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The Quarterly



SNOW! SNOW! SNOW!

Please remember, if it snows or the forecast calls for snow--park your cars off the streets and in your driveways so the plows can do their work. If the snowfall is deep, please clear a safe path to your household trash cans or leave household trash curbside on trash collection days. Section 5's crew will shovel the public sidewalks if the snowfall reaches two inches.

Requiescat in Pace

Ms. Constance Demaree, a longtime resident of Leland Ct., died June 5, 2010 with her loved ones at her side. Ms. Demaree will be sorely missed. Section 5 extends its deepest sympathies to her family.

RECYCLE BINS

Please take a look at the inside of your recycle bins, especially the green one and if the residue from your recyclables has collected there, please wash it. Our trash hauler can refuse to collect the recyclables if the bins are dirty.

Need new recycling bins? Please call the manager at 301-986-5481 or email manager@chevychase5.org.

NEW POLICE PATROLS

The Council has recently signed a contract with the Montgomery County Police Department to employ off-duty County officers to patrol Section 5 streets for twenty hours per month. These patrols will begin December 1, 2010. The schedule for these officers will vary from month to month.

"ALERT MONTGOMERY" For Emergency Information

Residents are encouraged to sign up for direct and timely electronic alerts about severe weather, traffic problems and other emergencies by going to [Alert Montgomery](http://AlertMontgomery) at alert.montgomerycountymd.gov. You may designate alerts to be sent to one or more of your electronic devices, including cell phones, text pagers, and wireless devices, along with home and work emails.

Holiday Collection

Each year Section 5 residents have an opportunity to say thanks in a special way to the men who collect the trash and recyclables for Montgomery County Sanitation and Recycling. You may send your check payable to **Section 5** to the Manager, 6607 Dalkeith St., Chevy Chase, MD 20815. After the collection is completed, the funds will be distributed to the employees.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council meeting will be held December 14, 2010, at 7:30 pm at the Village Hall, 5906 Connecticut Avenue. **The installation of traffic calming devices on Section 5's streets will be discussed.** There is handicap

access to the meeting room. Everyone is welcome.

Section 5 Building Permits

Making construction plans? You need a permit from Section 5 as well as Montgomery County before any work may begin. Please contact the Section 5 Manager with any questions at 301-986-5481 or email her at: manager@chevychase5.org.

WELCOME TO SECTION 5

Craig and Stasi Brown have recently moved into 3608 Thornapple St. with their two children Olivia age 11 and Cameron age 9. Stasi's cell number is 301-873-0403 and her email is stasib@ymail.com.



September Block Party

Section 5 for the first time this last September had to reschedule its famous block party. The weather was spectacular all day on Saturday, Sept. 11th the day before the party; however, that Sunday morning, Sept. 12th, the day of the planned party, rain fell all day. It was nail-biting time for the manager; however, the party was postponed until the next Sunday and the weather

cooperated on that date; it was a lovely fall day.

There was a new slide in the shape of a fire engine and Section 5's youngsters were the first ones to use the new slide and had great fun. There was a moon bounce where children of all ages spent hours jumping and falling into heaps of laughter. For our teenagers there were several games and they kept them busy.

There was food catered by Rio Grande and many residents could be seen eating and having a grand time talking to old friends as well as new ones. Finally in anticipation of the arrival of the ice cream man, people of all ages lined up. It was reported that some residents were seen in line for ice cream several times and it wasn't just children. Everyone had a wonderful time.

LOCK YOUR CAR

Lock your car even when it is parked in your driveway or in front of your house. One recently arrested thief boasted to a Chevy Chase police officer, "You think this is going to stop because you arrested me! The word is out, Montgomery County is the place to go..." **To report a crime in progress call 911. To report a crime that has occurred, call the non-emergency number: 301-279-8000.**

Things Burglars wouldn't like you to know

The tips below from burglars contain some old stuff said in a new way.

- **You're right:** I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.

- **A loud TV or radio** can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a **\$35 device** that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real TV. Find it at: www.faketv.com.
- Sometimes, I carry a **clipboard**. Sometimes, I dress like a **lawn guy** and carry a rake. I do my best never ever to look like a crook.



BROOKVILLE ROAD UPDATE

Construction of the Brookville Road sidewalk had a beginning ceremony Saturday, October 2, at 9 am at the Brookville Road Park. Visit the Village site at www.ccvillage.org for updates on the project.

There were three important aspects of the original design which were retained in the final design:

- 1) The walkway should be a space separated from vehicular traffic,
- 2) The walkway should be installed at grade rather than elevated level, and
- 3) The walkway should not be made of concrete.

The results of the final negotiations determined that the walkway surface will be composed of

gravel and held in place with a plastic honey-combed matrix. Gravel in this construction will be environmentally friendly, handicapped accessible and will replicate both the color and texture of the walking surface as it exists naturally along the corridor today.

(Similar surfaces may be seen at the Pentagon's recently opened 911 Memorial.) The sidewalk width will vary from a minimum of just under 3 feet for about half of its length to a maximum of 5 feet for the other half of its length.

