



Chevy Chase Citizens NEWS

December 2016

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Calendar

December

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

17—CCCA Meeting, 1:00 to
4:00 pm, Community Center

January

4—PSA 201 Meeting,
7:30 pm, Community Center

9—ANC 3/4G, 7:00 pm,
Community Center

11—CCCA Exec. Comm.,
7:30 pm, Community Center

23—ANC 3/4G, 7:00 pm,
Community Center

25—2nd Dist. Citizens
Advisory Council Meeting,
7:00 pm, 3320 Idaho Ave., NW

February

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

8—CCCA Exec. Comm.,
7:30 pm, Community Center

13—ANC 3/4G, 7:00 pm,
Community Center

21—CCCA Meeting, 7:30 pm,
Community Center

Program Note

We will not hold a January monthly meeting for the CCCA nor publish a newsletter in January. Mark your calendar for our first meeting in 2017, on February 21, which will feature a celebration of the arts. Look for details in our February Newsletter.

Next CCCA Event 1–4 PM, Saturday, December 17

Cookie Decorating And Craft Making

This December, our membership meeting will be moved from its regularly scheduled third Tuesday night to Saturday, December 17th, to host our third-annual holiday cookie decorating. This is an all ages, all skill level afternoon and all are encouraged to attend. This year we will also offer arts and crafts and card making. The CCCA will provide the undecorated winter themed sugar cookies and icings and sprinkles. In addition to cookie decorating, crafts include decorating Styrofoam ginger bread men, decorating a Styrofoam snow globe scene and holiday card making. This holiday neighborhood event will be held at the Chevy Chase Community Center (5601 Connecticut Avenue, NW), from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. All you bring is your imagination, decorating skills, a smile, and an apron, if you wish. This is a free event and all materials needed to decorate cookies, make cards or for arts and crafts will be provided by the CCCA.



Bowser Hosts Community Conversation

In mid-November, Mayor Muriel Bowser (third from the right standing) joined community members for a call-in conference discussing how the District will remain a welcoming and inclusive jurisdiction, and how the District will continue its progress during the next federal administration. Chevy Chase Citizens Association President Deean Rubin (second from the left standing) attended the event. Rubin discussed the conversation at the Association's November meeting. A report of the Association's November Meeting is inside.—*Photo provided by Mayor Bowser's Office.*

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Chevy Chase Community
Center 282-2204

November Membership Meeting Report

Neighborhood News And Updates

In late November, the association deviated from our typical membership meeting featuring a guest speaker on a relevant topic. Instead, we hosted a “meet & greet” and neighborhood discussion. We wanted to get to know our members better, meet new potential members, and give each a chance to share any neighborhood concerns or issues.

Most of the discussion focused on neighborhood news and updates. President Deean Rubin reported that she recently attended a call-in conference where Mayor Muriel Bowser discussed how the District will remain a welcoming and inclusive jurisdiction, and how the District will continue its progress during the next federal administration. For example, the Mayor pledged that she is committed to keeping the District a “sanctuary city,” a designation with symbolic power and limited protections for immigrants in the country illegally. The entire conference can be found online at www.engagement.dc.gov.

Rubin also reported on the November 28th ANC 3/4G meeting that she attended. At that meeting, Ken Melville, district manager of Safeway, and Stacey Brown, Safeway’s Vice President of Human Resources, addressed neighborhood concerns about the local Safeway at Connecticut Avenue and Morrison

Street, NW. In October, CCCA member Barbara Robinson, who has served as the Association’s liaison with Safeway, had sent Safeway a letter with a petition signed by many community members complaining about the Safeway’s uninviting space, low if not barely stocked shelves, poor customer service, and long cashier lines. Rubin said that the Safeway representatives promised that we would be seeing store changes in early 2017. A much-needed remodel is slated with new paint and better lighting. The store will be open during the remodel as most of the work will be done after hours. More cash registers will be open during peak time to alleviate the long lines.

According to Rubin, the Safeway representatives also said that the merger with Albertsons brings a different management style that will change what is stocked on the shelves. Albertsons will now allow stores to stock more items desired by local customers and not dictated by the chain’s California headquarters, as Safeway did in the past. This will allow our Safeway to get products tailored to the tastes and needs of our neighborhood, such as organic products and east coast brands like Phillips seafood.

Rubin provided an update about the process for

FROM OUR CCCA PRESIDENT

Spread Joy This Season

After one of the most vitriolic presidential campaigns in memory, a divided nation elected Donald Trump as president last month. In the election’s aftermath, a false election-related conspiracy theory involving Hilary Clinton continued to spread and affected our neighborhood. Several neighborhood businesses that “fake news” stories said were involved in the conspiracy received many threats in telephone calls and social media. And, as this newsletter was getting ready to be published, a person carrying an assault rifle came to one of the establishments to “self-investigate” the conspiracy, causing customers to flee and several neighboring businesses to temporarily lock down. Although one or more shots were fired, no one was hurt. The Metropolitan Police Department was quickly on the scene and arrested the individual involved.

