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SECTION 5 COUNCIL

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IMPORTANT SECTION DATES

- Friday, September 29
Deadline for Section’s Free Tree Program
- Sunday, October 1
Annual Section 5 Block Party
4:30 - 7 p.m.
(Dinner served 5–6:30 p.m.)
- Tuesday, October 10
Town Council Meeting at
7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall
- Tuesday, November 7
Town Council Meeting at
7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall
NOTE New Date
- Saturday, December 2
Winter Bulk Trash Collection
- Tuesday, December 12
Town Council Meeting at
7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall

A Message from the Town Council -

The Section 5 Council met with the District 18 Delegation on September 12 just prior to its regular monthly Council meeting. District 18 representatives Senator Jeff Waldstreicher, Delegate Aaron Kaufman, Delegate Jared Solomon, and a staff member for Delegate Emily Shetty were all in attendance.

The meeting was a great chance for the Council and residents to meet face-to-face with our State representatives and discuss issues that are impacting our community, as well as hear directly from them about the important work they are doing on our behalf.

The Council stressed the need for infrastructure improvements as it relates to traffic in this area, and the continued concern about overdevelopment, and relatedly the impacts these developments have on stormwater and roads. The conversation was engaging and thoughtful. The delegation also committed to making the meeting an annual event. We are grateful for their time and look forward to a continuing dialogue.

Possible Leland Street Turn Restriction

The Section 5 Council has been closely following the potential morning turn restriction proposed by the County for Leland Street at Brookville Road. This proposal comes at the request of the Hamlet Citizens’ Association. For more background and full details, please see the first page of last December’s newsletter <http://www.chevychasesection5.org/newsletters/pdf/Dec2022Newsletter-comp.pdf>.

The Council is concerned with the impact any one turn restriction has on neighboring street traffic patterns and has repeatedly discussed these concerns with Montgomery County Department of Transportation. The Council also submitted an official response letter detailing the potential consequences. The letter is included in this newsletter as a leaflet.

MCDOT closed its comment section regarding the proposal on September 17. In conversations with the Section, MCDOT suggested a meeting among representatives from MCDOT, the Hamlet, and Section 5 in advance of a possible public hearing. The Section Council will continue to keep residents updated.



SECTION 5 OF THE VILLAGE OF CHEVY CHASE

Section 5's Annual Block Party

Don't miss Section 5's Annual Block Party!

Date: Sunday, October 1 (Rain Date: October 8)

Location: Underwood Street (between Dalkeith Street and Thornapple Place)

Time: 4:30 - 7 p.m. (Dinner served from 5 - 6:30 p.m.)

We'll have slides, rides, music, two ice cream trucks, and more! Food is catered by Uncle Julio's.

WSSC Roadwork and Repaving

The good news is: WSSC work associated with the Brookville water main replacement is nearing completion with just a few areas left to finish on Thornapple Street. The bad news is: WSSC has just notified the Section that they also need to do sewer upgrades on several Section streets including Glendale Road, Williams Lane, Windsor Place, and Woodbine Street.

All of the upgrades are necessary and not optional. We are waiting for more information from WSSC regarding exact timelines and descriptions of the work. Some of the sewer work requires excavation. Unfortunately, this will delay the full mill and overlay paving that is scheduled for some of these areas. Depending on weather, it is possible repaving will not be possible until the spring when temperatures are warmer. The Section has made clear to WSSC that we would like all sewer work to happen expeditiously. The Section will notify individual streets with new updates.

Corso Development—Former 4H Center

The Town of Chevy Chase continues to provide updates regarding the plans for the former 4-H Center at 7100 Connecticut through the Town's website. Of particular interest is the presentation the developer, Corso, made to the Town in August. A copy of the presentation can be viewed at the link below. The slides at the end of the presentation are especially helpful as they illustrate the impact the new development will have on Connecticut Avenue.

[PowerPoint Presentation \(lercheary.com\)](https://www.townofchevychase.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=472)

We encourage all residents to continue to follow along as the plan develops. For the latest information follow:

<https://www.townofchevychase.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=472>

Last Call Free Tree Program 2023

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, Dogwood and Cherry, or large trees such as Red Maple and 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 the both the cost of the tree and its planting. The only cost to you will be to water it.

