



Chevy Chase Citizens NEWS

February 2016

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Calendar

February

- 8—ANC 3/4G Meeting, 7:00 pm, Community Center
- 10—CCCA Exec. Comm., 7:30 pm, Community Center
- 13—Sweet Tea Party (ages 4-10), 1 to 3 pm, Community Center. (Call 282-2204 to register)
- 18—CCCA Meeting, Celebration of Local Arts, 6:30 pm, Community Center
- 22—ANC 3/4G Meeting, 7:00 pm, Community Center
- 24—2nd Dist. Citizens Advisory Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, 3320 Idaho Ave., NW

March

- 1—PSA 201 Meeting, 7:30 pm, Community Center
- 9—CCCA Exec. Comm., 7:30 pm, Community Center
- 14—ANC 3/4G Meeting, 7:00 pm, Community Center

Program Note

Our regular meeting in March will be on Tuesday, March 15, at 7:30 pm. Northwest Neighbors Village is co-sponsoring the program: *Be Smart—Don't Be Scammed At Home Or Online*, which will discuss the latest fraudulent schemes coming to our homes and affecting personal safety. Look for details in our March Newsletter.

NEXT MEETING 6:30 PM, THURSDAY, FEB. 18

Talented Chevy Chase; An Evening of Youth Performances

It's hard to meet a family that doesn't have at least one child taking some form of music or dance lesson. But learning an instrument is not enough; it's important a child plays in front of an audience. And what better audience than your neighbors?

This month, the Association will highlight the performing arts, specifically song, musical and dance numbers from our area youth. We want to give any school-aged child an opportunity to perform at our membership meeting on February 18th. Confirmed are a classical pianist, a singer/songwriter and a 1970's singer/guitarist. There are still slots available, so if you would like to perform, are a parent to a performer, or live next door to a talented student, let us know so we can book them! For more information or to secure a performance spot, please contact Dean Rubin at dean@Inf.com

All are welcome to attend the meeting and enjoy the performances on Thursday, Feb. 18, at 6:30 pm, at the Chevy Chase Community Center (5601 Conn. Ave., NW). Light refreshments will be served. Please note that, this month, the meeting is on the third Thursday, instead of the usual third Tuesday, and starts an hour earlier than usual.

CCCA Celebrates Community At Our December Meeting.

CCCA hosted a holiday celebration of community with cookie decorating and an ice cream social at the Chevy Chase Community Center. See inside for details.—*Photo by S. Nolan*



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December Membership Meeting Report

CCCA Celebrates Community Amid Holiday Season

At our latest meeting in December, the Chevy Chase Citizens Association hosted a holiday celebration of community with cookie decorat-



Children enjoy decorating cookies at the December Meeting.—*Photo by S. Nolan*

ing and an ice cream social at the Chevy Chase Community Center, in the afternoon on the first Saturday in December.

We thank association business member Jon Laskin's State Farm Insurance for sponsoring the ice cream, which was supplied and delivered by business member Broad Branch Market's catering service. The association provided homemade cookies, icing and decorations. Included in the cookie designs were trees, stars, candy canes, dreidels, stockings, snowmen, snowflakes, and santas. More than 50 adults and children enjoyed chocolate, strawberry and vanilla ice cream while waiting for the icing on their beautifully decorated cookies to dry. From the very young to the seniors, everyone enjoyed decorating and eating the cookies.

Neighborhood Caroling Lifts Holiday Spirits

Association member Marelise Voss (center wearing a red shirt and a Christmas Fool jester hat) led a merry band of carolers who regaled passersby along the Chevy Chase commercial corridor with traditional and contemporary holiday songs. Voss, who recently moved to the neighborhood, welcomed all comers, supplying song books, bells, shakers, and drums! At times, the carolers sang in multi-part harmony and even a descant. Businesses welcomed the carolers with association business member Periwinkle Gifts, surprising the revelers with chocolates. A great time was had by all! Hopefully, this will



be the beginning of a new Chevy Chase DC tradition.—*Photo by J. Lawlor*



Snowzilla Takes A Toll

In January, the "Snowzilla" blizzard dumped two feet of snow on the District, shutting down the city for several days, as residents weathered the storm and then dug out from the snow. District snow plows crisscrossed the city, starting with major arteries and working down to neighborhood streets. In our area, a plow got stuck on Utah Ave. NW and spun its wheels until a fire started that consumed the truck. Another plow was abandoned on 33rd St. NW for 36 hours and the neighbors decorated it with holiday lights to cheer up an otherwise difficult situation.—*Photo by J. Grayson*

Muralist Enlivens Neighborhood

On a sunny day in Chevy Chase DC, artist Jarrett Ferrier is a magnet for the curious. Working on a new mural for association business member Barstons Child's Play, 5536 Connecticut Ave NW, Ferrier draws the attention of passersby. What is he painting for the toy store? How does an artist translate a small rendering into a mural large enough for a commercial building?

