



The Quarterly

IMPORTANT TAX FILING INFO FOR SECTION 5 RESIDENTS

Section 5 receives \$.17 from each state income tax dollar which the State of Maryland receives from Section 5 residents. This amount is the largest source of income for Section 5. Please write "Section 5" in the box marked "City, town or taxing area" on tax form 502.

Section 5 Council: Andrew Smith, Chairman; Peter Gray, Vice-Chairman; Karin Flynn, Treasurer; Chris Richardson, Secretary; Alec French, Building Inspector.

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FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 AUDIT COMPLETED

The audit is an overview and analysis of the financial activities of Section 5 for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 2010. Lindsay & Associates, CPA, performed this audit which is required by the State of Maryland.

In the fiscal year 2008-2009 State income tax revenues were \$603,225 whereas in fiscal year 2009-2010 they were only \$412,451. The State Highway User fee went from \$29,177 in 2008-2009 to \$2,856 in 2009-2010. This money is given by the State to Section 5 according to the number of miles of roads in the town and the number of registered automobiles which Section 5 residents own. The interest income which Section 5's monies earn during the year went from \$42,486 in 2008-2009 to \$21,663 in 2009-2010.

In spite of the economic downturn which was the cause of the decreased revenues Section 5 continues to be in sound financial health.

TRASH MEN SAY "THANKS"

Section 5 residents were again this year very generous in their contributing to the holiday fund for the trash collectors. The generosity of Section 5 residents is outstanding! The men express their heartfelt gratitude for your generosity.

NEXT SECTION 5 COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 8, 2011**, at the Village Hall, 5906 Connecticut Ave. at 7:30pm. You may obtain a copy of the proposed agenda by contacting the manager 301-986-5481 or by email manager@chevychase5.org.

Roy Gordon, Village Police Chief

Chief Roy Gordon died January 28 from complications of acute leukemia. Roy had been with the CCV police for 15 years, 10 of those years as Chief.

He was very good friend to Section 5, responding to all the calls by manager for help with police matters. He remained a great help even when Section 5 no longer contracted with the Village for police patrols. Section 5 contributed flowers to his funeral service. Chief Gordon will be greatly missed here in Section 5.

Overgrown Vegetation on Sidewalks

Now that winter is almost over please take a few minutes to walk your property and ensure that vegetation from your yard is not extending into the sidewalks. We need our sidewalks clear of all obstructions so that pedestrians may enjoy the benefit of our sidewalks.

CHEVY CHASE LAKE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) is working on a very significant zoning issue that could ultimately have an effect on Section 5. MNCPPC is developing a new zoning category that would create a new zoning classification, CR Zone, or Commercial/Residential Zone. This new type of zoning classification would allow major expansions of the very baseline of what may be built in Chevy Chase.

This new zoning classification will affect the Chevy Chase Lake area. The redevelopment of the Chevy Chase Lake area will include commercial, residential and retail space. The redevelopment is in anticipation of construction of the Purple Line.

Section 5 has joined the other abutting towns and created the Connecticut Avenue Corridor Committee to examine, monitor,

share and communicate our concerns about the effect of this development on the neighboring communities as they now exist.

CHECK YOUR HOUSE NUMBER

Pepco has notified the town that it is very important for them to have visible house numbers so that they can easily identify addresses during outages. **CHECK YOUR HOUSE NUMBER!**

SECTION 5 BUILDING PERMITS

Making construction plans? You need a permit from Section 5 as well as Montgomery County before any work may begin. If you plan to **replace** your driveway, you must obtain a permit and the new driveway must be pervious. Please contact the manager with any questions at 301-986-5481 or manager@chevyhchase5.org.

PEPCO RELIABILITY PLAN

Pepco executives Charles Washington, the chief of the governmental affairs office and Kevin McGowan, the Vice-president for PEPCO Holdings, have created a six point reliability plan for more responsible delivery of power to area residents.

- *Enhanced Vegetation Management* This includes tree trimming to ensure

good clearance between power lines and existing trees in the right-a-way.

