



Chevy Chase Citizens NEWS

December 2015-January 2016

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Calendar

December

1-PSA 201 Meeting,
7:30 pm, Community Center

5-CCCA Cookie Decorating
and Ice Cream Social 2-4 pm,
Community Center

14-ANC 3/4G,
7:30 pm, Community Center

January

5-PSA 201 Meeting,
7:30 pm, Community Center

11-ANC 3/4G,
7:30 pm, Community Center

13-CCCA Executive
Committee Meeting

25-ANC 3/4G,
7:30 pm, Community Center

Program Note

We will not hold a January monthly meeting for the CCCA. Mark your calendar and look for details about our Arts Celebration on February 16 in our February Newsletter.

NEXT CCCA EVENT 2 – 4 PM, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2015

Cookie Decorating and Ice Cream Social

While the CCCA holds monthly meetings to provide a forum for important issues of community interest, in December, our usual third Tuesday meeting and issues will be moved to the first Saturday, December 5, so that we may have fun celebrating our community with a cookie decorating and ice cream social. The hand-pressed cookies, made by our CCCA president Samantha Nolan, were such a hit last year, that we are again inviting members of all ages to join us for another decorating day at the Chevy Chase Community Center (5601 Connecticut Avenue NW) from 2-4 pm. All you bring is your imagination, decorating skills, a smile, and an apron, if you wish. We will provide the cookies, icing, and decorations.

To make this a great event, Jon Laskin's State Farm Insurance (one of our Platinum members) is sponsoring the ice cream for our party. While your cookie icing is drying, sit back and enjoy a cup of delicious ice cream. We will be serving Gifford's ice cream delivered from the Broad Branch Market (another of our Platinum members). Choices will be vanilla, chocolate and strawberry. Please join us for this fun event and celebrate the season with your friends, family and neighbors.

Decorating cookies is fun for the whole family. Join us and select from many different hand pressed cookies like these.

—Photo by S. Nolan



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- All area code 202
- www.dc.gov
- Police/Fire: 911
- Govt. Service Calls: 311 or 737-4404

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Public Library

www.dclibrary.org
282-0021 (Chevy Chase)
727-1101 (main library)

Parks and Recreation

www.dpr.dc.gov
Chevy Chase Community
Center 282-2204

November Membership Meeting Report

Historic Chevy Chase DC Profile



Featured speaker Carl Lankowski, President of Historic Chevy Chase DC. —Photo by D. Rubin

Carl Lankowski, president of Historic Chevy Chase DC (HCCDC), gave an entertaining talk at our November monthly meeting on the history of our area. HCCDC is a community service non-profit founded in 1990 interested in researching and documenting the history, design, architecture, landscape, streetscape, and development of Chevy Chase, DC. His talk was on the early history of Chevy Chase with an explanation of the name which came from a Scottish area called Cheviot Hills. There was fox hunting on this “chase” which was shortened to Chevy Chase which gave its name to the area in Maryland. In 1725, the Chevy Chase area was patented to Col. Joseph Belt by Lord Baltimore and used for a tobacco plantation.

Francis Newlands, a wealthy member of Congress, bought most of the land and founded Chevy Chase Land Company in 1890. He built a suburb in Chevy Chase, MD and an amusement park at Chevy Chase Lake to attract people to the area, with a trolley line to get there. In 1907, he built Chevy Chase DC with a minimum purchase price of \$5,000 per house—a very large sum at the time designed to attract only those of means. Newlands also gave land for churches and schools to create a community which included Brown elementary school.

It stood where the public library and community center are now standing. Lafayette elementary was built on a site where African Americans had settled. Reno School, for African Americans, was located near where Deal Middle School is today. The commercial strip along Connecticut Ave. came later. By 1935 the community was fully established.