The divider between vehicles and pedestrians will be made of rough-sawn timbers with a steel backing plate for additional strength and impact resistance. The timbers will be 6"x8" pressure treated material that will weather to a grey hue. The divider will have a rustic look but be strong. The surface will be elevated 2 inches above the ground level to allow the free flow of rainwater onto the porous sidewalk. The roadway will shift to the west at three points along the existing asphalt road surface. In two of those locations the shift will be 1 1/2 feet or less. The handicapped access ramps tactile warning surface will be made of cast iron.

Walking After Dark

When you walk after the sun has set, please remember to wear some sort of reflective clothing so that motorists will be able to see you. This is particularly important during this time of year when daylight is limited. It is very difficult to people wearing dark clothing and on-coming headlights exacerbate the problem.

Chevy Chase Library Discussion Group

The Non-Fiction Book Group meets in the Library Meeting Room on the fourth Thursday of each month at 2:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

MCPS Superintendent Releases Plan for B-CC Cluster

On October 15, MCPS Superintendent Jerry Weast released a report containing his plan on how to address existing and anticipated space deficit issues within Montgomery County schools, including those in the B-CC Cluster. His report did not propose an addition to Chevy Chase Elementary School (CCES), consistent with the recommendations of the CCES Capacity Study that was commissioned by MCPS to identify options to expand the school. The report also recommends building an addition to Rosemary Hills Primary School, which is the school that Section 5 children attend from kindergarten through second grade. Part of the Superintendent's plan is to open a new middle school in the B-CC Cluster and then move the sixth grades at Chevy Chase and North Chevy Chase Elementary Schools to that new school, which would be built within the next ten years. In the meantime, the report recommends providing a comparable middle school education to the sixth graders at the elementary schools.

MVA On Wheels

According to MVA their mobile office will be in Friendship Heights between 10 am and 2 pm on the following dates during the first half of 2011 (All 4th Mondays unless noted):

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| Jan. 24 | April 25 |
| Feb. 28 | May 23 |
| March 21 (3rd Mon.) | June 20(3rd. Mon) |

HOUSE LIGHT ON?

Remember that your front porch light or path light helps illuminate the front of your house and the sidewalks and improves Section 5 safety.

Share What You No Longer Need

Don't throw it away! **A Wider Circle** is a charity located in Bethesda. It would be delighted to have your household goods. This wonderful nonprofit charity, which comes to pick up items, serves needy people who have very little. Call 301-657-1010 to donate; visit www.awidercircle.org to learn more.

Recycling Collection Holidays

When a holiday falls on a Monday, recycling collection will be on the following Wednesday. Trash collection holidays are New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

Hazardous Waste Disposal

The Household Hazardous Waste receiving area at the Shady Grove Solid Waste Transfer Station is located in the recycling drop-off section of the public unloading area, 16101 Frederick Rd. Derwood, MD 20855. Please use the car entrance to the facility. The drop-off is open daily 9 am to 5 pm (Monday - Sunday). Household hazardous waste can only be received during these hours - please do not drop off this material at other times. All batteries are accepted (alkaline batteries may be put in regular trash), fertilizers with herbicides, fluorescent light tubes and bulbs, including CFLs, herbicides, insecticides, mercury containing items, oil-based paints, paint thinners, pesticides, used motor oil and most other oils. For a complete list of items accepted or more

information, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling.

Donate Your Bikes--Don't Trash Them

Bikes for the World is a project sponsored by the Washington Area Bicyclist Association whose mission is to collect valuable but unwanted bicycles and related material (parts, tools and accessories) in the U.S. and deliver them at low cost to community development programs assisting poor people in developing countries. Visit their website at www.bikesfortheworld.org for details.

Cyber Security--Choosing a Password

Most people use passwords that are based on personal information and are easy to remember. However, that also makes it easy for an attacker to guess or crack them.

Tips for selecting a password:

- Use a combination of numbers, special characters, and both upper and lower-case letters.
- Do not use passwords based on personal information that can be easily accessed or guessed.
- Longer passwords are more secure than shorter ones because there are more characters to guess.
- Consider using a phrase instead of a word, but avoid common phrases, famous quotations, and song lyrics.

Songbird Stalkers

Tips for preventing domestic cats from killing song birds:

- Place bird feeders in an open area, at least nine to 10 ft. from vegetation.

- Elevate bird feeders so that they are at least six feet from the ground.
- Capture scattered seeds with trays to prevent ground feeding.

Washington Gas

Washington Gas expects a slight decrease in winter heating bills and encourages customers to prepare for heating season.

Tips to prepare your home for winter:

- Change or clean furnace/air filters once a month and schedule an annual furnace or boiler check-up with a licensed professional.
- Caulk and weather strip around doors and windows.
- Install rubber gaskets behind outlet and switch plates.
- Turn the water heater down to warm or low settings, never increase the setting to more than 120 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Wash full loads of laundry and dishes.
- Use cold water for laundry using specially formulated cold-water detergents.
- Consider installing new, high-efficient appliances
- Look for the ENERGY STAR energy-efficient product label.
- Consider purchasing a programmable thermostat, which automatically lowers the temperature setting at night and increases the setting during the day.