did as our Acting Town Manager. John stepped in at the most difficult of times to help serve the Section, as he has many times before. John, and of course Frances, have been integral parts of Section 5 for 45 years serving as both Manager and a Council Member. He is a true public servant and class act. We are happy for him to hopefully enjoy some well-deserved down time. Although anyone who knows John knows he doesn't know the meaning of down time!

On the same note, we also welcome our new Town Manager, Ashley Kavanaugh. We were extremely fortunate to have many impressive applicants for the position. As most of you know, Ashley has had a busy first few months. She has lived in Section 5 on Underwood Street for the last ten years along with her husband, Brett, and their two daughters, Margaret and Liza. She has a background in politics, as well as project management. We are excited about the possibilities and strengths she brings to the job. Ashley can be reached at the Town email address: [manager@chevychasesection5.org](mailto:manager@chevychasesection5.org), and/or the Town office phone: 301-986-5481. Please don't be a stranger!

## **LOSS OF MARK PEYTON**

Long-time friend of Section 5, Mark Peyton, lost his battle with cancer on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Most of you know Mark as a fixture in the Section. He maintained our trees, vacuumed our leaves, and plowed our snow, but more than that, he was a dear friend to many in our neighborhood. Mark will be greatly missed.

## **ANNUAL MEETING / ELECTION NOTICE**

Please note Section 5's Annual Meeting and Election will be held the evening of:

**TUESDAY, MAY 10TH**

### **DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS:**

Two of the five Council Seats are up for election this year. Everyone is encouraged to participate in local government by serving on the Council. Candidates may have their names placed on the ballot by declaring their intention to seek office, or being nominated by an eligible Section 5 voter. **In either case, the declaration or nomination must be in writing and submitted to the Town Manager 30 days prior to the election date.** A person wishing to place his/her name on the ballot as a candidate must be a resident of Section 5 and a qualified voter.

Each person who is on the 30<sup>th</sup> day before the Annual Meeting a resident of Section 5 and a registered voter in the State of Maryland shall be eligible to vote. Registration for voting is accomplished by registering in the County and it must be done 30 days prior to the Section 5 election. If you wish to vote, but will be unable to attend the meeting, absentee ballot forms will be available from the Town Manager. No write-in votes will be counted. No proxy voting is permitted. More details on voting and elections will be distributed closer to the date.

See the Section 5 website / Code of Ordinances / Chapter 2 Elections for exact candidate and voter information:

<http://www.chevychasesection5.org/governing-documents/ordinances>.

### **SECTION 5 IN THE NEWS!**

Be sure and grab a copy of the March/April issue of Bethesda Magazine. Section 5 is featured as one of the 30 great neighborhoods to live in the area!

### **SECTION 5 EMAIL AND WEBSITE**

Interested in receiving Section 5 updates via email? Please make sure we have your current email address in our system. Email notification will be used (judiciously) to communicate urgent or emergency information, as well as share important Town information concerning council meetings, newsletters, agendas, and minutes. To subscribe, please email: [manager@chevychasesection5.org](mailto:manager@chevychasesection5.org).

We are also in the process of making updates to the Section 5 website: [www.chevychasesection5.org](http://www.chevychasesection5.org).

Please make sure you bookmark the web address and use it as a resource. It will list the most up-to-date information including reminders about trash/recycling holidays and other frequently asked resident questions. We will also use it to highlight activities occurring in or around the Section.

## **IMPORTANT INCOME TAX ALLOCATION ISSUE**

As mentioned at recent Council meetings, Section 5 was notified by Montgomery County's Department of Finance that there appears to have been an error in the coding of municipal income tax returns in Tax Years 2010-14. Certain returns were incorrectly assigned to municipalities when they were actually outside of the municipal boundaries, and to a lesser extent, some income tax returns should have been assigned to a municipality but were not. We are awaiting results from an outside auditor to find out whether the Section will owe money or be returned money. **Regardless, the miscoding highlights a critical issue.**

When you file your Maryland income tax return, you must specifically indicate:

### ***CHEVY CHASE SECTION 5 under "City, Town, or Taxing Area"***

Specifying Section 5 is key. By law, as a municipality, Section 5 receives a portion of the tax you pay to Montgomery County. These tax revenues (received through our residents' paid income taxes) are the most significant source of Section 5 revenues.

Not designating Section 5 on your return may result in our not receiving these revenues and directly impacts the services we are able to provide. If you have your taxes prepared professionally, please make sure they are also aware.

## **SECTION 5 BUILDING PERMITS**

With warmer weather just around the corner, many are considering construction plans. **You need a permit from Section 5 as well as Montgomery County before any work may begin.** Please contact the Town Manager for more information. Information regarding Section 5's Building Permit Procedure can also be found on the Section 5 website.

## **HEDGE AND TREE TRIMMING**

Residents are reminded to please keep hedges and trees trimmed so they do not block the view of motorists. This is especially important at intersections. They must also be kept trimmed so as not to encroach on the public side walk to hamper pedestrians.

## **A REMINDER TO DOG OWNERS**

We have had a number of complaints regarding dog waste being left in residents' front yards. Dog waste left on the street is not only unpleasant – it can also be dangerous, making its way into our water supply if not disposed of correctly. Please make sure you have dog bags with you each and every time you walk your dog. We all know there are times when you forget, or run out, but please make plans to return and pick it up. Please be a considerate neighbor.

