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Section 5 Council

Greg Chernack, Chairman
Patricia Xeller, Vice-Chairman
Maryann Luongo, Treasurer
Josh Galper
Philip Giordano

Important Section Dates

- ◆ Sunday, July 4
Fourth of July Parade and Party
- ◆ No Council Meetings in July or August
- ◆ Tuesday, September 14
Town Council Meeting

Annual Meeting News

The Annual Town Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 4. The Council recommended a budget of \$523,115 in expenditures (based on projected revenues of \$651,718.) The budget was voted on and unanimously approved as proposed. Copies were distributed by mail to residents in April.

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.

There were three open Council seats up for election this May, and we had three candidates run for these seats so no voting election was held. All three incumbents Greg Chernack, Patricia Xeller, and Philip Giordano will serve an additional two year term.

RSVP Today for the Fourth of July Parade and Party

The annual Fourth of July parade led by a Chevy Chase fire engine is back! The day begins at 11 a.m. in front of 3807 Williams Lane. We will gather for the Pledge of Allegiance, patriotic songs, and a short but star-spangled stroll down Williams, Brookville, Thornapple, and ending up on Underwood (between Dalkeith and Thornapple Place) with a lunch and party.

All Section residents, friends, family, and pets are welcome. We will have hot dogs, hamburgers, and veggie burgers from Rocklands Barbecue. Lunch will be served starting at 11:30 a.m. and be available

until 1 p.m. Stop in and grab a quick bite, or stay for the moon bounce and water slide! Fourth of July festive attire is encouraged. Don't forget to decorate your bikes, strollers, and wagons.

Please email your RSVP to the Town Manager: manager@chevychase5.org so we have a general headcount for food. However, if you find you are available and have not RSVP'd, please come anyway.

The more the merrier!



Important Property Tax Bill Information - Please Read

As longtime residents are aware, at the close of each Fiscal Year the Town Council reviews the Section's financial reports and determines whether the Section is able to provide residents with a credit/rebate for that year. **This year's vote occurred at the June 8 meeting, and the Council has decided to give each household a \$700 credit.** The credit is distributed through a rebate to each resident's upcoming year's property tax bill (these bills will be received by residents in July 2021).



In most cases, property tax payments are made for a resident through a mortgage escrow account. If this is the way you make your payment, there is nothing further you need to do, and you will automatically receive the \$700 rebate.

However, if you pay your property tax bill directly to the County (not through a lender) it is important that you subtract \$700 from the total amount listed on your PAPER BILL. Do not use the amount listed on the online bill. Please refer to the paper bill. This often leads to confusion and possible late fees and penalties.

Please email the Town Manager with any questions.

Welcome To New Residents

Section 5 extends a special welcome to new residents:

- ◆ Julie and Sean Downey -
7508 Glendale Road

We also said goodbye to long-time Section 5 resident, Dr. Charles Larson. Dr. Larson passed away on May 22. He and his wife, Roberta, have lived on Underwood Street since 1972. The Section extends our heartfelt sympathy to Roberta and the Larson family.

SIGN UP for Section 5's Email Notification List

If you are new to Section 5, or you are not receiving regular email notices and reminders from the Town Manager, please take a minute to make sure we have a current email address on file.

Notices and reminders are sent out on an as needed basis.

Email the Town Manager with any questions.
manager@chevychase5.org

4-H Center Sale Information and Documents

For residents interested in learning more about the impending sale of the 4-H Center at 7100 Connecticut, the Town of Chevy Chase is providing regular updates on their Town webpage www.townofchevychase.org.

SECTION 5 OF THE VILLAGE OF CHEVY CHASE

Home Safety Reminders

Please remember to lock your car every time you park, and remove any spare keys.

Residents are also encouraged to lock up or move any bikes or other valuables to sheds, garages, or even to the backyard so they are out of sight.

If you are traveling or going to be away for more than a few days this summer, arrange for mail, packages, and other deliveries to be collected or stopped.

Don't leave outdoor lights on 24 hours a day. Consider putting indoor lamps on a timer.

If you have a hidden spare key, remove it while you are away.

Tree Removal Permits

- ◆ 3605 Underwood Street - Private Tree Removal

Trimming Town Trees

The Section hires a private contractor to trim all Town trees (trees located between the sidewalk and street.) If you believe there is a Town tree that needs attention, please email the Section manager.

Additionally, the Section also has a consulting arborist, Dr. Tolbert Feather. Dr. Feather is available to look at both public and private trees at no cost to the resident. Email the Town Manager for more information.



Building Permits

- ◆ 7207 Thornapple Place - Install walkway, driveway, and new plantings all with the appropriate stormwater management measures - Permit Approved
- ◆ 3515 Thornapple Street - Replace portion of fence - Permit Approved
- ◆ 3600 Thornapple Street - Install safety railing around window well and AC units - Permit Approved
- ◆ 3714 Underwood Street - Install wooden play set in backyard and slight regrading - Permit Approved

Do I Need a Section 5 Permit?

- The majority of renovations
 - Sheds or accessory buildings
 - Fences - including replacements and/or substantial repairs
 - Driveway projects
 - Patio projects
 - Right-of-way projects
 - Dumpsters or PODS
 - Drainage projects including sump pumps and new downspouts
- ALL REQUIRE A PERMIT**

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

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

SECTION 5 OF THE VILLAGE OF CHEVY CHASE

Reminder to Dog Owners

Please do not allow dogs to defecate on another resident's private property. The public grass strip (between the sidewalk and the curb) is the appropriate place. Also make sure to place all dog waste in bags and in the appropriate trash receptacle. Recycling bins should not be used for dog waste.

Additionally, dogs should not be allowed to roam off-leash for any reason. 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 Put Trash, Recycling, and Composting Bins Away

Just a friendly reminder that recycling and composting bins (and trash bins if you choose to take them to the curb) should be put away promptly on the day of collection. Thanks to all for your cooperation!

Yard work and Noise

Please thoughtfully choose your work hours especially on the weekends and holidays.

Section 5 Private Listserv

Section 5 has a private listserv moderated by Underwood resident, Lyric Winik. It is set up through groups.io, and it is for Chevy Chase Section 5 residents only.

The listserv was created to serve as an information forum to communicate local news, requests, and community events. The purpose of the group is for residents to be able to communicate with each other, to request assistance such as snow shoveling, yard care, or errands, or offer assistance, such as babysitting, lawn/snow/errand help; to post regarding items to be donated; and very limited community news. Posters will refrain from offering professional services, any political posts, any fundraising efforts, and for now any goods for sale.

How to Join:

1. Send an email to ChevyChaseSection5+subscribe@groups.io
2. You will receive an email from ChevyChaseSection5+subscribe@groups.io in response. You must respond to this email (from the moderator) and confirm your name and address.
3. Once the moderator receives that information, you will be approved for membership.

Email Lyric Winik at lyricwinik@mac.com with questions.

The Section 5 Council and manager encourage interested residents to join.

Please note: This listserv is not affiliated with the municipal government of Section 5, nor will it replace any of the other methods the Section Council and Town Manager use to communicate with Section residents.