The deadline to request a tree is Friday, September 29. There will be no exceptions for requests after this date in order for the trees to be planted in November.

To request a tree, please email the Town Manager at manager@chevychasection5.org and copy our arborist, Dr. Feather, tfeather@xecu.net. Be sure to include your address and the type of tree you are requesting.

Police News

After a great response to our summer program, Section 5 police will continue to offer house checks for traveling residents. If you are going away for more than a few days, 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; 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.

While Section 5 continues to be a very low crime area, we are not immune to occasional incidents. On September 18 at 1:30 p.m., MCPD responded to a car break-in on Woodbine Street. The subject broke a car window and took a purse that was visible on the seat.

Our officers continue to remind residents to not leave valuables in the car and always be alert!

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Chevy Chase Fire Department Open House – October 14

The Chevy Chase Fire Department located at 8001 Connecticut Avenue is holding its annual Open House on Saturday, October 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Open House will feature fire engine rides for kids and adults, a safety house slide, fire fighting demos, fire helmets, balloons, and more. Plus hot dogs and drinks for all!

New Section 5 Website

Section 5 recently signed a contract with CivicsPlus to develop a new fully interactive municipal website. We are especially excited that the site will allow forms to be submitted online, in addition to the opportunity for online payments. We hope that the new website will be up and running before the end of the year.

Fall Leaf Vacuuming Begins October 23

Leaf vacuuming occurs on Mondays starting on October 23 with the final collection in late December.

-Leaves should be raked to the edge of the curb, but not in the street.

-Please do not place leaves in bags. Take care that limbs, rocks, and 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.

School Bus Safety

September means school is back in session. With multiple school bus stops on Brookville Road, please remember:

Never pass a bus from behind or from either direction if it is stopped to load or unload children. **It is not only dangerous but it is illegal.**

If yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop sign is extended, you must stop.

Leland Court Work

Section 5 had an *initial* discussion with an outside consultant to address necessary upgrades to Leland Court. The work includes curb and gutter work, sidewalks, and street maintenance. The work planned is extensive and will require significant planning. At the appropriate time, the Section will be in contact with Leland Court residents directly to discuss the full extent of the work. Work will likely start next spring depending on contractor availability.

Off-Leash Dogs

Please remember that 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 \$500 fine.

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 so that we can welcome you appropriately!

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Welcome to New Residents

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

- Annie and Alex Laios - 3818 Williams Lane

We also mourn the loss of two long-time residents: Wilson Hulley, who passed away on July 28, and Roberta Rosenbaum, who passed away on August 18.

The Section extends our heartfelt sympathy to Wilson's wife, Deb, and her sister, Bev, as well as Roberta's husband, Ira.

Building Permits

- 3600 Thornapple Street - Replace existing fence / Permit Approved
- 3606 Thornapple Street - Driveway and drainage work with the appropriate stormwater management plans / Permit Approved
- 3608 Thornapple Street - New fence, patio, deck rails, and yard grading including the appropriate stormwater management plans / Permit Approved
- 3701 Underwood Street - Construct a backyard deck and replace an existing fence / Permit Approved
- 3703 Underwood Street - Replace portion of existing fence and construct a new fence / Permit Approved
- 3802 Williams Lane - Construct a two story addition including appropriate stormwater management plans / Permit Approved
- 3818 Williams Lane - Driveway and drainage work with the appropriate stormwater management plans / Permit Approved
- 3540 Woodbine Street—Installation of a new sump pump / Permit Approved

Tree Removal Permits

- 3600 Thornapple Street - Private Tree Removal

Please Plan Ahead — Building Permit Review Times

As a reminder, building permit review may take several weeks, so please build time into your project schedule to allow for a complete review.

Section 5 contracts with OIPA, a civil engineering and surveying firm located in Wheaton, Maryland. OIPA engineers, Peter Noursi and Lance Ball, now handle all building application review for the Section.

Peter and Lance also work in a similar capacity for several other area Chevy Chase municipalities so at times there are *numerous* applications submitted at once. They work hard to address each one in a timely manner, but review can be complicated and lengthy. When submitting an application, please take care to make sure to read the form carefully and include all the required documents.

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.