In these circumstances, it is not surprising that many of us are going into the holiday season feeling uneasy and unsure. Yes, our public officials and police officers are working hard to help ensure the safety of our community. Still, like everyone, I wonder how to make a difference. When I realized, we are already doing it. We are choosing to spend our hard-earned money in neighborhood shops. Our pride flags are showing the city, the nation, and the world, that Chevy Chase DC protects everyone. We made a show of support when lies threatened to hurt a local restaurant. We are filling Salvation Army buckets. I have never been surer of our neighborhood and its citizens. Hold doors open. Watch a neighbor’s home while they are away. Continue to show compassion and kindness. Ask yourself what small difference you can make that day. Something as small as hello and a smile can spread the most joy.

Wishing you all peace, love and happiness this holiday season.—*Deean Rubin*

advocating for improvements to the Chevy Chase Community Center complex, including both the center and the adjacent public library, as well as the “commons” area between the buildings, the basketball court, the playground, and the parking area. The Department of Parks and Recreation has allotted \$8 million for improvements at the center in fiscal years 2019 and 2020. At a meeting in early November, as part of a collaboration between the association and ANC 3/4G, ANC chairman Randy Speck asked Amy Mack of the CCCA Executive Committee and local architect Patrick Williams to help prepare a survey to get the views of residents about the future of the entire complex that would be circulated next year. The ANC has scheduled a special meeting on December 13, at 7:00 pm, in the community center to discuss the first draft of the survey. It is important that the neighborhood participate in this on-going discussion so the ANC and CCCA can best advocate during DPR’s renovation planning period for the community center.

Finally, Rubin reminded neighbors to visit the local Chevy Chase farmers market. Even though you won’t find fresh produce this time of year, the winter market still brings its own reward, such as the oyster man, breads, waffles and meats. The market is open on Saturdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the community center commons. The market will be returning to Lafayette Elementary School in the spring.



The “Kit House” Phenomenon

In November, realtor and “kit-house” expert Catarina Bannier provided a talk sponsored by Historic Chevy Chase DC on the significance of the homes that were built in our region during the national explosion of home-building the 1920s. Kit-houses are dwellings made from pre-cut lumber packaged and sent with nails, roofing materials, and hardware from manufacturing plants, and constructed atop foundations that were waiting to receive the kit. The kit-house industry was comprised of a dozen sizeable competitors, the biggest of which was Sears. An astonishingly eclectic set of designs were built from kits, ranging from bungalows to colonials. Bannier demonstrated with mapping graphics that, along with Takoma Park, most surviving kit-houses in the area are in Chevy Chase DC. Historic Chevy Chase DC is working with Bannier to develop an on-line inventory of kit-houses in the neighborhood and will continue researching our local kit-houses, including what it was and is like to live in one, with Bannier and her project partner, Marcie Sandalow. The presentation was accompanied by ads for the kit-houses, a collection assembled by our association’s former president, Steve Zipp.—*Photo by C. Lankowski*

From the Neighborhood

Chevy Chase Community Center

Winter programs at the Chevy Chase Community Center begin the week of January 9th and will run through the first week in March. You may register until January 17th in person at the Center (5601 Connecticut Ave., NW.), or on-line at dpr.dc.gov by clicking on “Activities and Programs” and following the drop down menu directions. A complete listing of programs at the Center is available on-line. For more information, contact the Center at 202-282-2204.

Holiday Caroling

This year, neighborhood resident Marelise Voss will once again lead Holiday Caroling

along Connecticut Avenue on Saturday, December 24th. Join your neighbors in the festivities. Meet at noon outside the Starbucks at the corner of Connecticut Avenue and Livingston Street, NW. Song books, shakers, and drums for little drummer girls and boys will be provided. Kids, dogs, and in-laws are all welcome. Songs range from traditional to contemporary and religious to secular; the group chooses which to sing. Wear festive attire and look for the Christmas Fool.

Winter Coat Drive

This holiday season, the Chevy Chase Community Center is a collection site for a winter coat drive for the Salvation Army.

New or slightly-worn winter coats may be dropped off at the Center’s office until January 6th. For more information, contact the Community Center at 202-282-2204.

Ward 4 Holiday Party

The annual Ward 4 Holiday Party, hosted by Councilmember Brandon Todd, is Saturday, December 10, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, at Lafayette Elementary School, 5701 Broad Branch Road NW. As the party will include a dessert buffet, bakers are encouraged to bring a treat to share. To RSVP, sign up to bake a dessert, or volunteer, contact Dolly Turner at dturner@dccouncil.us or 202-724-8052. To participate in a “new coat drive” to help

keep Ward 4’s neediest young residents warm, contact Malcolm Jolly at 202-724-8052 or mjolly@dccouncil.us.

Chevy Chase DC Library

The Chevy Chase DC Library, 5625 Connecticut Avenue, NW, has a couple of fun Saturday programs lined up for December. On December 10, at 2:30 pm, there is a program for ages 8 and up to design and build a light switch from scratch. No experience needed, all supplies provided. The next week, on December 17, at 10:30 am, all ages are welcome to enjoy Marsha and the Positrons for live music that will make you want to sing and dance.

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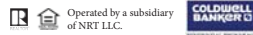


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