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CCCA May/June 2023 Newsletter

Robert Gordon Retiring as CCCA President

I have served CCCA for six years and 2 years as your president. This is the traditional term and it's time to give someone else a turn. This has been one of the most fulfilling volunteer activities of my career. I want to thank all of you with whom I have interacted, especially those hard-working folks on the Executive Committee. You have been a pleasure to work with. I do hope to help out with the upcoming Chevy Chase DC Day in any way that I can and to serve on the EXCOM in the future. -- Robert

Announcements - Mark your Calendar

Main Street Upcoming Activities

June 2nd: First Fridays Pet Palooza!

3-7 pm: Games and activities outside Child's Play (5536 Connecticut Ave NW)

3-7 pm: Demonstration by Artist Bethany Lee (5534 Connecticut Ave NW)

5 pm: Red Carpet Pet Walk and Costume Contest (Registration required to compete in Dog Costume Contest. Register [here.](#))

5-7 pm: Pet Adoption Event with [Tasco's Love Co-op](#)

5-8 pm: Vinyl happy hour at Art Sound Language (5520 Connecticut Ave NW), featuring guest DJs:

-Joey Too Fresh (Breaks - Funk - Soul - Old School Hip-Hop)

-Vettie Vette (80's & 90's Soul - Pop - New Wave)

PLUS all our regular First Friday business specials! (Flyer with full list attached)

Chevy Chase Trivia Summer Series

A new summer event series is coming to Chevy Chase Main Street this summer! Tuesdays, June 27th - August 8th, 7 pm at various CCMS Restaurants. Full schedule and locations at www.districtbridges.org

A Conversation with Descendants of a Displaced Black Community

June 7, 7 pm: Chevy Chase DC in the Arc of American History [Register Now – Virtual Webinar](#)

Join Historic Chevy Chase DC and the ANC 3/4G Committee on Race and Social Equity for a virtual webinar to hear directly from descendants of Black landowners who were displaced from Chevy Chase DC nearly a century ago. The program, titled "A Conversation with a Displaced Black Community: Chevy Chase DC in the Arc of American History," is free and will feature a special pre-recorded session between descendants and the Rev. William H. Lamar IV, pastor of Metropolitan AME Church in Washington, DC.

HCCDC's Charles Cadwell, a former ANC commissioner, will moderate a question-and-answer session at the end between the audience, the descendants, and the ANC 3/4G commissioners.

The program is an important part of a partnership between HCCDC and the University of the District of Columbia to explore multi-generational effects of Black land loss. HCCDC has been working with -- and learning from -- descendants of its African American neighbors on Broad Branch Road who were driven from their homes in the 1920s so a whites-only school and park could be built.

Two families among the descendant group have connections that go back to George Washington and Mount Vernon -- from slavery, to freedom, to nation building, to racial displacement. As part of its effort to rediscover and acknowledge this neighborhood history, HCCDC has gathered the stories of the descendants. Read about their stories on the HCCDC website [here](#).

CCCA News

Recap - Annual CCCA General Membership Meeting

Four officers were elected unanimously at the annual membership meeting. The new officers are:

- President – Kristine Desmarais
- First Vice President – Rasheen Carbin
- Treasurer – Sandy Cihlar
- Secretary – Jory Barone

One position remains empty, Second Vice President. We would like this position filled soon. If you wish to nominate someone, please forward nominations for the position to our nominating committee member christophermdietz@gmail.com. Please include your contact information and a paragraph about the candidate.

The second part of the program was a discussion about the D.C. government's development plan regarding the "Civic Core." We introduced two experts in D.C.

zoning and land-use practices who explained the process, updated us, shared their experiences, and took questions. The video will be on our website and Youtube this coming week.

Jonathan Lawlor Stepping Down after Years of CCCA Service

Jonathan joined the Executive Committee, in 2005, initially as the association's public safety committee chair to help foster the community and improve the quality of life in both our neighborhood and our city. In the following eight years, he served on the Executive Committee as the Association's Second Vice President (2006-08), First Vice President (2008-10), and President (2010-14).

Jonathan, your selflessness, and wisdom will be missed.

Department of Public Works Spring Reminder

Spring operations are well underway. For a complete overview of our spring services click [here](#).

Residents are reminded to maintain any bush, shrub, or tree that extends from private property into public spaces including alleys. Residents who fail to keep public space free from obstruction may be assessed fees. In cases where property owners do not abate an overgrowth condition emanating from their property, DPW may take action to address safety & accessibility concerns. Please be aware the Department of Buildings also addresses private property matters with respect to overgrowth conditions.

The *Sidewalk Shoveling Exemption* application will open Monday, June 5, 2023, and remains open until October 31, 2023. District residents who are 65 years or older and/or have a recognized medical disability, own their own property, and reside in their property are eligible. Residents who have a medically recognized disability must provide proof of disability to be eligible. For eligible residents, the waiver is good for two years. Residents may apply for the Sidewalk Shoveling Exemption at dpw.dc.gov or by calling 311.

DPW will launch the *Curbside Composting Pilot Program*, which will provide weekly curbside food waste collection to 12,000 single-family households for one

year. Applications are still available for eligible households in Ward 1, 2, 7, and 8. Sign-up [here](#) to participate.

Save the Date: Chevy Chase DC Day

We will be celebrating Chevy Chase DC Day on Saturday, September 23 from 1 – 4 PM up and down Connecticut Avenue. As usual we will have plenty of activities for the entire family. Updated information will be posted on the website at chevychasecitizens.org.

Earth Month Webinar – Recording Now Live on the CCCA Website.

The Chevy Chase Community Association held a special Earth Month Webinar. The webinar included experts on solar, EV chargers, and the District's sustainability plan. The webinar can be viewed on the CCCA website. Also, click on the following links to contact the speakers:

Jamie Donovan, Clean Energy DC Program Manager with DOEE.

Contact www.doe.gov/sustainability

Sheryl Ponds, CEO of Dai Technologies Corporation, which provides tailor-made, turnkey installations of EV charging stations for your home or business. <https://www.daitechcorp.com/>

Kurt Zwally is Director of Development for Sustainable Energy Systems,

<http://www.sustainableenergysystems.net/>

We hope this information was valuable to you as you begin or continue your sustainability journey.

If you have any comments or suggestions about the articles in this newsletter, please send them to president@chevyhasecitizens.org. We welcome your feedback.