Child's Play's owner Steven Aarons worked with Jarrett Ferrier of Schwa Design Group to design a mural emblazoned with "Child's Play." A toyscape of classic amusements burst out of the frame: a train, jack-in-the-box, castle, robot, airplane, soccer ball, Legos, and a pair of dice. The mural is a work in progress with Ferrier adding 3-D and neon elements in the coming year.

Ferrier has long experience with residential and commercial murals, including a beach scene inside association business member Jetties sandwich, soup, and salad shop one block north at 5632 Connecticut Ave., N.W. For each, he paints a small version, creates a grid overlay, and then painstakingly paints each square of the grid at life size to create the final work.

Ferrier's best-known work in our neighborhood is "One Man's Recollections," a baseball-themed installation on the outside of Circle Wine & Spirits, 5501 Connecticut Ave NW. The mural reflects a life spent loving the game at Washington's Griffith Stadium, the former major league park in D.C. that was demolished in 1965. It is portrayed in six separate

panels: "The Excitement Builds," "Off to Griffith," "Getting Our Tickets," "The Hotdog Vendor," "To The Bleachers!" and "Play Ball!" "There was something very special and unique about interviewing the client and watching his face as some of his fondest moments of his childhood came flooding back," Ferrier says on his blog. He adds, "I've received emails and phone calls expressing how many others have come to recall their experiences of going to games as kids."



"Child's Play" mural—Photo by J. Lawlor

Renovated Library Opens Doors

Just in time to offer a new indoor activity as the snow melted, our Chevy Chase DC Neighborhood Library reopened on February 1, after a nearly three-month renovation. The library is at 5625 Connecticut Ave., NW, just north of the Chevy Chase Community Center at Connecticut Ave. and McKinley St., NW. The library has resumed its regular hours of operation: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 9:30 am-9 pm; Thursday 1pm-9 pm; Friday and Saturday 9:30 am-5:30 pm; and Sunday 1 pm-5 pm.

The \$650,000 renovation focused on the facility's first floor. The work includes new flooring; fresh paint; new tables, chairs and lounge seating; a combined information and check out desk with an Express Check Out machine; seating by windows to take advantage of natural light; power outlets at all reader tables, and designated stroller parking. There also are new display spaces and fixtures, space for Friends of the Chevy Chase DC Library book sale items; computers and copiers in a single area for better service; a larger, more welcoming teen space, featuring four MAC computers and more seating. Staff areas have new furniture, storage and work stations, locked equipment storage and staff lounge improvements. All spaces meet

Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

Barbara Elkus, our association's library liaison, says, "The renovation was from old and tired and drab to new and clean and welcoming, and a better floor plan." Ellen Epstein, president of the library friends, is "very excited about the renovations and resuming our regular Saturday book sales. I've been relying on the e-book lending and the Martin Luther King Jr. main library, so I'll be happy to have a neighborhood library again." FOLio, the friends group's bookstore on the second floor, has a collection of 7,000+ used books, DVDs, CDs and audio books. Most of the stock is donated by generous neighbors and friends, and much is in like-new condition. FOLio has everything from current bestsellers to classics, for children and adults. Most items are \$5 or less. Trade fiction is \$2, pocket-size books are \$.50. The bookstore is now accepting donations again. It is open for sales every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., starting Feb. 6. On the first Saturday of every month, Friends of the Library members can purchase anything half-price. Memberships are as low as \$10. Planned activities at the library can be seen at its website, dclibrary.org/chevychase. The friends group's website is ccdclibraryfriends.org.

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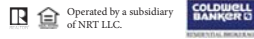
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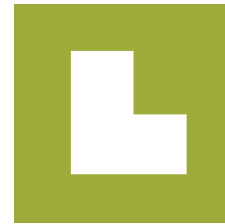
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