- *Upgrade the Worst Priority Feeders:* Each year Pepco selects the worst performing feeders and conducts an investigation to determine the cause and necessary corrective actions. A feeder is one electric distribution line that supplies power to approximately 1,100 homes within a specific geographic area.
- *Examine Load Growth* Each year Pepco evaluates the need to add or upgrade feeders in order to reliably supply new customers and support increased usage required by existing customers.
- *Automate Power Distribution Information* This involves installing advanced control systems across the distribution system to allow the system to identify faults and perform switching automatically. This will isolate the failed pieces of equipment and restore most of the affected customers within minutes of the failure.
- *Speed Up Underground Residential Distribution Cable Replacement* This is a

longstanding program to replace cable that was installed in the 1970's to prevent future failures and to increase the reliability of the distribution system. In 2011, Pepco is expanding this program by 20 percent.

- *Improve Substation Performance* Measures are already being taken to harden the high-voltage substation supply lines to reduce the number of tree-related outages, thereby decreasing the incidence of outages.

Chapter 31 B Montgomery County Code - Noise Control
31-6 Noise Level and Noise Disturbance Standards for Construction

(a) Maximum allowable noise levels for construction

(1) A person must not cause or permit noise levels from construction activity that exceed the following levels:

(A) From 7 am to 5 pm weekdays:

(i) 75 dBA

Limits shall apply on weekends and holidays from 9 am to 5 pm. Failure to adhere to these limits can lead to the issuance of a stop work order.

POLICE PATROLS

The County off-duty police patrols on Section 5's streets began Feb. 1st. The schedule for these officers will vary from month to month--some patrols will be during the day and some at night.

Special Exception Request for 6705 Connecticut Ave. Denied

Responding to opposition from the Town and Chevy Chase Section 3 the County's Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings (OZAH) has denied a special exception request to permit an expansion of a day care facility at 6705 Connecticut Ave. Section 5 did not take a position on this issue. The daycare is located in Section 3 across from Rosemary St.

One of the reasons for this denial is the concern that increased traffic related to the daycare expansion could pose additional hazards for children walking across Connecticut Ave. to Chevy Chase Elementary School.

Celebrating Chevy Chase Day

Chevy Chase residents of all ages, mark your calendars now and plan to enjoy an afternoon of old-fashioned fun hosted by the Chevy Chase Historical Society (CCHS) at the Jane E. Lawton Center, 4301 Willow Lane, Sunday, May 1.

Residents from Section 5 and the other historic Chevy Chase neighborhoods will be invited to

celebrate the community's shared history by videotaping your own Chevy Chase story, checking out new items in the CCHS collection, watching the kids complete a special art project and enjoying old-time party games. And since 2011 marks CCHS' 30th anniversary, a special birthday cake will be served.

If you would like to volunteer to help for a while at this fun event, drop a line to chevychasehistory@msn.com.

CHEVY CHASE AT HOME

They are open for business as of January 15th. Chevy Chase At Home is now providing members with access to a broad network of services, such as transportation to appointments and social and cultural activities, help with marketing and errands, as well as home services, including computer and other technical help and minor maintenance tasks. All of these will be performed by their ever-growing corps of trained volunteers. Volunteer assistance is included in the initial annual membership fee of \$250 per household. To find out more about joining or becoming a volunteer, call their Administrator, Janet Regan at 301-657-3115 or go to their website: www.chevychaseathome.org.

7300 Pearl St. Project Approved

In early December, the Planning Board approved a plan for the development of a 9-story office building located at 7300 Pearl St., at the corner of Pearl St. and the Capital Crescent Trail adjacent to the Town of Chevy Chase. The building will add additional office space to the Air Rights Center. As part of the off-site amenity requirements for the development application, the construction company, Donohoe Development Company, provided contributions to renovate the Elm Street Park playground.



County Police offer Senior Citizens Movies, Fun and Information

The Montgomery County Police Department is offering a great new opportunity for seniors to have some fun and gather some information with the help of "The Movies at Montgomery Theaters" at Westfield Mall. The County Police Department offers a morning of safety information for seniors, door prizes and a FREE movie beginning at 9:30 am.

The fun and information can be found at "The Movies at Westfield Montgomery Theatres", 7101 Democracy Blvd. in Bethesda. To verify the film being shown, call The Movies at Montgomery Theaters at 301-469-5180. Gather a group of friends and head on over!

- April 6, 2011 **Nine--with Daniel Day Lewis**
- May 4, 2011 **The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo**
- June 1, 2011 **Back Up Plan**