HCCDC is working on a large project using census data from 1940 to help provide a picture of the neighborhood of the first full generation to live here. Lankowski used McKinley St. and the four blocks on either side in his study. He found the area was a white enclave of family centered housing; a quarter of the homes rented; the price range of houses from \$8,000 to \$22,000; breadwinners (men) were mostly professional; 40-55 years old, and mostly employed by the Federal Government. Many homes had African American domestic servants. Ethnic backgrounds of the whites were mostly Anglo/Celtic/German/eastern Europeans. Many households were multigenerational, and there was a Catholic community centered around Blessed Sacrament Church. He concluded that the area was a community galvanized by the dynamism of the New Deal and the federal government.

Social Media

CCCA Is Now On Facebook

The Association has begun looking at how we engage and share information with our membership and business partners, as well as how we can attract new members and volunteers. With many in Chevy Chase using technology to get news, shop, organize their lives, play a game,

and even feed parking meters, our website and social media presence seemed like a great way to stay connected.

To that end, we are excited to announce our new Facebook page! You can ‘like’ our community page by going to Facebook and searching for



“Chevy Chase Citizens Association.” Our page is a great place to share neighborhood news, photos, or musings. If you are out and about, ‘share’ where you are, which businesses you are visiting and who is with you. Who knows, we might use one of your photos as the page’s banner. Besides Facebook, we will be creating Twitter and Instagram accounts. With Twitter, we can share up-to-the minute neighborhood news. For example, after a heavy storm we might “Tweet” power outages, downed trees, and any street closures. Is one of our restaurants offering a new dish or happy hour specials? We can tweet that too. Think of Instagram as an online photo album. Ours might hold photos of neighborhood events, people, places, and things. Our new push into the world of social media does not replace our website, chevychasecitizens.org.

Our goal is to offer our membership additional resources, not take one away. Much of the information will be shared across platforms so you will not have to use every option, only the ones you frequent.

We’ve formed a committee to work on our communications networks. We are asking how we can improve our website, and is it informative, intuitive and visually appealing? We determined there are things we love about our website and things we want to revamp. We would like to offer you a great place for Chevy Chase DC and DC area information. If you would like to volunteer to work with us on our goal, or if you have any suggestions for our social media or website, please email Deean Rubin, first vice president of CCCA at deean.rubin@longandfoster.com

From the Neighborhood

Chevy Chase Community Center
CCCC Winter registration begins Dec. 8, 2015 and classes start the week of Jan. 11, 2016. For a list of classes offered, please refer to the DPR listing at <http://dpr.dc.gov/service/register-2015-2016-program>, or for more information, contact the Community Center at 202-282-2204.

IN MEMORIAM

DORIS INGRAM

The Chevy Chase Community Loses a Wonderful Neighbor

A smiling young woman walked into Bread and Chocolate on Connecticut Avenue. She glanced into the mirror and her smile faded. A patron, Doris Ingram, noticed and told the young woman, “Precious, I saw you lose your smile and glow as you saw your reflection. Dear, you must always love yourself and stride through the struggles with a smile.” Doris had found another heart to lift, another soul to inspire with her grace and charm.

Doris Ingram, president of the Chevy Chase Citizens Association from 1992 – 1994 and secretary before that, passed away November 3 at 85. She was an iconic presence in our community, not only for her tremendous civic work, but also because of her impact as a person. She was an inveterate walker who could be regularly found on Connecticut Avenue interacting with all types of people, from the lofty to the homeless, sharing a smile.

She was our neighbor and friend for more than 40 years from her home on Livingston St. She and her husband Reginald, a Brigadier General in the U.S. Air Force, raised two sons, Scott and Reginald, Jr., through our public schools. She never played favorites between her sons, dying on the day between their birthdays. They both said they “could not have had a better mother.”

Mrs. Ingram also served in diplomatic posts in Africa and other regions, and was active as a lay leader at All Saints Episcopal Church on Chevy Chase Circle, where she was a member for 50 years.

She was known for her hats, which she wore with style and grace. Her fashion sense set her apart in a crowd. We will remember Mrs. Ingram on the Avenue, saying “TaTa” as she strolled along to her next encounter. She was a lady of style, dignity, intellect, and charm. She will be missed. “TaTa” to you, Doris. —Edward Hayes and Samantha Nolan



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