## LOCK YOUR CAR

While Section 5 crime rates still remain extremely low, in the past few months, we have had multiple reports of cars on Section streets being rifled through and valuables being taken. In most of these cases, cars were left unlocked.

It cannot be stressed enough:

**Remember to lock your car every single time you park.** Make a habit of it. Other simple tips that can help prevent crime on your block include:

- Always lock your home, and set your alarm.
- Remove valuables from your cars.
- Turn on your porch lights, and leave them on through the night.
- Tell a neighbor when you are going away, and make plans for your mail, newspaper, and other deliveries.
- Call the police immediately when you see anyone or hear anything that just does not seem right.

## COMMUNITY HELPERS

Section 5 is interested in creating a list of resident teens and young adults who are available to offer a variety of services to residents of the Section. Services include snow shoveling, yard work, babysitting, pet care, tutoring, and other general chores. If you would like to have your name appear on Section 5's Community Helpers List, please contact the Town Manager by email for more information. The list will be maintained by the Town Manager and shared upon request.

## FIRE BOARD VACANCY

Looking for a way to get involved with your community? Please consider volunteering to serve on the Chevy Chase Fire Board. We are fortunate to have a Fire Station so near and involved in our community. There are currently two Section 5 vacancies to fill. Interested in finding out more? Email the Town Manager.

## FOOD DRIVE

Martin's Addition held their Annual Manna Food Drive on January 18<sup>th</sup>. This effort is traditionally held on Martin Luther King's Day of Service and was started by Linda and Dick Kirschten. This year's drive was the biggest success to date - delivering 624 pounds of food to the Manna Center. For the last four years, Marilyn and Tim Hanlon have diligently worked to bring this effort to Section 5, organizing a team of volunteers to help collect and deliver food from our residents. In addition to the many Section 5 residents that contributed, we would like to thank Marilyn and Tim for their continued efforts, as well as the Chernack and Mann families for their hard work in helping collect the donations.

## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS...**

Thanks to all those who gave so generously to the Montgomery County Sanitation Employee Holiday Fund. Your kind gifts were delivered at the end of the December, and as always, were well-received. Gestures such as this make Section 5 a special place.

## **THE GARDEN CLUB OF CHEVY CHASE A SPRING GARDEN TOUR**

On Saturday, May 14th, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., the Garden Club of Chevy Chase will host a tour of gardens in historic Chevy Chase Village. Seven beautiful gardens will be open for visitors, rain or shine. Highlights of the tour include:

- ♦ a recently designed garden by award-winning North Carolina architect Chip Calloway
- ♦ a garden with features originally designed in 1929 by Rose Greely, the first female licensed landscape architect in Washington
- ♦ the garden at one of Chevy Chase's most elegant and historic properties

Tickets may be purchased on the day of the tour for \$25 at the Chevy Chase Village Hall, 5906 Connecticut Avenue. For more information about purchasing tickets in advance at \$20, please call: (301) 657-1278 or email: [GardenClubofChevyChase@gmail.com](mailto:GardenClubofChevyChase@gmail.com).

Tickets are tax deductible. Proceeds from the tour support conservation and beautification projects in Chevy Chase.

## **CHEVY CHASE AT HOME MARCH ACTIVITIES**

**Thursday, March 10** – Brunch Bunch at the Olympia Cafe. Drop in any time from 10 to 11:30 a.m., buy a cup of coffee and join the conversation.

**Sunday, March 13** – World renowned classical guitarist David Russell will hold a Master Class at the CC Village Hall from 1 - 4 p.m., teaching advanced students who have been pre-selected by the International Conservatory of Music (ICM). This event is co-sponsored by ICM, Chevy Chase At Home and Chevy Chase Village.

**Tuesday, March 15** – CC@ H hosts its annual St. Patrick's Day Party at the CC Village Hall, 2 to 4 p.m. Always a special event, you won't want to miss this afternoon of everything Irish: food, drink, music and blarney!

Chevy Chase at Home is also seeking additional volunteers to provide a variety of services to members living in our community. If you are interested, please contact the Chevy Chase at Home office at: (301) 657-3115, or visit their website: [www.chevychaseathome.org](http://www.chevychaseathome.org).

## CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY

Looking for activities this Spring?  
Don't forget to visit our local library at  
8500 Connecticut Avenue.

Preschool story time for children  
ages 2 to 5 takes place on Tuesdays  
at 10:30 a.m. Story time Extenders  
extend story time for children with  
Legos and matching games. There  
are plenty of adult activities as well  
including: Book Club discussions  
(Jane Austen's Persuasion on 3/9),  
programs for seniors, and more. Be  
sure and check the library website  
for the most up-to-date listings.

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library/branches/chevychase.html>

## REMINDER SECTION 5 COUNCIL MEETINGS

Section 5 Council meetings are held  
every **second Tuesday of the  
month at 7:30 p.m.** in the Village  
Hall located at 5906 Connecticut  
Avenue. The next Council meeting  
will be held March 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Council Meeting Agenda is  
posted on Section 5's web site:  
[www.chevychasesection5.org](http://www.chevychasesection5.org) in  
advance, along with copies of  
minutes from previous Council  
meetings. Please contact the Town  
Manager to place an item on the  
agenda.