



# THE QUARTERLY

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## SECTION 5 COUNCIL

Greg Chernack, Chair  
Josh Galper, Vice-Chair  
Sean Downey, Member  
Philip Giordano, Member  
Emily Strulson, Member

## IMPORTANT SECTION DATES

- Thursday, July 4  
Annual Section 5 Parade and Party 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- No Council Meetings in July or August
- Tuesday, September 10  
Town Council Meeting
- Saturday, September 14  
Fall Bulk Trash Collection

## A Message from the Town Council - Annual Election Results

Since there were only two open Council seats up for election this May, and only two candidates who submitted and declared their nomination for these seats, Josh Galper and Emily Strulson were declared elected at the Annual Meeting on May 7. They will serve two year terms, expiring in May 2026. Josh will continue to serve in his current role as Vice-Chair, and Emily is a first time Councilmember. We are grateful for their willingness to serve.

The Council would also like to thank Maryann Luongo for her excellent work with the Section. Maryann decided not to run for another term this year. She began her work on the Council in 2018. Her wise counsel and dedication to the Council will be greatly missed.

## Important 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 11 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 2024).

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.



## SECTION 5 OF THE VILLAGE OF CHEVY CHASE

### Welcome to New Residents

We are pleased to welcome the following new neighbors who have recently moved to Section 5:

- Courtney and Charlie Alexander -  
7501 Glendale Road
- Colin Seeberger and David Whalen -  
7504 Glendale Road

We also mourn the loss of two long-time Section 5 residents: Thornapple resident, Kathleen Montague who passed away on March 24, and Underwood resident, Kailash Gupta, who passed away on March 26. The Section extends our heartfelt sympathy to both of their families.

### Fourth of July Parade and Party

Don't miss the annual Fourth of July parade led by a Chevy Chase fire engine! 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](mailto: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!

### Police Officers Continuing to Offer Summer "House Checks"

Going away for more than a few days? Our Section 5 Police Officers continue to offer courtesy house checks while residents are away for an extended period. Please email the Town Manager with your address and the period of time you plan to be away. During their regular patrol shift, one of our officers will walk around the perimeter of the house looking for anything out of the ordinary; e.g., open windows or doors, individuals on the premises without authorization, etc.

It is also a great idea to let a neighbor know of your plans so they can keep an eye out for anything unexpected. Residents are also encouraged to stop all newspaper and mail deliveries while you are away.

### New Areas Designated No Parking

Earlier this year Section 5 was notified by the Chevy Chase Fire Department that there are several areas of the Section where current street parking will not allow for an emergency vehicle to pass.

The Section has been working with CCFD to remedy the situation. In July, several areas near intersections will receive white curb paint and be labeled "no parking." We have worked hard to comply with CCFD's directive and also maintain as much street parking as possible. We appreciate your cooperation.

### Section 5 Email Alerts and Notices

Please make certain the Section has at least one current email address for your household on file. Email is often used to communicate timely and important information.

Are you new to Section 5? Please contact the Town Manager at [manager@chevychase5.org](mailto:manager@chevychase5.org) so that we can welcome you appropriately!

## SECTION 5 OF THE VILLAGE OF CHEVY CHASE

### Building Permits

- 3713 Thornapple Street - Construct a rear addition that changes the home's existing footprint/ Permit Approved
- 3713 Thornapple Street - Construction dumpster / Permit Approved
- 3703 Underwood Street - Repair and resurface existing walkway / Permit Approved
- 3712 Underwood Street - Repair and resurface existing walkway / Permit Approved

### Tree Removal Permits

- 7301 Connecticut Avenue - Private Tree Removal
- 3540 Woodbine Street - Private Tree Removal

### Reminder for Dog Owners

**Please do not place dog waste bags in another resident's personal trash that is left at the curb for pick up.**

Our trash contractor will not pick up small loose bags and so it leaves the resident the unpleasant task of removing your dog waste bags from the bottom of their trash cans. **Please be a courteous neighbor and use the public trash receptacles provided for this purpose instead.**

Thank you for your continued cooperation!

### How To Report Utility Issues

#### Power Outage or downed line?

Call PEPCO at 1-(877) PEPCO-62 / 1-(877)-737-2662

If power is restored, but then goes out again in a matter of minutes, you should call PEPCO again to be certain the new outage is registered.

#### Water Issues?

If you see a possible water main break, please do not assume it has been reported.

Contact WSSC by phone 301-206-4002 or email [EmergencyCallCenter@wsscwater.com](mailto:EmergencyCallCenter@wsscwater.com).

### 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 Opt-in Composting Program

In December 2020, Section 5 introduced a new composting program in partnership with the Compost Crew. We are happy to report that we now have 70 homes participating. We hope that residents enjoy the service and find it worthwhile, but if for any reason you are not, or you find that you are regularly missing pick up, please consider discontinuing your service so that the Section will no longer be charged. We appreciate your help and cooperation!

For more information on the program or to sign up, use the link below: <https://compostcrew.com/chevy-chase-section-5/>.

This information is also listed on the Section 5 website's home page.