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ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

The Council would like to thank the residents who attended the Annual Meeting on May 10th. Discussion included the proposed FY 2017 budget. The Council recommended a budget of \$420,420 in expenditures (based on projected revenues of \$576,668). The budget was voted on and unanimously approved as proposed. Copies were distributed by mail to residents in April. A PDF document of the approved budget is also available on the Section 5 website at: www.chevychasesection5.org

Since there were only two open Council seats up for election this May, and only two candidates who ran for these seats, an election was not held as this year's Annual Meeting. Chris Richardson and Scott Livingston, both incumbents, will be sworn in accordingly for another two-year term.

In addition to the budget, a vote was held regarding the property tax rate for Section 5. Residents again approved the recommendation of the Council that the tax rate be set at zero.

MEMORIAL DAY TRASH AND RECYCLING

Please note that due to the Memorial Day holiday, **there will be no recycling and yard debris pick up on Monday, May 30th**. Recycling will instead be collected the next morning on Tuesday, June 1st, along with household trash. There will be NO yard debris pick up that week at all. Recycling should still be placed curbside.

JUNE COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGE

Due to a scheduling conflict, the June Council Meeting will now occur: Tuesday, June 7th at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. There will not be a meeting on June 14th. As a reminder, there are no Council Meetings in July or August.

BUILDING PERMIT NOTICES

Building Permits Issued:

3808 Leland – An addition to the current home
3805 Woodbine – An addition to the current home
7311 Brookville – Replaced a small section of an existing fence

Variance and Special Permit Requests:

3708 Thornapple – Construct a pool deck with non-permeable materials
*This appeal will be heard by the Town Council at the June 7th meeting. The variance request file is available for inspection upon request.

PLEASE LOCK YOUR VEHICLES

A number of residents have reported their cars have been broken into recently. While not always, the vast majority of the thefts are from unlocked cars. The Police Department urges you to lock your car doors **every time you park**, and remove all valuables – or hide them. The Police hope if we reduce the opportunities for thieves this will

discourage them from becoming repeat customers.

CROSSWALK SAFETY

A few weeks ago we had a scary incident when a Section 5 resident was biking to school with her child, and the child was struck by a car while in the crosswalk at the intersection of Thornapple and Connecticut Avenue. Fortunately, the child was not physically harmed, although he was understandably shaken up. We are sharing this incident as a reminder to please slow down and take great care when driving, walking, and biking. It also underscores the need for intersection sight lines to be completely visible. Please cut back any shrubs, tree limbs, or hedges that may obscure views. Montgomery County also offers the following safety tips:

Cars and People come from
MANY directions.
Don't run over people.
Don't get run over.

- Look in all directions for cars and people.
- Pay attention to cars and people (don't phone, don't text!)
- Connect through eye contact or waving.
- Pedestrians – Always use crosswalks and sidewalks where available.
- Drivers – Stop before the crosswalk. Do not pull into the crosswalk.

JUNE 4TH – SHRED EVENT

Once again, Section 5 will join with Martin's Additions and Section 3 for a Community Shred Event **Saturday, June 4th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** A truck will be at Taylor Street and Brookville Road between LaFerme Restaurant and the Brookville Market. Cars should line up on Taylor Street (in Section 3) facing east and you will be waved across Brookville when the truck is ready to take your materials. They will unload your car. Please take care to remove any metal objects (not staples but metal clasps, loose leaf binders, etc.) that would clog and stop the shredding machine. Households are asked to limit their shredding to a five box total.

JUNE 25TH – ADDITIONAL BULK TRASH

Miss the April Bulk Trash collection? There will be an additional collection Saturday, June 25th. As always, items may be placed at the curb as early as the Wednesday before collection.

Special Trash includes:

Washing machines, dryers, stoves, furniture, large toys, bicycles, swing sets, refrigerators, freezers, televisions, and air conditioners. Paint will also be accepted but NO oil based paint. You must remove the lid and let the paint dry before the pick-up day.

Excluded items include:

Large trees stumps, poisons, acids, caustics, explosives, flammable

liquids, motor vehicles and auto parts including batteries and tires, bricks and general construction material, oil, wood piles, large rocks, large tree limbs, dead animals, human or animal feces, and ammunition.

