



# THE QUARTERLY

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## Section 5 Council

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## Important Section Dates

- ◆ Tuesday, January 8  
Council Meeting  
at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall
- ◆ Tuesday, February 12  
Council Meeting  
at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall
- ◆ Saturday, March 9  
Spring Bulk Trash Collection
- ◆ Tuesday, March 12  
Council Meeting  
at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall

## A Message from the Town Council

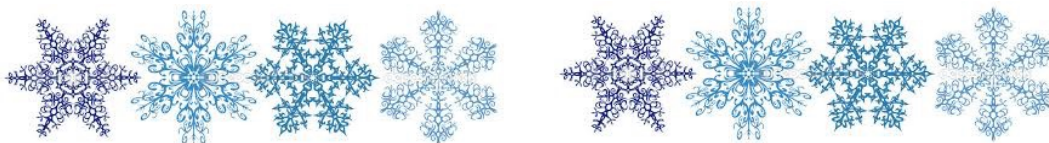
As 2018 comes to a close, the Section 5 Council would like to wish all our residents a joyful holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year!

## Small Cell Technology and Section 5

The wireless industry is in a race to roll out 5G service. This network is supposed to be up to 100 times faster than current data speeds, but it requires new cellphone tower equipment called small cell technology. “Small cells” are wireless transmitters and receivers designed to provide network coverage to smaller areas. These cells are generally about the size of a pizza box and are often installed on existing structures in the right-of-way such as utility poles and street lights. Small cells are typically placed about a block apart. Currently, these types of transmitters do not exist in Section 5, but due to a recent FCC ruling that restricts cities’ ability to regulate 5G infrastructure, small cell deployment in towns and municipalities such as Section 5 is likely inevitable.

For the past year, the Section 5 Council has been monitoring local and national developments related to small cell deployment. To date, neither the State of Maryland nor Montgomery County has passed legislation dealing specifically with small cell deployment. Because of this, many local governments across the state are working to adopt ordinances that would establish a consistent process for the review and

approval of small cell technology. Section 5 is currently working with the surrounding Chevy Chase municipalities to draft such an ordinance. It is important to note that the Section does not have the ability to restrict small cell deployment outright or exercise zoning authority. However, we can regulate right-of-way access, as well as address safety, aesthetic, and other related concerns. We hope to draft a sensible and uniform ordinance that would be relevant in all the neighboring municipalities. Doing so will show that local governments can control the siting of this emerging technology in an even-handed and prompt manner and prevent the State from passing legislation prohibiting local regulations, as the industry seeks the State to do. The benefit will be our communities’ specific needs are met. We will continue to keep you informed as the process evolves.



## SECTION 5 OF THE VILLAGE OF CHEVY CHASE

### Dockless Bikes and E-Scooters in Montgomery County

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Montgomery County officials recently approached Section 5 about participating in a proposed pilot project that would introduce dockless bikes and (electric) e-scooters to the Chevy Chase area.

In Montgomery County, these types of transportation are currently only available in the Takoma Park and Silver Spring areas. The County is proposing a one-year expansion that would include parts of Friendship Heights, Bethesda, North Bethesda, Veirs Mill, and Wheaton.

The Section 5 Council has decided not to participate in the initial phase of this project. This will mean that while the bikes or e-scooters will still be allowed to travel through the Section, they will not be permitted to end trips or park in Section 5. Many of the neighboring Chevy Chase communities are still deciding whether they will opt in or out of this program.

The Section 5 Council will reassess its decision in the spring.

### Building Permits

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3615 Thornapple Street - Demolition of existing home and new structure / Permit issued

3718 Thornapple Street - Replace driveway and part of fence, add a new retaining wall and patio structure / Permit issued

3807 Thornapple Street - Enclosure of existing porch / Permit issued

3606 Underwood Street - Partial fence replacement / Permit issued

3713 Williams Lane - Repair and resurface existing driveway / Permit issued

3804 Williams Lane - Install a new fence / Permit issued

3811 Williams Lane - Repair driveway / Permit issued

### Leaf Collection Reminder

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The Section will hold one final leaf collection on Monday, December 17.

As a reminder, leaves should be not be placed in the street, but raked just to the edge near the curb. Piling leaves into the street causes storm drains to clog, and is against Montgomery County regulations. If you have a lawn service that handles your leaves, please make sure they are aware and in compliance.

### New Recycling Bins

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Replacement recycling bins are now on order in both green (plastic/glass) and blue (paper). The Section provides small bins only. If you are in need of a new bin, please email the Town Manager.

### Section 5 Paper Directory

We are currently updating the Section 5 paper telephone directory. Please take a minute to review the 2018 directory, and email the Town Manager with any changes or additions.

If you are new to Section 5, this is especially important. We will print and distribute new directories in late January.

## Holiday Tips for Refuse Collection Crew

Traditionally, 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.

As we did last year, in lieu of collecting individual checks, the Section will instead make the full contribution on behalf of all residents. The main source of Section 5 revenue is derived from a percentage of our resident's income tax; therefore, the contribution truly does come from all residents. We understand there may be some that would like to give a gift directly to the crew, and of course, one should feel free to do so. We are thankful for the hard work of the crew all year.



### TRASH COLLECTION HOLIDAYS

Christmas Day and New Year's Day both fall on Tuesday this year. Because of this, there will be no regular trash collection those days and only one trash collection during these holiday weeks.

As in past years, holiday greens and trees will be picked up by our refuse collection company along with yard debris on Mondays starting December 31.

Trees need to be curbside and visible. Greens must be placed in paper lawn and leaf bags. Wreaths containing wires will not be accepted and should be disposed in the regular household trash.

## Snow!

Section 5 is ready for winter. 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 help with public sidewalk shoveling when necessary.

Residents are responsible for the regular treating (salt and sanding) of sidewalks near your home. As a reminder, 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 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 help neighbors who may not physically be able to do so.

If the snowfall is deep, please 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. Signs will be posted accordingly. With our narrow streets, these two small steps go a long way in helping the snow and sanding plows do their job!

## SECTION 5 OF THE VILLAGE OF CHEVY CHASE

### Section 5 Website

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Can't remember trash holidays? Looking for the next bulk trash date? When leaf collection ends? Building or tree removal applications?

Check the Section 5 website  
[www.chevychasesection5.org](http://www.chevychasesection5.org)

We are working hard to keep it current and include relevant resident information, including archived newsletters, minutes, and other special reports and notifications.

### Free Tree Program 2019

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Section 5 had a great response for its Annual Free Tree Program this fall. Thirty four new trees will be planted in resident's private gardens or the Town public strip.

The trees when planted are dormant and do not require further care until the spring. At the appropriate time, the Section will distribute gator bags to assist in watering. The bags help to slowly and evenly deliver a high volume of water directly to the root system of a newly planted tree or shrub with no run-off or evaporation.

A big thanks to our arborist, Dr. Tolbert Feather, for assisting residents with questions and overseeing the plantings.

Be sure to check out the following websites for area events:

Chevy Chase at Home  
<http://www.chevychaseathome.org>

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

### General Street Parking Reminders

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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.



### Section 3 Farmer's Market

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Every Saturday, Section 3 hosts a weekly Farmer's Market on Taylor Street, between Georgia Street and Brookville Road from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Parking is available at LaFerme Restaurant.