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Section 5 Council

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Important Section Dates

- ◆ Sunday, September 24
Annual Block Party - see Page 2 for more information.
- ◆ Tuesday, October 10
Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall
- ◆ Wednesday, October 11
Deadline for Fall Free Tree Program Requests - see Page 3 for more details.
- ◆ Monday, October 16
First Fall Leaf Collection
- ◆ Tuesday, November 14
Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall

Town Council - Fall Update

The summer months have been busy and productive here in Section 5. The Council has been working for over a year on possible revisions to the Section 5 building code. The building code is found in Chapter 9 of our Section ordinances.

Most of the proposed changes deal with clarifying regulations already in place. There are a few exceptions. Most notably, there are new proposals dealing with stormwater and drainage.

A copy of the proposed new regulations will be sent in a separate mailing. The Council hopes that all residents will take a moment to read and review the document. The proposal will be formally introduced at our October 10 meeting, and residents will have the opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Update - Possible Brookville Road Reclassification

We know many residents are aware and concerned about the proposed change in road classification of Brookville Road by the Montgomery Planning Department. As noted in a previous Section 5 email, Brookville is currently classified as a Primary Residential Street, and the Planning Board staff is recommending that Brookville be upgraded to a Minor Arterial classification. Much of their recommendation is based on the premise that more than 50 percent of the travelers using the road do not live in our community.

The Section will send a letter to the MPD strongly opposing the new reclassification. The Council came to this position in large part due to feedback from residents, but also on the basis that any proposal that

may lead to an increase in traffic on Brookville, or any of our Section streets is unwanted. A copy of the letter will be shared with the community.

Interested residents are strongly encouraged to continue to submit feedback to MPD via its website.

MPD also continues to host outreach meetings to gain feedback from the public. At the most recent meeting in Bethesda, it was clear MPD is listening. We will continue to monitor the issue and notify residents with updates. Specific information, including the remaining outreach meeting dates and locations, can be found here:

montgomeryplanning.org/planning/transportation/highway-planning/master-plan-of-highways-and-transitways/

Section 5's Annual Block Party

Join us for Section 5's Annual Block Party.

Date: Sunday, September 24

Location: Underwood Street

(between Dalkeith Street and Thornapple Place)

Time: 4 - 7 p.m. (Dinner served from 5 - 6:45 p.m.)

We'll have slides, an obstacle course, music, ice cream, and more! Food is catered by Rio Grande.

Please email your RSVP to the Town Manager: manager@chevychasesection5.org so we will 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!

School Bus Safety

With school back in session and multiple school bus stops on Brookville Road, please remember these important tips for safely sharing the road with a school bus:

- ✦ When driving behind a school bus, make sure to allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind another car. This will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights begin to flash.
- ✦ If yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop sign is extended, you must stop.
- ✦ Never pass a bus from behind or from either direction if it is stopped to load or unload children. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.
- ✦ Make sure you've stopped far back enough to allow children to safely enter and exit the bus. The ten foot area surrounding a bus is the most dangerous for children.
- ✦ Pay attention; children can be unpredictable and tend to ignore hazard.

Building Permits

3 Leland Court - Addition to rear of home / Permit issued

3703 Underwood Street - Addition to rear of home / Permit issued

Welcome to New Residents

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

- ✦ Hao Nguyen-Gia and Twee Nguyen
7203 Connecticut Avenue
- ✦ Duke Schaeffer and Hannah Graae
3713 Underwood Street
- ✦ Tim Fairbank and Dana Binnendijk
3611 Thornapple Street
- ✦ Patrick Svedman and Jannie Lilja
3714 Williams Lane



Fall Leaf Collection Begins Monday, October 16

Leaf vacuuming occurs on Mondays starting on October 16 with the final collection in mid-December.

- ◆ Leaves should be raked to the edge of the curb, not in the street.
- ◆ Please do not place leaves in bags. Take care that limbs, rocks, and any other heavy objects are removed.
- ◆ If it rains on our regular vacuuming day, leaves will not be vacuumed that day.
- ◆ If there is a heavy rainstorm, it will take at least two days for the wet leaves to dry sufficiently for vacuuming. Wet leaves clog the vacuuming machine.
- ◆ Vacuuming will start on Williams Lane. Residents on Williams are asked to park their cars in their driveways or off the street when possible. The narrowness of the street makes it difficult for the leaf machine to pass otherwise.



