



Chevy Chase Citizens NEWS

May 2017

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Calendar

May

- 6—Friends of Ch. Ch. Circle's "Pruning Party," 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Chevy Chase Circle
- 8—ANC 3/4G Meeting, 7:00 pm, Community Center
- 10—CCCA Exec. Comm., 7:30 pm, Community Center
- 10—Hist. Ch. Ch. DC Meeting, 7:30 pm, Community Center
- 13—Lafayette Elementary School Spring Fair, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, 5701 Broad Branch Road, NW
- 20—CCCA Annual Elections and Meeting, 1:30 pm, Community Center
- 20—CCCA Public Safety Meeting, 2:00 to 4:00 pm, PNC Bank Parking Lot, 5530 Conn. Ave., NW
- 22—ANC 3/4G Meeting, 7:00 pm, Community Center
- 24—2nd Dist. Citizens Advisory Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, 3320 Idaho Ave., NW

June

- 12—ANC 3/4G Meeting, 7:00 pm, Community Center
- 26—ANC 3/4G Meeting, 7:00 pm, Community Center

Have A Great Summer



Our next newsletter will be our summer issue in July. In addition, watch our Web site, chevychasecitizens.org, and our weekly column in the Northwest Current for news of our activities over the summer.

Next Meeting 1:30 pm, Saturday, May 20

Come Meet And Learn About Our Local Public Safety Groups

Join us on Saturday, May 20, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, in the PNC Bank Parking Lot, 5530 Connecticut Avenue NW, for our Annual Public Safety Meeting. This year's event will be an opportunity for kids and adults alike to come out and get to know our local public safety groups, including Metropolitan Police Department's 2nd District and DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services personnel. Prior to the event, we will meet at 1:30 pm, in the nearby Chevy Chase Community Center, 5601 Connecticut Avenue, NW, to elect association officers for 2017-18, as well as briefly conduct any other association business. (See inside for details on the election.) *Please note that the meeting is in the afternoon on the third Saturday of the month, instead of the usual third Tuesday evening.*

The MPD 2nd District and DC Fire and EMS will be on hand to showcase some of their specialized equipment and to provide kids an opportunity to explore them. Other activities include:

- **LIDAR station**—measure vehicle speeds along Connecticut Avenue with members of the 2nd District
- **Public Safety Trivia**—learn more about our public safety agency and win prizes
- **Donut Hole Eating Contest**—enjoy tasty snacks and win prizes

This event will be a great opportunity for the community to come together and get to know those who serve and protect us while having a bit of fun as well. All are welcome to attend. Hot dogs and burgers will be served. Please bring your families and join us on the 20th!

Annual Green Meeting

Our Annual Green Meeting in April featured presentations by representatives of three groups, each helping the environment in different ways: Friends of Chevy Chase Circle, Chesapeake Climate Action Network, and District Solar. Sam Brooks (left), co-founder of District Solar, discussed ways to make installing solar power more affordable. We also learned about the friends group's efforts to improve and maintain Chevy Chase Circle and CCAN's efforts to ban fracking in Maryland and to promote carbon pricing in DC. See inside for details.—*Photo by S. Nolan*



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- www.dc.gov
- Police/Fire: 911
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Parks and Recreation

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Chevy Chase Community Center 282-2204

CCCA To Elect 2017-18 Officers

The annual election for the Association's officer positions will take place at this month's general meeting, starting at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, May 20, at the Chevy Chase Community Center.

Four current officers have each been re-nominated for another one-year term in their current positions: Deean Rubin, president; Catherine (Kate) Barnes-Domotor, first vice president; Robert Gordon, second vice president; and Sandra Cihlar, treasurer.

In addition, Jory Barone has been nominated for secretary. She and her husband have lived in Chevy Chase DC for over 30 years. Jory is currently a part-time medical librarian at MedStar Washington Hospital Center. Previously, she worked for government contracting firms as a manager on health information and education projects for NIH and CDC. She is a volunteer for a local mentoring group that serves girls, and enjoys taking yoga classes in the neighborhood. Her two sons attended Lafayette Elementary school and live in Washington, DC. Jory currently serves as assistant secretary (an appointed position).

Nancy Taylor has been re-nominated to At-Large Member of the Nominating Committee, a position that will also be elected at the May membership meeting. She has served in that position for the past four years. Taylor is a longtime Chevy Chase DC resident and neighborhood realtor. Finally, the Association is grateful to our current secretary Anne Mascolino for her diligent service over the past three years.

April Meeting Report

Groups Discuss Ways To Help Sustain The Environment

Our Annual Green Meeting in April featured presentations by representatives of three groups, each helping the environment in different ways: Friends of Chevy Chase Circle, Chesapeake Climate Action Network, and District Solar.

Friends of Chevy Chase Circle is a nonprofit organization made up of businesses, neighbors and civic groups who work with the National Park Service to maintain and improve our local gateway to DC. At our meeting, Kristen Kent of Kristen Kent Gardens in Chevy Chase, Md., shared her landscaping plan for the circle with the vision that it can be incorporated in both directions along Connecticut Avenue. The goal is to use drought- and salt-tolerant plants that are also resistant to deer. With the help of the Casey Trees organization, the group has cleaned up the area around the fountain and has planted six new willow oaks. The funding and beautification relies heavily on volunteers, including for the group's May 6th "Pruning Party." (See From The Neighborhood item for details about the "Pruning Party.") For more information, visit FriendsOfChevyChaseCircle.org.