There have also been several questions regarding scraps of old wood, fence, etc. These items are fine under minimal circumstances. However, debris from a large construction or renovation project is not allowed. These materials should be disposed of in a construction dumpster. Please contact the Town Manager with any questions.

Sometimes your trash is someone else's treasure. Should you have items in good condition, please consider a donation instead. Organizations such as A Wider Circle help D.C. area neighbors in need. A Wider Circle promotes "a unique, holistic approach to ending poverty. For more information visit: www.awidercircle.org

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE AND PARTY

The annual Fourth of July parade led by a Chevy Chase fire engine is the highlight of summer in Section 5. The morning parade of costumed bicyclists, scooters, wagons, walkers, and more starts with the Pledge of Allegiance and patriotic songs in front of 3807 Williams Lane at 11 a.m. All Section residents, friends, family, and pets are welcome! The parade makes its way through the streets and ends on

Underwood Street with hamburgers, hotdogs, moon bounces, and pony rides. Look for more details closer to the event.

SECTION 5 TREE CARE

You may have seen or met our new arborist, Dr. Tolbert Feather, out and about in the Section lately. With his help, we are working to develop a regular maintenance and pruning schedule for Section 5 trees. We have just completed pruning on a list of trees deemed hazardous, and are now moving on to level two priority pruning. We have also identified both public (in the right of way) and private trees with low hanging limbs over public walkways and streets. The continued rains have made progress slower than hoped, but our landscaping and tree crews are working to address these areas as soon as possible. If you have a concern about a particular tree, please contact the Town Manager.

As a reminder, with a few exceptions, most tree removal in the Section requires a permit.

This includes private tree removal. Please visit the Section 5 website www.chevychasesection5.org for full details, or contact the Town Manager: manager@chevychasesection5.org with questions.

ROADS, SIDEWALKS, AND CURB MAINTENANCE

In addition to trees, the Section is also looking to develop a long-term

plan to address street, sidewalk, curb, and drain maintenance. After an initial walk-around of just a few streets mid-Spring, it was decided rather than fix spots on a piecemeal basis (unless truly urgent) it would benefit the Section to address things as a whole and with a more strategic vision. We have recently walked the full Section and identified areas of concern. You may notice small white paint markings in different areas. The next step in our process is to put the project out to bid. Once that is completed and a contractor is selected, we hope to begin repairs as soon as possible.

REMINDER TO DOG OWNERS

The County animal control code requires that you keep your dog on a leash whenever your dog is not on your property. Please also help us keep our sidewalks and public strips clean from dog waste by cleaning up after your dog.

SECTION 5 EMAIL AND WEBSITE

Thanks to all who have signed up for Section 5 email alerts. If you have yet to sign up, it's not too late! Please make sure we have your current email address in our system by contacting the Town office, and check the Section 5 website for the latest news and information: www.chevychasesection5.org.

FOX ALERT

Several residents have reported seeing a fox on Section streets. The Humane Society offers these facts to put the presence of foxes in your yard in perspective:

Foxes are not dangerous to humans, except when they are rabid (which is very rare) or when they are captured and handled. Even then, a fox's natural tendency is to flee rather than fight.

Foxes may prey on small pets or livestock (such as kittens, rabbits, guinea pigs, or chickens), so these pets should be kept indoors or housed in sturdy structures.

Foxes will eat various fruits, but they usually do not bother garden vegetables.

CHEVY CHASE AT HOME ACTIVITIES

Don't Miss a Conversation between Pulitzer Prize Winner, Geraldine Brooks, and NPR's Guy Raz

Monday, June 6th at 7 p.m.
Phillips Hall,
CC United Methodist Church

Geraldine Brooks will discuss her latest book, *The Secret Chord*, in a conversation with Guy Raz, the host and editorial director of NPR's "TED Radio Hour." To Benefit CC@H.

For more information call the Chevy Chase at Home office at: (301) 657-3115, or visit their website: www.chevychaseathome.org.

CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY

You are never too old to sign up for Summer Reading! Make a habit of visiting your local library this summer. With story times, book clubs, summer reading incentives and more, it is a great place to stop in from the heat. Check the library website for the most up-to-date listings.
<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library/branches/chevychase>

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