Tree Removal Permits

- ◆ 7203 Connecticut - Private Tree Removal
- ◆ 7205 Thornapple Place - Private Tree Removal
- ◆ 3616 Thornapple Street - Private Tree Removal
- ◆ 3814 Williams Lane - Private Tree Removal

Free Tree Program 2017

Section 5 will once again offer residents free trees this year to be planted in their private gardens. The Section will plant either small trees such as Redbud or Dogwood, or large trees such as Red Maple or Oak, depending on an owner's preference. The Section arborist, Dr. Tolbert

Feather, will assist in choosing and siting the tree. The Section will pay for both the cost of the tree and its planting. The only cost to you will be to water it. The Section will also provide 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.

Trees will be planted in November. Please email the Town Manager if you are interested in obtaining a tree.

All requests must be received by October 11.

Leaf Blower Reminder

Just a reminder about leaf blowers. Please be courteous and thoughtfully choose your work hours. As you clear leaves from your property, please take care that you are not transferring them to your neighbors. If you have a lawn service that handles your leaves, please make sure they are also in compliance.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS

In recent weeks, the Section has received multiple complaints about dog waste being left on the public sidewalks and in the right of way. Not picking up after your dog is unlawful. It is also unsanitary, and very discourteous to neighbors.

Trash cans and pet waste stations have been installed throughout the Section for this purpose. Please make certain you or anyone who might care for your pet utilizes them. Additionally, recycling bins are not to be used for waste disposal.

Update on Washington Gas Project

In the June newsletter, we mentioned Section 5 had been informed by Washington Gas that critical infrastructure work was planned for parts of our community. Please see below for important updates:

- The affected streets are: Dalkeith Street, Thornapple Place, Thornapple Street (only on the West side of Brookville), and Underwood Street.
- They plan to begin work in early November, but the start date is fluid due to permitting uncertainties involving the State Highway Administration for work that needs to be done crossing Connecticut Avenue.
- It is a four-month project depending on weather and other possible delays.
- Washington Gas representatives will contact each household directly regarding work on or near their property. It is possible you will see flags placed on your property by Miss Utility (a company that marks excavation locations) before you have been contacted by Washington Gas.
- The street is the area that will be most disrupted. However, certain locations may include work in the public right of way including driveway aprons, and possibly private yards. Washington Gas will make every effort to restore all areas of work to the condition they were before the work began. At times, winter temperatures may cause restoration (notably landscaping) to be slightly delayed.
- If there are areas on your property of special concern, such as things like irrigation systems, specific landscaping, etc., please make the Washington Gas representative aware during your initial contact. They will do their best to carefully work around these areas.
- There will be times when the gas needs to be turned off for your home entirely. They will work with you to find a time to do this. **If you are planning to leave town for more than a few days and live in an area slotted for work, please let the Town Manager know in advance.**

Know that the Section will be working closely with Washington Gas to help the project go as seamlessly as possible, but with a project of this scope, and our location already being physically tight, there will be inconveniences. One positive thing: this update is expected to last for the next 100 years, so you won't have to go through it again! Unfortunately, WSSC is also scheduled do work in some of these same areas as early as this spring. We will keep residents informed of updates as they are available.

Fire Board Vacancy

The Board of Directors of the Chevy Chase Fire Department is composed of representatives of the municipalities it serves. Section 5 has three seats on the Board and two of these seats are now vacant. If you are interested in being considered for an appointment to the Fire Board, please contact the Town Manager. The Board helps with the Annual Fall Open Fire House, attends monthly meetings, and participates in other activities as needed. Plus, all participants receive a CCFD T-shirt!

Community News

First Annual Neighborhood Wine Tasting, Saturday, October 14!

Mark your calendars and line up your sitters now!
All Section 5 residents are invited.

The cost is \$20 per person, and you get to taste nine different wines, with each bottle costing no more than \$20 each. Three different hosts serve hors d'oeuvres with the wines, but you bring your own wine glass (very important). It's like a pub crawl except with wine!

The first house will offer three white wines, the second house three red, and finally, three sparkling wines for the third stop.

Sign up via e-mail to Andra at ARCCC3@gmail.com

Sign-up and payment must be received no later than October 11 so we can purchase and deliver the wines to our gracious hosts. We regret that we are unable to accept payment at the door.

Please note: This is not an official Section 5 event.

Section 3 Food Truck Night

Sunday, October 8
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Trucks include: Go Fish (fabulous fish tacos), Hardy's BBQ (great ribs), and the Corned Beef King (delicious deli sandwiches), plus Carmen's Italian Ices.

MVA ON WHEELS - Bringing MVA Services to You

The mobile service bus will visit the Friendship Heights Village Center along Friendship Boulevard on Monday, September 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call (301) 656-2797 or visit www.FriendshipHeightsmd.gov

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

Chevy Chase Historical Society
<http://www.chevychasehistory.org>

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

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