Next, Camilla Thorndike of Chesapeake Climate Action Network (CCAN) shared how the

group has been dealing with environmental issues specific to the DC area. CCAN's biggest effort recently was successful, as Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan signed an across-the-board ban on fracking in the state. The group now is focusing on carbon pricing—charging a fee to every company using fossil fuels. It hopes that DC will become a leader on this issue. For details, visit chesapeakeclimate.org.

Our last speaker was Sam Brooks, co-founder of District Solar. This company acts as a broker between solar power providers and households. The cost of installing solar power can be prohibitive for many. District Solar arranges solar power deals for an area or neighborhood cluster, with the solar provider covering the cost of installation for each cluster. A high percentage of the credit for using solar is passed to the installer and not the household. Still, for many families solar power could help lower energy bills. For more information, visit districtsolar-power.com.

Finally, a scheduled vote on a proposed increase in individual membership dues was postponed and may, with appropriate notice, be considered at a subsequent meeting.

Thefts From Auto And Stolen Autos Cause Concern

While violent crime in our Police Service Area (PSA) 201, where most of our members live, remains typically low, there has recently been a concerning spike in reported thefts from automobiles and stolen automobiles.

For the 30-day period from March 27 to April 25, there were no violent crimes reported compared to one last year for the same period. Reports of property crimes, however, increased to 27 from 15, primarily due increases in thefts from automobiles to 15 from 7 and stolen automobiles to 5 from 0. Otherwise, there were just 2 reported burglaries (compared to 3 last year) and 5 reported thefts (the same as last year).

Second District Commander Melvin Gresham has provided assurance that patrols have been

increased in the area including the deployment of a crime suppression team consisting of one sergeant and seven officers.

According to Gresham, some thieves are believed to be using a tool that bounces a signal off nearby key fobs (*i.e.*, keyless entry devices) that enable the thieves to open locked car doors and to start cars with push button ignitions. He suggested keeping key fobs in enclosed spaces, such as drawers, in the area of the house furthest from the vehicle.

The best way to deter thefts from automobiles is to take any valuable items when leaving the vehicle. As this is typically a crime of opportunity, leaving valuables, even loose change, in plain sight provides an attraction for thieves.

From The Neighborhood

Friends of Chevy Chase Circle

On Saturday, May 6th, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, come out for a “pruning party” to help trim the out-sized azalea bushes on Chevy Chase Circle. Jointly sponsored by the Friends of Chevy Chase Circle, the National Park Service and girls’ Venture Crew 255, all will be on hand to help even those new to pruning. You are encouraged to bring your sun hat and a hand trimmer. Crossing guards will be available to help volunteers safely into the Circle. For details, visit FriendsOfChevyChaseCircle.org.

Lafayette Spring Fair

Lafayette Elementary School’s annual Spring Fair is Saturday, May 13, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, at 5701 Broad Branch Road, NW. Come out for an afternoon of games, rides, food, used book sale, and fun! All profits from the Spring Fair benefit programs for the children at Lafayette Elementary. For more information, visit lafayettehsa.org.

Combatting Financial Abuse of Seniors

On Wednesday, May 24, at 7:00 pm, at the Chevy Chase Community Center, Jimmy Rock, Deputy Director of the Office of Consumer Protection in the DC Attorney General’s Office, will discuss new steps to combat financial abuse of seniors as well as a range of other actions the DC government is

taking. The program is sponsored by Northwest Neighbors Village, a volunteer-based, community first non-profit that provides a network of support with neighbors giving neighbors the confidence and practical help to thrive as they age while staying healthy, engaged and connected to the community. All are welcome to attend.

Carnegie Institution of Science

On Thursday, May 25, the Carnegie Institution of Science is featuring a free public lecture, *Mars, Moons, Missions & Microbes: Life As We Don’t Know It – How Do We Find It?* by Dr. Andrew Steele, from the institution’s Geophysical Laboratory. The lecture is scheduled for 6:30 pm, in the Greenwalt Building, at 5421 Broad Branch Road NW, and is preceded by light refreshments. Parking is available on the campus as well as the street. Registration is required. For details, visit carnegiescience.edu/events.

Historic Chevy Chase DC

In this anniversary year, Historic Chevy Chase DC will present an illustrated discussion of how General John “Black Jack” Pershing—who later lived in Chevy Chase DC for a time—led the American Expeditionary Force to victory in The Great War. The speaker will be archivist and military historian Dr. Mitchell Yockelson, author of “Forty-Seven Days: How

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671-2700

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671-3368 (inc. traffic signals)

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671-5133

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Director-673-6833

Pothole Repair

311 or 727-1000

Parking Services

737-4400

Solid Waste Admin.

645-7190

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Pershing's Warriors Came of Age to Defeat the German Army in World War I." The event will take place on Wednesday, May 10, at 7:30 pm, at the Chevy Chase Community Center. Admission is free, and all are welcome. HCCDC will hold a brief membership meeting after the presentation. For more information, visit historicchevychasedc.org.

Police Appreciation

On Thursday, May 18, from 10 am to midnight, the 2nd District MPD Citizens Advisory Council will feed members of the police department serving the 2nd District, which includes Chevy Chase DC, in this 16th annual expression of appreciation. Pitch in by volunteering to serve food at the 2nd District headquarters, 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW, or donating prepared desserts, side dishes or beverages. To sign up, contact Brian Turmail at turmailb@agc.org.

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